

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

JULY 15, 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	Carole Ford	Thomas DeFazio
Robert Glenn	James Morrill	Stanley Ference	
Charles Driscoll (7:34p.m.)			

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

There were 3 visitors.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Morrill, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 17, 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 6-0-2, with Mr. Cornman and Mr. Ference abstaining as they were in attendance.

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Cornman, the Committee of the Whole Minutes for July 9, 2013 were approved 8-0.

Comments from the Council President, Members and Mayor:

Mayor Jeffe stated the Night Market event on July 12 was very successful complimenting Village Green Partners.

Mayor Jeffe stated that there is a Sewickley Chamber of Commerce Professional Development seminar on Wednesday July 17th, 2013.

President Hague stated that there was an Executive Session at the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole Meeting on July 9th regarding the AVK Enterprises, Ltd., Michael M. Lyons and Melissa Farlow and Randy Olson law suits.

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Statement of Citizens:

There were no statements from Citizens.

Unfinished Business:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 9-0, to adopt Borough of Sewickley Resolution No. 2013-013 stating the reasonable expectation of Borough Council to reimburse the Borough of Sewickley General Fund and other Operating or Reserve Funds and/or a subsequent borrowing for the acquisition of Block and Lot 421-A-139 and the construction of a parking facility and other structure for future use in an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the transfer of \$200,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund#5, \$200,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund #4, \$100,000 from the Road Construction Fund, and \$410,000 from the General Fund for the \$910,000 payment for the acquisition of Block and Lot. No. 421-A-139, to serve as a bridge loan, and with the understanding that an ordinance will be adopted for permanent borrowing of an amount that, at a minimum, would reimburse all of the Funds listed above. Council recognized that this motion is formal action intended to comply with Borough of Sewickley Resolution No. 2011-017 and with Government Accounting Standards Board Statement 54.

New Business:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 9-0, to authorize the Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor to proceed to obtain financing proposals and the certification requirements for the Pennsylvania approved public-private partnership for a parking garage, both for construction and maintenance operations, and a coordinated parking system for all metered spaces, with a report due for the August 13, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Approval of Accounts:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the General Fund account payables for the month of July 2013, as presented, except for checks to Duncan Technologies regarding the pay stations.

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

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

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

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

The June 2013 Legal Expense Report was received and filed.

The July 2013 WWTP Projects Report

The Labor and Vendor report was received and filed.

Department and Commission Reports:

The following reports and minutes were received and ordered filed:

Police Report for Council, June 2013

Cochran Hose Report, June 2013

Planning Commission Meeting for July was cancelled.

Tree Commission Minutes, July 8, 2013

Borough Manager:

Borough Manager reviewed the 2103 Road Project indicating that Morgan Excavating would be starting the week of July 22nd. Completion date is September 8, 2013.

Borough Manager advised that there are still 101 real estate tax appeals pending and that the Assessed Valuation for the Borough had dropped to \$441,261,010. This represents a \$31,451,620 reduction in values to date. Borough of Sewickley Resolution No. 2013-016, adopted by Council on November 19, 2012, the resolution calls for any 2013 real estate tax revenue over \$2,453,704 to be deposited into a Real Estate Tax Escrow Account. At the end of June an amount of \$53,415.14 has been received in excess of the budgeted amount and will be placed into the Escrow Account for refunds. Council approved \$30,023.29 in refunds to 48 properties this evening.

Council reviewed the fuel prices for June 2013.

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Council reviewed the Earned Income Tax Collection Reports and Update as of June 30, 2013.

Council reviewed notice from Goodwill Industries that it will no longer accept televisions.

Council reviewed 6 Month Expenditure Review highlighting compliance with the adopted 2013 Budget.

The Borough Manager's Report was received and filed.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Tucker reviewed Melissa Farlow and Randy Olson v. Zoning Hearing Board of Sewickley No. S. A. 13-342. President Hague left the dais as he is a member of the Presbyterian Church and has abstained from all discussion. Vice President Susan Aleshire presided over meeting. Solicitor Tucker asked for a motion that if the Presbyterian Church and Miss Farlow and Mr. Olson reach a settlement, and the proposed settlement is in compliance with the Borough of Sewickley zoning and land development regulations, that Borough of Sewickley would not object. On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 7-1-1, with Mr. Ference voting no and Mr. Hague abstaining from the vote, to approve recommendation of the Solicitor. President Hague returned to the dais.

Council reviewed latest real estate tax assessment appeals

The Solicitor's Report was received and filed.

Tax Collector's Report:

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

Adjournment:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

KEVIN M. FLANNERY
Borough Manager and Secretary

ROBERT HAGUE
President of Council