

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF SEWICKLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SEWICKLEY, PENNSYLVANIA**

AUGUST 19, 2013

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with President Robert Hague presiding and leading the Meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call showed the following members present:

Susan Aleshire	William Cornman (participated by phone)	
Stanley Ference	Carole Ford	Charles Driscoll
Thomas DeFazio	Robert Glenn	James Morrill

Also present were Mayor Brian Jeffe, Borough Solicitor Richard Tucker, and Borough Manager Kevin M. Flannery.

There were 16 visitors.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 15, 2013 were approved and the reading of same dispensed with as copies were provided to the Members of Council, Mayor and Solicitor. The vote was 9-0.

On motion of Mrs. Ford, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, the Committee of the Whole Minutes for August 13, 2013 were corrected and approved 8-0-1, with Mr. Morrill abstaining as he was not present for the meeting.

Comments from the Council President, Members and Mayor:

Mayor Jeffe stated that the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Dedication will be held on Sunday, September 15 at 2 p.m. in the Sewickley Cemetery.

Mayor Jeffe stated that the 23rd Harvest Festival is Saturday, September 7, 2013 from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. sponsored by the Quaker Valley Rotary and the Sewickley Kiwanis.

Mayor Jeffe stated the Fall Gallery Walk will be held on Friday, September 13th and Saturday, September 14th.

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President Hague announced that an Executive Session was held at the conclusion of the August 13, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting regarding Lyons v. Zoning Hearing Board, No. S. A. 13-414; AVK Enterprises v. Borough of Sewickley, No. S. A. 379; land matters and labor negotiations.

Mr. Glenn requested a written response from Fire Chief Jeff Neff and the Cochran Hose Company as to why the fire horn must still be used.

President Hague introduced Henry Beukemia and Richard Meyer of Guyasuta Investments who provided a quarterly report on the Borough of Sewickley pension funds. The entire plan grew from \$6,357,821 to \$6,892,796 while making retiree payments for retiree benefits and fees in the amount of \$211,267. They also reviewed the performance of the plans versus the Consumer Price Index and the Barclays Aggregate Index.

Statement of Citizens:

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 9-0, to approve parking spaces for the Sewickley United Methodist Annual Pumpkin Patch.

Unfinished Business:

Solicitor Tucker reviewed memo regarding solar panels in historic districts. On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Glenn, Council voted, 9-0, to approve recommendation of the Historic Review Commission to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for 304 Henry Avenue, Block and Lot No. 506-D-266, to install solar panels on the house and detached garage as submitted.

New Business:

Council discussed the Janney Montgomery Scott LLC preliminary financing information for an \$8,500,000 Bond Issue for the reimbursement of the land acquisition, reconstruction of Hoey's Run, the building of a 279 space parking garage and metered stations for a coordinated parking system. On motion of Mrs. Aleshire, seconded by Mr. Hague, Council voted, 3-6, with Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Glenn, Mr. Ference, Mrs. Ford, Mr. DeFazio and Mr. Morrill voting nay, to approve the borrowing.

Mr. Driscoll indicated that he had spoken with representatives of Janney and the Borough could proceed with due diligence for the financing but hold the actual issuance of bonds

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until Council was ready to issue the bonds. Mr. Driscoll indicated that the Borough can obtain financing proposals for the reimbursement of the land acquisition through the local banks which have participated before in Borough financing offers. On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 8-1, with Mr. Morrill voting no, to have Janney Montgomery Scott LLC begin to provide the due diligence for an \$8,500,000 bond with an additional year of capitalized interest (two years total) but to hold the issuance until Council decides whether to issue the bonds.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Glenn, Council voted, 9-0, to solicit financing proposals, in the amount of \$950,000 for reimbursement of the land acquisition costs for 418 Walnut Street.

Approval of Accounts:

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 8-1, with Mr. Glenn voting no, to approve the General Fund account payables for the month of August 2013, as presented.

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 8-1, with Mr. Glenn voting no, to approve the Sewer Fund account payables for the month of August 2013, as presented.

The July 2013 General Fund and Sewer Fund Budget reports were received and filed.

The July 2013 Statement of All Funds report was received and filed.

The July 2013 Profit and Loss Summary report was received and filed.

The July 2013 Labor and Vendor Report was reviewed.

The July 2013 Legal Expenses Monthly Report was received and filed.

Department and Commission Reports:

The following reports and minutes were received and ordered filed:

Police Report for Council, July 2013
Cochran Hose Report, July 2013
Planning Commission Minutes, August 7, 2013

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The Tree Commission did not meet in August.
Letter to Sewickley Car Store

Borough Manager:

Borough Manager advised that Morgan Excavating will be installing ADA ramps and curbs beginning this week with all paving to be completed by September 8, 2013. Notices have been provided to all affected properties.

Borough Manager reviewed the Real Estate Appeals and Refund Escrow account indicating that there are still 80 appeals pending. The Borough has paid refunds in the amount of \$58,224.68 from the Escrow Account and there remains \$227,057.52 in the account. This report is updated monthly.

Council reviewed the July 2013 ANTCC Earned Income Tax Report for Sewickley.

Council reviewed the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board License Fee Distribution Report for July, 2013.

Council reviewed 2nd quarter franchise fee payments from Verizon and Comcast.

Council reviewed the Quaker Valley Council of Governments Recycling Day Report.

Council reviewed fuel prices for the month of July.

Council reviewed Insurance Claim for falling tree on Nevin Avenue.

Council reviewed the Allegheny County Certification of Vacancies in Municipal Offices which will be filed before September 6, 2013.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the 2014 Capital Budget Meeting for Monday, September 30, 2013 beginning at 6:30 p. m.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 6-3, with Mr. Glenn, Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Ference, voting no, to schedule the 2014 Budget Meeting for Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 7 a.m. to Noon. Mr. Glenn, Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Ference voted no because they did not have their schedules on hand. Each will contact the Borough Manager and advise if they were able to attend.

The Borough Manager's Report was received and filed.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Tucker reviewed Tax Assessment Appeals received.

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The Solicitor's Report was received and filed.

Tax Collector's Report:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 9-0, to accept and order received and filed, the tax collector's report and exonerations for the Month of July 2013.

Adjournment:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KEVIN M. FLANNERY
Borough Manager and Secretary

ROBERT HAGUE
President of Council