

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

SEPTEMBER 16, 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(7:44)	Carole Ford	Robert Glenn	Jamie Morrill

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

There were 8 visitors.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mrs. Ford, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 19, 2013 were approved 8-0.

On motion of Mrs. Aleshire, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, the Committee of the Whole Minutes for September 10, 2013 were approved 7-0-1, with Mr. Cornman abstaining as he was not present for the meeting.

Comments from the Council President, Members and Mayor:

Mayor Jeffe thanked the Quaker Valley Rotary, the Sewickley Kiwanis and the Borough of Sewickley Police Department and Borough staff for a wonderful Harvest Festival.

Mayor Jeffe thanked the Tuskegee Memorial Committee for a great dedication service.

Mayor Jeffe reminded all about the following events:

The Heritage Valley Health System 5K Heart and Sole Run and Walk on Saturday, September 21, 2013 beginning at War Memorial Park, 8:30 a.m.

The 2nd Annual Sewickley Oktoberfest will be held on October 4th and 5th in the Division Street parking lot.

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Mr. Driscoll requested a review to see if there could be leased parking in War Memorial Park and asked if a layout could also be presented. Borough Manager advised that he would meet with the Engineers and have something for review by the Solicitor and Council for November.

Council President Hague announced that the Halloween Parade, sponsored by the Quaker Valley Rotary and the Borough of Sewickley, will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2013, at 10:30 a.m.

President Hague advised that Trick or Treating in Sewickley will be Thursday, October 31, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

President Hague announced that an Executive Session was held at the conclusion of the September 10, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting regarding personnel issues and Police Contract negotiations.

Statement of Citizens:

Mr. Rich Harkness of Crescent Avenue addressed Council on the condition of Crescent Avenue. He stated that the temporary repairs in 2006 are not holding up and he is concerned for the road. Borough Manager advised that the Engineers will check on the condition.

Council reviewed request from owner of 923 Dickson Road for a hearing before Council regarding the dangerous structure at 923 Dickson. Owner asked for the hearing for October or November. Council was in agreement for Borough Manager to coordinate a date.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. Driscoll left the dais at 8:05 p.m. due to discussion on proposed financing from First National Bank. Mr. Driscoll is an employee of the bank.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 8-0-1, with Driscoll not in attendance for the vote, to advertise the adoption of a debt ordinance, for adoption on Monday, September 30, 2013. The debt ordinance is to finance the purchase of the property at 418 Walnut Street.

Mr. Driscoll returned to the dais at 8:15 p.m.

On motion of Mrs. Aleshire, seconded by Mrs. Ford, Council voted, 9-0, to accept the Quaker Valley Council of Governments, CD-39.3.114 Housing Demolition Bid of \$17,000.00 by A.W. McNabb for the demolition of 881 Dickson Road and 930 Dickson Road.

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New Business:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 9-0, to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, October 21, 2013 for the Water Works Park subdivision, Block and Lot 421-D-113.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Glenn, Council voted, 9-0, to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, October 21, 2013 for the Green Street Consolidation of Lots, Block and Lot Nos. 421-A-139, 421-A-66, 508-N-18 and 508-N-20.

Mr. Driscoll stated that he would like to have the new lot purchased by the Borough to be included into the Village Overlay District. Mr. Driscoll expressed that adding one property to an existing zoning district is easier than attempting to have four properties be removed from a district. On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Ference, Council voted, 9-0, to amend the rezoning application to have Block and Lot 421-A-139 be included in the Village Overlay Zoning District.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 9-0, to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, October 21, 2013 for an amendment to the Borough of Sewickley Zoning Map for Block and Lot 421-A-139 to be included in the Village Overlay Zoning District.

Approval of Accounts:

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

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

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

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

The August 2013 Profit and Loss Summary was reviewed.

The Labor and Vendor Report was received and filed.

The Profit and Loss Report for August 2013 was received and filed.

The August 2013 Monthly Legal Expenses Report was reviewed.

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Department and Commission Reports:

The following reports and minutes were received and ordered filed:

Police Report for Council, August 2013
Cochran Hose Report, August 2013
Planning Commission Minutes of September 4, 2013
Tree Commission Meeting of September 9, 2013

Borough Manager

Borough Manager provided an update on the 2013 Road Project.

Borough Manager reviewed the Real Estate Appeals and Refund Escrow account indicating that there are still 60 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 ANTCC Earned Income Tax Report for August 2013.

Council reviewed the fuel prices for the month of August 2013.

Council reviewed the 2013 Act 205 Questionnaire and Reporting Form.

On motion of Mr. Glenn, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the 2014 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Borough of Sewickley Pensions, as prepared by Hallett Associates, in the amount of \$163,494 for the Police Pension Plan and \$251,073 for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan.

Council reviewed the MRM Trust Activity Report for July 2013.

Council reviewed the 2014 Budget Meeting schedule, with the Monday, September 30th meeting at 6:30 pm., with the Capital Budget and Department Heads; the Saturday, October 12th meeting at 7:00 a.m., to review expenditures and revenues for General Fund, Sewer Fund and Capital Reserves, with possible tentative approval that day; and final adoption of the 2014 Budget at the Monday, November 18, 2013 Council Meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Ford, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 9-0, to adopt the 2014 Meeting Schedule for Council, Boards and Commissions.

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On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mrs. Aleshire, Council voted, 9-0, to adopt Borough of Sewickley Resolution No. 2013-014, a five year agreement with the Borough of Sewickley Police Association.

The Borough Manager's Report was received and filed.

Solicitor's Report:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mrs. Ford, Council voted, 9-0, to advertise an Ordinance re-establishing the Borough of Sewickley Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations. Tentative adoption date is October 21, 2013.

Council reviewed Real Estate Tax Assessment appeals.

Council reviewed the First National Bank loan for the purchase of the property on Walnut Street.

Solicitor provided an update on Lyons – No. SA-13-414 and Farlow – Nos. SA-37-738 and SA-13-342 Court cases.

The Solicitor's Report was received and filed.

Tax Collector's Report:

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

Adjournment:

On motion of Mr. Glenn the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KEVIN M. FLANNERY
Borough Manager and Secretary

ROBERT HAGUE
President of Council