

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

APRIL 20, 2015

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	Tom DeFazio	Jamie Morrill	Jeff Neff
Todd Renner	Larry Rice		

Also present were Borough Solicitor Richard Tucker, and Borough Manager Kevin M. Flannery. Absent were Charlie Driscoll due to work and Carole Ford due to illness. Mayor Jeffe was absent due to work.

There were 10 visitors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Renner, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 16, 2015 were approved, and the reading of same dispensed with as copies were provided to the Members of Council, Mayor and Solicitor. The vote was 7-0.

On motion of Mr. Neff, seconded by Mr. Rice, the Committee of the Whole Minutes for April 14, 2015 were approved, 6-0-1, with Mr. Renner abstaining as he was not present for the meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, MEMBERS AND MAYOR

President Aleshire stated that May Mart is scheduled for May 9, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on Broad Street, from Thorn Street to Beaver Street. There will be a Ribbon Cutting at the new Gazebo.

President Aleshire stated that the 6th Annual Sewickley Unleashed is scheduled for May 16, 2015. There will be a 5K Race at 9 a.m., with Pet Parade at 10:30 and vendors till 3 p.m.

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COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, MEMBERS AND MAYOR (CONTINUED)

President Aleshire reviewed the Memorial Day Weekend events for 2015, indicating that on Friday May 22nd, there will be a Flag Retirement Service, followed by a concert of patriotic music and fireworks at Wolcott Park and that the Memorial Service at the Coast Guard Station would take place on Saturday, May 23rd. In addition, President Aleshire indicated that there will be a Veterans Memorial Service at the Sewickley United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 24th, and that the 124th Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 25th, beginning at 10 a.m., followed by programs at Wolcott Park and the Sewickley Cemetery.

Mr. Cornman advised that the No Left Turn signs on Route 65 at Dippold and Pine are missing.

President Aleshire announced that the Quaker Valley Council of Governments Recycling Day is on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Avalon Borough Garage building.

President Aleshire reminded everyone that the annual Spring Tree Planting will be on Saturday, April 25, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

President Aleshire stated that she would be on vacation on May 12th and Mr. Cornman will run the meeting.

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS

On motion of Mr. Neff, seconded by Mr. Rice, Council voted, 7-0, to approve the St. James School Field Day Event and use of Bank Street for Friday, May 22, 2015.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 7-0, to approve request of St. James Church for Parade on Sunday, July 25, 2015.

Council reviewed comments and response letter regarding parking meters.

Sam Perry, of Little Street, reviewed his Quaker Valley Senior Project which was the restoration of the War Memorial Park Trail Signage. Sam reviewed the planning, construction and implementation steps that went into the Project. Council thanked Sam for the great contribution to the park system.

Richard Brandt, of Locust Place, addressed Council on the loading and unloading zone proposal suggested by the Mayor and Police Chief. He asked that it be reconsidered as it would eliminate parking spaces. Borough Manager advised that the proposal has been pulled by the Mayor.

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Tom Retzlaff, of 710 Centennial Avenue, addressed Council on improving communications when it comes to Borough Street trees.

Tim Fusco, of 714 Centennial Avenue, addressed Council on trying to keep and save as many trees as possible on Centennial Avenue.

Mark Jones, of 720 Centennial Avenue, questioned statute in general Borough Code regarding a 2 week notice in a published paper for any removal or planting of a public tree. Borough Manager stated that the Borough believes that applies to work being assessed against property owners for public trees. Borough will be reviewing the Tree Ordinance.

Mark Jones also asked if the house at 719 Centennial Avenue can be checked for property maintenance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 7-0, to accept and order received and filed the Borough of Sewickley 2014 Audit Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Manager advised that PENNDOT is planning an inspection of the Sewickley Bridge beginning April 27, 2015, and anticipates a two week time period to complete. The work will be conducted between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., and will require temporary one lane traffic restrictions on the bridge. Sewickley Officers will be manning the three Ohio River Boulevard intersections.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

On motion of Mr. Cornman, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 7-0, to approve the General Fund account payables for the month of April 2015, as presented.

On motion of Mr. Renner, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 7-0, to approve the Sewer Fund account payables for the month of April 2015, as presented.

The March 2015 General Fund and Sewer Fund Budget reports were received and filed.

The March 2015 Fund Statement report was received and filed.

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The March 2014 Profit and Loss Summary was received and filed.

The March 2015 Labor and Vendor report was received and filed.

Council reviewed the monthly Legal Expense Report.

DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION REPORTS

The following reports and minutes were received and ordered filed:

Police Report for Council, March 2015

Cochran Hose Report, March 2015

Planning Commission Minutes, April 1, 2015

Tree Commission Minutes, April 13, 2015

BOROUGH MANAGER

Borough Manager provided an update on the 2015 Road Project on Centennial Avenue and the Columbia Gas Project on Cochran Street.

Council reviewed the 1st Quarter 2015 General Fund Budget Expenditure Review, as prepared by the Borough Manager.

Council reviewed the Earned Income Tax Collection Update of March 31, 2015.

Council reviewed the ANTCC EIT Collection Report, dated March 1 to March 31, 2015.

Borough Manager presented Municipal Risk Management Report highlighting a dividend in the Property and Liability Trust of \$5,880.45 and a dividend in the Workers Compensation Pooled Trust of \$46,604.59 which have been deposited in the Subsequent Years Budget Fund.

Borough Manager reviewed the Allegheny County 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update and time line.

Council reviewed the fuel prices for April 2015.

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BOROUGH MANAGER (CONTINUED)

Borough Manager advised that the Village Theater Land Development Hearings are scheduled for the Planning Commission on May 6, and before Council on May 18, 2015.

Borough Manager presented report on the Public Employer Labor Relations Advisory Services Conference held in March.

Council reviewed the FNB Wealth Management Pension Plans Report of March 31, 2015.

Borough Manager reviewed the 2015 QVCOG Demolition Projects and the Garbage and Recycling Contract that was bid out by the QVCOG and expires on December 31, 2016.

Borough Manager provided a MS4 Update indicating that 25% of the storm sewers and catch basins had been cleaned and inspected.

Council reviewed letters to Mark Jones regarding the Petition Decision on the Trees.

Council reviewed letters to the Chamber of Commerce, on the required paperwork, for the Night Mart approvals and the Brews and Barbecue approval.

The Borough Manager's Report was received and filed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Tucker reviewed the real estate tax appeals.

On motion of Mr. Renner, seconded by Mr. Neff, Council voted, 7-0, to advertise an ordinance providing up to 47 permit parking spaces on Walnut Street.

Solicitor reviewed Commonwealth v. Lawrence Oswald No. SA-2744-2014.

The Solicitor's Report was received and filed.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

On motion of Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Rice, Council voted, 7-0, to accept and order received and filed the tax collector's report and exonerations for the Month of March 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

KEVIN M. FLANNERY
Borough Manager and Secretary

SUSAN H. ALESHIRE
President of Council