

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

JUNE 17, 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
Robert Glenn

Carole Ford
James Morrill

Thomas DeFazio

Mr. Cornman and Mr. Driscoll were absent due to work and Mr. Ference was on vacation. Also present were Mayor Brian Jeffe, Borough Solicitor Richard Tucker, and Borough Manager Kevin M. Flannery.

There were 9 visitors.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Morrill, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 20, 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.

On motion of Mrs. Ford, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, the Committee of the Whole Minutes for June 11, 2013 were approved 5-0-1, with Mr. Hague abstaining as he did not attend the meeting.

Comments from the Council President, Members and Mayor:

President Hague stated that there was an Executive Session at the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole Meeting regarding the Thorn Walnut Plan for Parking, Municipal Services Proposal for Glen Osborne and police labor negotiations.

Mayor Jeffe thanked the Borough Police, fire, public works and staff employees for their assistance with the four day Memorial Day Events.

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Statement of Citizens:

Jennifer Markus and Alex Deloia of Village Green Partners provided a six month report of activities to Council. They also stated that they were reviewing membership in the Main Street Program.

Council reviewed request from Leeetsdale 4th of July Committee for a donation for the community event. On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mrs. Ford, Council voted, 6-0, to approve a \$250 donation.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. Peter Floyd of 337 Elwick Street addressed Council regarding the Presbyterian Church. He stated that Council is ignoring Sewickley residents for non-Sewickley residents. He strongly supports that if the Church ever sells the property that the place of assembly designation return to R-1 zoning. President Hague interrupted and indicated that he was not participating in the discussion as he had stated during the hearing because he was a member of the Church and left the dais at 7:55 p.m. Vice President Susan Aleshire presided over the meeting. Mr. Floyd also complained about the legal costs associated with the Presbyterian Church fight. Mr. Floyd then introduced his colleague, Gail Murray of 605 Maple Lane, Edgeworth who addressed about the relocation of the playground.

On motion of Mr. Glenn, seconded by Mr. De Fazio, Council voted, 4-1, with Mrs. Ford voting no, to adopt Borough of Sewickley Resolution No. 2013-011 establishing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for the approval of Land Development and Conditional Use for the Presbyterian Church at 202 Beaver Street.

Mr. Hague returned to the dais at 8:25 p.m.

New Business:

On motion of Mrs. Ford, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 6-0, to appoint Michele Helena Denk to a 4 ½ year term to the Tree Commission. Term to expire December 31, 2017.

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On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 5-1, with Mr. Glenn voting no, to adopt Borough of Sewickley Resolution No. 2013-012 closing out DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Grant Project BRC-TAG-14-201, the Route 65 Corridor Enhancement Study.

Approval of Accounts:

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 6-0, to approve the General Fund account payables for the month of June 2013, as presented.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mrs. Ford, Council voted, 6-0, to approve the Sewer Fund account payables for the month of June 2013, as presented.

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

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

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

The May 2013 Legal Expense Report was received and filed.

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, May 2013
Cochran Hose Report, May 2013
Planning Commission Minutes, June 5, 2013
Tree Commission Minutes, June 10, 2013

Borough Manager:

Borough Manager reviewed the 2103 Road Project and recommended the addition of Beaver Street, from Straight Street to Boundary Street. On motion of Mr. Glenn, seconded by Mrs. Aleshire, Council voted, 6-0, to approve the additional work with Morgan Excavating in the amount of \$79,436.

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Borough Manager advised that there are still 105 real estate tax appeals pending and that the Assessed Valuation for the Borough had dropped to \$442,806,410. This represents a \$29,906,220 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 May an amount of \$20,536.67 has been received in excess of the budgeted amount and will be placed into the Escrow Account for refunds.

Council reviewed the fuel prices for May 2103.

Council reviewed the Earned Income Tax Collection Reports and Update as of May 31, 2013.

Council reviewed Dickson Road Monitoring Report indicating there was about .03 feet horizontal movement.

Borough Manager advised that the Borough did receive \$3,765.38 in a Short Term Disability Dividend.

Council reviewed PA Attorney General Task Force reimbursement of \$2,454.75 for police services.

Council reviewed the PA Public Utility Commission Gas Well Fund Usage Report stating that the Borough deposited the \$100.74 fees received into the Road Construction Fund.

On motion of Mr. Cornman, seconded by Mrs. Aleshire, Council voted, 4-2, with Mr. Morrill and Mr. Glenn voting no, to approve the Buy Sell Agreement for the entire parcel, Block and Lot No. 421-A-139 for \$910,000. The appraised value is \$945,000.

Council reviewed invitation from PA Senator Matt Smith and Rep. Mark Mustio for Open House on June 22, 2013.

Borough Manager reviewed letter to the Borough of Glen Osborne responding to a request for Bike Lanes on Beaver Street in Sewickley.

Council reviewed educational credits achieved by Borough Manager per the Government Finance Officers Association.

The Borough Manager's Report was received and filed.

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Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Tucker reviewed Status Conference Schedule for AVK Enterprises, Ltd. V. Borough of Sewickley, et al; Michael M. Lyons v Zoning Hearing Board of Sewickley No. S. A. 13-414; and Melissa Farlow and Randy Olson v. Zoning Hearing Board of Sewickley No. S. A. 13-342.

Council reviewed latest real estate tax assessment appeals

The Solicitor's Report was received and filed.

Tax Collector's Report:

On motion of Mr. Glenn, seconded by Mrs. Ford, Council voted, 6-0, to accept and order received and filed the tax collector's report and exonerations for the Month of May 2013.

Adjournment:

On motion of Mr. Glenn, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KEVIN M. FLANNERY
Borough Manager and Secretary

ROBERT HAGUE
President of Council