

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

AUGUST 18, 2014

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

Roll Call showed the following members present:

William Cornman	Thomas DeFazio	Charles Driscoll
Stanley Ference (arrived at 7:38 pm)		Carole Ford
James Morrill	Todd Renner	Larry Rice

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

There were 10 visitors.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Mr. Renner, seconded by Mr. Cornman, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 21, 2014 were approved and the reading of same dispensed with as copies were provided to the Members of Council, Mayor and Solicitor. The vote was 8-0.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, the Committee of the Whole Minutes for August 12, 2014 were approved 9-0.

Comments from the Council President, Members and Mayor:

Mayor Jeffe administered the Loyalty Oath to new Police Officer Douglas Mast. Officer Mast thanked Council for the opportunity to serve.

Mayor Jeffe stated that the 24th Harvest Festival is Saturday, September 6, 2014 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 12th and Saturday, September 13th.

Mayor Jeffe stated that the Heritage Valley Sewickley 5k Heart and Sole is Saturday, September 20, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in War Memorial Park.

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Mr. Ference reported that the push button beeper on the Broad Street and Beaver Street Light Standard near the Sewickley Library is not working.

Statement of Citizens:

Frank Zappala and Peter Friday of Green Street Partners, LLC made a presentation asking for a ground lease on the Green Street Parking Lot and adjoining Borough lot to build a 190 car parking garage and retail, office or residential living space above the parking garage staying within the height requirement. The ground lease would take effect on January 1, to allow the Green Street Lot to be used during the Christmas Season. Green Street Partners, LLC also proposed to purchase the lot at a set price. Several members of Council were intrigued by the proposal as it would provide an additional 140 parking spaces in addition to the 55 spaces in the Green Street Lot and not be financed by the Borough. Council asked that the proposal be forwarded to Solicitor Tucker for review and comment regarding a legal analysis.

Rhonda McFarland and Alexis Communale, business owners addressed Council seeking to have food truck vendors for the Night Mart on August 29, 2014. They presented a sign letter from restaurant owners supporting the food trucks. All but two of the local restaurants signed. Ms. McFarland presented insurance certificates from the three truck vendors. On motion of Mr. Cornman, seconded by Mr. Renner, Council voted, 8-1, with Mrs. Aleshire voting no to permit the three food truck vendors for the event.

On motion of Mrs. Ford, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the use of War Memorial Park for 2014-2015 Quaker Valley Middle School Cross Country Team Home Meets.

On motion of Mr. Cornman, seconded by Mrs. Ford, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the Nevin Avenue Block Party for September 6, 2014.

Unfinished Business:

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Ference, Council voted, 9-0, to adopt Borough of Sewickley Ordinance No. 1322, the Floodplain Management Regulations. This is part of state wide requirement for all communities to adopt new regulations for floodplain management. This action also allows properties in the floodplain to qualify for national flood insurance.

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New Business:

On motion of Mr. Renner, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 9-0, to accept the South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG) and the Quaker Valley Council of Governments (QVCOG) road rock salt bid in the amount of \$79.29 per ton.

Approval of Accounts:

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the General Fund account payables for the month of August 2014, as presented.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Rice, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the Sewer Fund account payables for the month of August 2014, as presented.

The July 2014 General Fund and Sewer Fund Budget reports were received and filed.

The July 2014 Statement of All Funds report was received and filed.

The July 2014 Profit and Loss Summary report was received and filed.

The July 2014 Labor and Vendor Report was reviewed.

The July 2014 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 2014
Cochran Hose Report, July 2014
Planning Commission Minutes, August 6, 2014

Public Hearings for Monday, September 15, dependent on the September 3
Planning Commission Hearings:

Subdivision for Mendicino, Turk and Murray

Subdivision – Unification Plan for 424 Frederick Avenue, the Laughlin Center

Subdivision – Unification Plan for Nevin Plan of Lots, 620 Cochran Street

Subdivision, Land Development, Conditional Use for 417 Walnut Street

Planning Commission Member Advertisement

The Tree Commission did not meet in August.

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Borough Manager:

Borough Manager advised that S & E Utility, the 2014 Road Project contractor on Ferry Street did have a claim filed by the Turks at 279 Ferry Street.

In addition, the Contractor continues to work on the punchlist of items. The Borough is working with the property owners to be sure all issues are resolved. The Engineers will continue to work with the contractor on completing the punchlist items.

Council reviewed the July 2014 ANTCC Earned Income Tax Report for Sewickley.

Council reviewed the first pension report prepared by First National Bank, several suggestions were made by Council members and Borough Manager advised he will be meeting with bank personnel to incorporate the suggestions into the reports.

Council reviewed letter from Quaker Valley School District regarding the start of the school year.

Borough Manager advised the Borough and the Street Sweeper will be participating in the annual Touch a Truck Event.

Borough Manager reviewed correspondence from Allegheny County regarding Waterworks Road. In 2006, the Borough began discussions with Allegheny County about making Waterworks Road safer. Allegheny County is now ready to move forward and relocate the road and stabilize the adjoining slopes. This would make Waterworks Road basically straight from the white garage to the entrance of the park. The winding portion would be eliminated. Council will be advised as developments occur on this project.

The Borough has been advised that PENNDOT is incorporating the Route 65 Traffic Signals into a Phase 3 project for possible upgrade.

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

Council reviewed fuel prices for the month of July.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the 2015 Capital Budget Meeting for Monday, September 22, 2014 beginning at 6:30 p. m.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the 2015 Budget Meeting for Saturday, October 18, 2014 beginning at 7:00 a. m.

The Borough Manager's Report was received and filed.

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Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Tucker reviewed real estate tax assessment appeals.

Council reviewed United States Bankruptcy Court Order rescheduling meeting.

Solicitor Tucker advised that a Brief was filed in the AVK Enterprises v. Borough of Sewickley. Anticipated hearing date is in November.

The Solicitor's Report was received and filed.

Tax Collector's Report:

On motion of Mr. Ference, 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 July 2014.

Adjournment:

On motion of Mr. Ference the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KEVIN M. FLANNERY
Borough Manager and Secretary

SUSAN ALESHIRE
President of Council