

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

FEBRUARY 18, 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	Thomas DeFazio	Charles Driscoll
Stanley Ference	Carole Ford	Robert Glenn	James Morrill

Also present were Borough Solicitor Richard Tucker and Borough Manager Kevin M. Flannery. Mayor Brian Jeffe was absent for personal reasons

There were 5 visitors.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Ference, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 21, 2013 were approved and the reading of the same dispensed with as copies were provided to the Members of Council, Mayor and Solicitor. The vote was 9-0.

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the February 14, 2013 Committee of the Whole Minutes.

Comments from the Council President, Members and Mayor:

President Hague advised that the Ambridge-Aliquippa Bridge is closing on March 4, 2013 for the Second Phase of repairs. It is scheduled to open in November 2013.

President Hague advised that the Soup Crawl, sponsored by Village Green Partners, is on Saturday, March 16, 2013 from Noon to 3 p.m.

Mrs. Aleshire commented on road safety and notices for the tree trimming by Duquesne Light on Waterworks Road and Blackburn Road. Contact will be made with Davey Tree Company as they are the contractor for Duquesne Light.

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President Hague advised that a Public Informational Session on the proposed Tax Increment Finance District will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Representatives of the Allegheny County Economic Development office will be present to answer questions.

Statement of Citizens:

On motion of Mrs. Ford, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the request of the Quaker Valley Recreation Association for use of War Memorial Park field and Chadwick Street field for youth activities.

Council reviewed a letter commenting on Village Green Partners.

Richard K. Brandt, of 630 Grove Street, addressed Council regarding a proposed land purchase adjacent to the Green Street Parking Lot and a potential garage. Mr. Brandt was informed that Council is conducting a feasibility review to see if additional parking can be placed. Council is in negotiations with the owner of the adjacent lot. The Borough agreed with Mr. Brandt that an appraisal would be required to establish the price for the land. It was further explained to Mr. Brandt, that if a Tax Increment Finance District can be qualified, then a portion of the new real estate taxes generated from the new buildings (from all three taxing jurisdictions, municipal, school and county), can be used to make debt payments for the public infrastructure improvements.

Unfinished Business:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 8-1, with Mr. Glenn voting no, to adopt Borough of Sewickley Resolution No, 2013-003 establishing a 3-year agreement with the Borough of Sewickley Employees' Association. President Hague thanked Mr. Glenn and Mr. Mr. Cornman for their efforts on the contract negotiations.

On motion of Mrs. Ford, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 9-0, to appoint Cynthia Mullins, of 517 Grimes Street, to the Borough of Sewickley Tree Commission. Term to expire on December 31, 2014.

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New Business:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 8-0-1, with Mr. Ference abstaining, to advertise a Public Hearing for Conditional Use and Land Development for 417 Thorn Street, One Thorn Street LLC, for Monday, March 18, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 9-0, to advertise a Public Hearing for Village at Sweetwater Plan, Building 300, Finalization of Lot Lines, 800 Beaver Street, Block and Lot Nos. 421-F-297, 421-F-291, 421-F-292 and 421-F-293.

Approval of Accounts:

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the General Fund account payables for the month of February 2013, as presented.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mrs. Ford, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the Sewer Fund account payables for the month of February 2013, as presented.

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

The January 2013 Fund Statement report was received and filed.

The January 2013 Profit and Loss Statement was received and filed.

The January 2013 Labor and Vendor report was received and filed.

The January 2013 Legal Expense Report was received and filed.

The February 2013 WWTP Projects Report was received and was received and filed.

Department and Commission Reports:

The following reports and minutes were received and ordered filed:

- Police Report for Council, January 2013
- Cochran Hose Report, January 2013
- Planning Commission Minutes, February 6, 2013
- Tree Commission Minutes, February 11, 2013

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Borough Manager:

Borough Manager reviewed the 2013 Road Project. Originally, Ferry Street was to be done this year but Columbia Gas has advised that they will be doing a major rehabilitation of gas lines on Bank Street, Ferry Street, Thorn Street, and portions of Walnut Street and some adjacent side streets. Columbia Gas estimates they will be working from the end of April to August. Council did request that additional streets be added in replacement of Ferry Street and Ferry Street will be scheduled for 2014.

Borough Manager advised that additional real estate tax assessment appeals have been filed. The Borough staff is tracking all appeals and settlements to ensure compliance with the Court approval of the Borough's 2013 real estate millage.

On motion of Mr. Glenn, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 9-0, to accept the Municipal Risk Management Insurance Renewal in the amount of \$61,800 for the property package and \$31,325 for the professional liability policy.

Council reviewed the Allegheny North Tax Collection Committee Report for January 2013.

Council reviewed the 4th Quarter 2012 Verizon Franchise Fee Report.

Council reviewed the 4th Quarter 2012 Comcast Franchise Fee Report.

Council reviewed fuel price sheet for January 2012.

On motion of Mr. Glenn, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 9-0, to accept and order, received and filed the Liquid Fuels Audit for the two years ending December 31, 2011.

Council reviewed the 2012 Annual Municipal Recycling Report.

Council reviewed the 2012 Floodplain Management Report.

Council reviewed the 2012 Liquid Fuels Report.

Council reviewed letter to Glen Osborne Mayor Boswell regarding pump station and the Interconnect Project.

The Borough Manager's Report was received and filed.

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Solicitor's Report:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 9-0, to have Solicitor Tucker prepare a Buy-Sell Agreement, in the amount of \$480,000, for a portion of Block and Lot No. 421-A-139, DBV 14946, p. 455, being approximately 12,085 square feet subject to Seller securing subdivision and air rights for theatre to be reduced from 5 years to 3 years.

Council reviewed letter from Solicitor Tucker regarding appointment of alternative members to the Zoning Hearing Board.

The Solicitor's Report was received and filed.

Tax Collector's Report:

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

The Tax Collector's Report was received and filed.

Adjournment:

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Glenn, Council voted, 9-0, to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KEVIN M. FLANNERY
Borough Manager and Secretary

ROBERT HAGUE
President of Council