

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

JANUARY 19, 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 Thomas DeFazio Charles Driscoll Stan Ference
Carole Ford(by phone) James Morrill Todd Renner Larry Rice (7:43 pm)

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

There were 6 visitors.

President Aleshire provided a tribute to Martin Luther King reminding all that today is a day on, not a day off.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Morrill, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 15, 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 7-0-1, with Mr. DeFazio abstaining as he was not present for the meeting.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 8-0, to approve the January 13, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

Comments from the Council President, Members and Mayor:

Mayor Jeffe stated that there will be a Civil Service Commission meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 to vote to extend, for one year, the Borough of Sewickley Police Officer Eligibility List.

Stanley Ference presented a Letter of Resignation from Council effective January 20, 2015. Members of Council thanked Stan for his years of service.

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Council President Susan Aleshire stated that an Executive Session was held at the January 13, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting for the Solicitor Evaluation and Litigation Action for Attorney Fees.

President Aleshire announced the Council Retreat Meeting is Monday, January 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Edgeworth Club.

Statement of Citizens:

Jennifer Markus and Alex DeLoia provided Council an update on Village Green activities. They advised that J. McLaughlin Store expects to be open late March or early April. They reviewed various events and dates. They asked if “Hanging at Hegner Way” might be able to be the entire summer season of May to September. Borough Manager advised that we would need to meet with all affected business owners to discuss.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Renner, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the following 2014 Village Green organized events:

2015 VILLAGE GREEN ORGANIZED EVENTS

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
February 7, 12 – 3 pm	Chocolate Walk	No street closure needed
March 14, 12 – 3 pm	Soup Crawl	No street closure needed
May 16, 8 am – 3 pm	Sewickley Unleashed	Broad Street Closed between Thorn and Beaver
October 2 and 3	Oktoberfest	Close Division St. Parking Lot
November 4, 5:30 – 8 pm	Wine Walk	Locust Place This event is in conjunction with Sewickley Chamber
December 4, 6 – 10 pm	Light Up Night	Close Beaver and Broad

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On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 9-0, to approve Merchant Sidewalk Sales for Chocolate Walk on February 7, 2015; the Soup Crawl on March 14, 2015; May Mart on May 9, 2015, Sewickley Unleashed on May 16, 2015, Jaguar Car Show on August 8, 2015; Harvest Festival on September 12, 2015; Oktoberfest on October 2 and 3, 2015; and Wine Walk on November 4, 2015.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the following 5K Schedule for 2015:

- Saturday, March 7 - Wounded Warriors
- Saturday, May 16 - Sewickley Unleashed
- Saturday, June 20 - Quaker Valley Recreation Association
- Saturday, October 10 - HVHS Sewickley Foundation

Unfinished Business:

Public Hearing on Howard Hanna Office Building at 401 Broad Street.

Court Stenographer, Donna McMullen, administered the oath to all who were testifying in this matter. Solicitor Tucker conducted the hearing.

Mr. Terry Corbett, Director of Development for Howard Hanna, and Mr. Stephen Casey, Architect presented a revised plan for the new office building at 401 Broad Street. The plan shows a 4,500 square foot Howard Hanna Real Estate Sales Office. There will be spaces for 39 agents, conference room, storage and a break room. Mr. Casey reviewed the changes to the windows on Broad Street and the roof line. Borough Solicitor advised that a continuance should be granted and a new notification provided to all adjacent property owners. Council also asked that the revisions be sent to the Planning Commission for comment, if any.

There was no other testimony provided.

Borough Manager provided exhibits verifying the public advertisements and notices provided to the adjacent property owners.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 9-0, to grant a continuance of the Howard Hanna Land Development hearing to Monday, February 16, 2015. Solicitor Tucker stated that all testimony presented would be made part of the record.

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New Business:

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Rice, Council voted, 9-0, to advertise for applicants for Councilperson in Ward III. Candidate would be appointed until December 31, 2015. Applications will be received until February 4 and interviews will be held before the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 10, 2015 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 8-1, with Mr. Ference voting no, to accept the bid of the Allegheny Land Trust, in the amount of \$250,000 for approximately 31 acres of Waterworks Park land, and authorize Borough Manager and Solicitor Tucker to proceed with the subdivision and preparation of the deed.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the 2015 Allegheny County Division of Elections Certificate for the Primary Election.

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 January 2015, as presented.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Ference, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the Sewer Fund account payables for the month of January 2015, as presented.

The December 2014 Statement of All Funds Report was received and filed.

The December 2014 General Fund Budget Report and Sewer Fund Budget Report were received and filed.

The December 2014 Labor and Vendor Report was received and filed.

The December 2014 Legal Monthly Expense Report was received and filed.

Department and Commission Reports:

The following reports and minutes were received and ordered filed

- Police Report for Council, December 2014
- Cochran Hose Company Report, December 2014
 - 2014 Year End Report
- Planning Commission Minutes, January 8, 2015
- Tree Commission Minutes, January 12, 2015

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Borough Manager:

Borough Manager advised that 2015 Road Project includes Centennial Avenue, from Blackburn Road to Boundary Street, and with the alternate of Cochran Street, from Beaver Street to Nevin Avenue is out for bid. Bids are to be opened on February 13, 2015 with possible award by Council at the February 16, 2015 Council meeting. Letters have been sent to all residents on the named streets. The 2015 Road Project Residents meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2015.

Council reviewed the Board and Commission Attendance Reports.

Council reviewed the 2014 Event Overtime Report.

Council reviewed employee notices on pay dates and benefit statements.

Borough Manager reviewed the 2015 Municipal Bidding thresholds.

Council reviewed the Earned Income Tax Report for December of 2014.

Council reviewed fuel prices for the month of December, 2014.

Borough Manager reminded Council that the Council picture will be taken on Monday, January 27, 2014 at the Council Retreat.

Borough Manager provided latest First National Bank Pension Reports for the Non-Uniform Plan and Police Plan. First National Bank will be present at the February 10, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting to review.

Council reviewed the Pennsylvania One Call System 2015 Rate Structure Report.

Borough Manager reviewed the DCED forms submitted which included Municipal Tax Information, Municipal Report of Elected and Appointed Officials and the Survey of Financial Condition Report.

Council reviewed the 2015 Performance measures for the Borough Manager.

The Borough Manager's Report was received and filed.

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Solicitor's Report:

Council reviewed real estate tax assessment appeals.

On motion of Mr. Renner, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 9-0, to advertise ordinances codifying the Employees Association Defined Benefit Pension Plan, the Police Defined Benefit Pension Plan and the Employee Defined Contribution Pension Plan. Tentative adoption date is March 16, 2015.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Rice, Council voted, 9-0, to advertise the Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Part 1, of the Sewickley Borough Code of Ordinances, relating to the maintenance of the exterior of buildings. Tentative adoption date is February 16, 2015.

On motion of Mr. Renner, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 9-0, to have Solicitor finalize Bid Specifications for the Green Street Lot for the sale of land and the construction of a private taxable parking garage.

Solicitor's Report was received and filed.

Tax Collector's Report:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Morrill, Council voted, 9-0, to accept and order received and filed the tax collection report and exonerations for the Month of December, 2014.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

KEVIN M. FLANNERY
Borough Manager and Secretary

SUSAN H. ALESHIRE
President of Council