

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

**DECEMBER 15, 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:

Susan Aleshire	William Cornman	Stanley Ference (7:32p.m.)	Carole Ford
Jamie Morrill	Todd Renner	Larry Rice (7:38p.m.)	

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

There were 10 visitors.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Cornman, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 17, 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 4-0-1, with Mrs. Ford abstaining because she was not present for the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 5-0, to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2014.

Comments from the Council President, Members and Mayor:

President Aleshire announced that an Executive Session was held at the conclusion of the December 9, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting for the Police Chief review.

President Aleshire announced that public interviews were held from 6:50 p.m. until the start of tonight's meeting for various Board and Commission appointments.

Mayor Brian Jeffe thanked all Village Green Partners and the Borough employees for a great Light Up Night and Santa Parade.

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Statement of Citizens:

Council reviewed Right-to-Know Request and response from Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Mr. John Orndorff of 1115 Beaver Road inquired about Council supporting the request for \$200 towards a multiple community bike study. Mrs. Aleshire advised that Sewickley did vote to support and a \$200 check has been forwarded.

Unfinished Business:

Public Hearing:

Land Development Plan for Elmhurst, A Planned Community, 801 Ohio River Boulevard. Solicitor Tucker conducted the Public Hearing. Court Stenographer Donna McMullen administered the oath to all who were testifying on this issue.

Charter Homes and Neighborhoods of Lancaster, PA., reviewed their plans for 26 units for the 801 Ohio River Boulevard property to establish 10 single family homes and 16 multi-family units in four buildings, to be known as Elmhurst, A Planned Community. Mr. Anthony Faranda-Diedrich, of Charter Homes and Dave Heath of Gateway Engineers reviewed Site Plan and drawings of the proposed development.

Mr. Faranda-Diedrich stated that all but one unit is rear loading parking garages. There will be a Home Owners Association. The two small meadows are passive greenway areas.

Mary Scalercio, of 318 Boundary Street, asked if there will be car lights shining into her home. Mr. Faranda-Diedrich stated no. Solicitor Tucker closed the Public Hearing. Borough Manager provided Exhibits on the Public Advertisements and the public notices to all adjacent property owners. Borough Manager recommended that a condition that the landscape plan would need to be submitted and approved by the Tree Commission.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mrs. Ford, Council voted, 7-0, to adopt Borough of Sewickley Resolution 2014-020 accepting the recommendation of the Borough of Sewickley Planning Commission and approve the Land Development Plan submitted by Charter Homes and Neighborhoods for the Elmhurst Project, A Planned Community, Block and Lot No. 421-K-105, 801 Ohio River Boulevard, for 26 residential units comprised of 10 single family residences and 4 four unit townhouses.

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New Business:

On motion of Mr. Renner, seconded by Mr. Rice, Council voted, 7-0 to reappoint Mr. Wilson Ross of 114 Centennial Avenue to a one year term on the Vacancy Board, with term to expire December 31, 2015.

On motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mrs. Ford, Council voted, 7-0, to reappoint Mrs. Cynthia Mullins, of 517 Grimes Street, to a five year term on the Tree Commission, with term to expire December 31, 2019.

On motion of Mr. Renner, seconded by Mr. Rice, Council voted, 7-0, to reappoint Mrs. Heather Wildman Figley, of 722 Broad Street, to a three year term on the Historic Review Commission, with term to expire December 31, 2017.

On motion of Mrs. Ford, seconded by Mr. Ference, Council voted, 7-0, to reappoint Mr. Matthew MacDonald, of 820 Centennial Avenue, to a four year term on the Civil Service Commission, beginning retroactively on January 1, 2014. Term to expire on December 31, 2017.

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 7-0, to reappoint Mr. Paul Pigman, of 31 Linden Place, to a four year term on the Planning Commission, with term to expire December 31, 2018.

On motion of Mr. Cornman, seconded by Mrs. Ford, Council voted, 7-0, to reappoint Mr. Ollie Poppenberg, of 232 Grant Street, to a five year term on the Sewickley Water Authority, with term to expire on December 31, 2019.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 7-0, to reappoint Mrs. Erica Kagle, to a four year term on the Planning Commission, with term to expire December 31, 2018.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Renner, Council voted, 7-0, to reappoint Robert Lavery, of 809 Hopkins Street, to a three year term on the Zoning Hearing Board, with term to expire December 31, 2017.

Approval of Accounts:

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 7-0, to approve the General Fund account payables for the month of December 2014, as presented.

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On motion of Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Ference, Council voted, 7-0, to approve the Sewer Fund account payables for the month of December 2014, as presented.

The November 2014 General Fund and Sewer Fund Budget Reports were reviewed.

The November 2014 Statement of All Funds was received and filed.

The Labor and Vendor Report was received and filed.

The Monthly Legal Expense Review was received and filed.

Department and Commission Reports:

The following reports and minutes were received and ordered filed:

Police Report for Council, November 2014  
Cochran Hose Company Report, November 2014  
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2014  
There was no Tree Commission Meeting in December.

Borough Manager:

Borough Manager reviewed the 2015 Road Project for Centennial Avenue, from Blackburn Road to Boundary Street, and the alternate bid for Cochran Street, from Beaver Street to Nevin Avenue. Cochran Street has some Columbia Gas work to be completed.

On motion of Mrs. Ford, seconded by Mr. Ference, Council voted, 7-0, to accept the December 2014 Reflectivity Study as prepared by Staff and Lennon, Smith and Souleret Engineers. The Study indicates that the Borough will need seven years to completely replace all traffic signs to be in compliance with reflectivity standards.

Council reviewed the ANTCC and EIT Collection Reports for November 2014.

Council reviewed the November fuel prices.

Council reviewed Notice of Appeal filed by Larry Oswald of 521 Hill Street for a grass violation.

Borough Manager advised that Council Retreat will be Monday, January 26, 2015 at the Edgeworth Club.

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On motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 7-0, to adopt Borough of Sewickley Resolution No. 2013-019 approving Local Government Week in 2015.

Council reviewed payment for sewage tap fee for 1484 Grandview Way in Glen Osborne.

Borough Manager provided a notice to be sent residents concerning the Waterworks Realignment Project by the County of Allegheny Public Works.

Council reviewed letter from Masonic Village Law Firm regarding sewer tap fees.

Borough Manager advised that the Bid Opening on the 30.2 acres of Waterworks Park land is scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2015 at 10:05 a.m.

Borough Manager advised that Sherwin-Williams made a donation of 50 gallons of paint to the Borough.

The Borough Manager's Report was received and filed.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Tucker advised that the Commonwealth Court has rendered a decision in the AVK Enterprises, Ltd. No. 2046 CD 2013 challenge of One Thorn Street, Inc. The Decision is in support of One Thorn Street, Inc. This means the building can most likely proceed pending any further appeals.

Solicitor Tucker advised that he will provide a Buy Sell Agreement for the January Committee of the Whole meeting for the Bid of the Green Street Parking Lot for the building of a garage by a private entity.

Solicitor's Report was received and filed.

Tax Collector's Report:

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 7-0, to accept and order received and filed, the tax collection report for the Month of November, 2014.

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Adjournment:

On motion of Mr. Rice the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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KEVIN M. FLANNERY  
Borough Manager and Secretary

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SUSAN H. ALESHIRE  
President of Council