

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

**OCTOBER 17, 2016**

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:

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| William Cornman | Charles Driscoll(Arrived at 7:43pm) | Jeff Neff     |
| Todd Renner     | Larry Rice                          | Tonya Goodman |

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

There were 15 visitors.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Mr. Renner, seconded by Mr. Rice, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 19, 2016 were approved, 5-0-1, with Mrs. Goodman abstaining as she was not a member of Council at the time, and the reading of same dispensed with as copies were provided to the Members of Council, Mayor and Solicitor.

On motion of Mr. Renner, seconded by Mr. Rice, the Committee of the Whole Minutes for October 11, 2016 were approved, 5-0-1, with Mrs. Goodman abstaining as she was not a member of Council at the time.

Comments from the Council President, Members and Mayor:

Mayor Jeffe administered the Oath of Councilperson to Tonya Sulia Goodman as Councilperson in Ward II replacing Mark Davidson who moved out of the Borough. Everyone in attendance applauded and welcomed her to Council.

Mayor Brian Jeffe announced that the Halloween Parade will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. and Halloween Trick or Treat will be on Monday, October 31, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Mayor Jeffe advised that the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast for Police and Fire Departments will be held at Sewickley Academy on October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

President Aleshire stated that an Executive Session was held at the beginning of tonight's Committee of the Whole Meeting regarding the Erick and Sherri Murrer v. Borough of Sewickley lawsuit.

President Aleshire announced that the Public Hearings on the Hoey's Run, LLC Conditional Use and Land Development have been rescheduled to Monday, November 21, 2016 per the request of the applicant.

Councilperson Jeff Neff stated that there is Dodge Minivan at Chestnut and Harbaugh and needs to be removed. Mayor Jeffe to check on it.

Councilperson Bill Cornman stated that the new tunnel lights at the Walnut Street Landing are fine.

Statement of Citizens:

Keith Nazak and Jeff Schlegel of First National Bank Wealth Management provided a quarterly update on the Borough of Sewickley Pension Funds. They provided a current market overview and economic outlook, reviewed account performance and portfolio allocation and will continue to rebalance the portfolio within the parameters of the Investment Policy Statement.

John Orndorff provided an Ohio River Trails Update. Sewickley is the only municipality on the proposed route that has approved a bike trail. Mr. Orndorff specifically stated the Ohio River Trails would provide signage for the marking of the trails if the Borough could do the installation. Borough Manager asked the sign posts are approved break away posts and can the number of locations (30) be reduced. Councilperson Neff also questioned the need for every 500 feet and asked if signage could be placed where the actual direction would change. Mr. Orndorff did not have any answers and would ask the Ohio River Trails group for clarification.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Neff, Council voted, 7-0, to approve the street closure request for the 700 block of Hill Street.

On motion of Mr. Cornman, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 7-0, to approve the Closure of Bank Street for the St. James School Halloween Parade on October 28, 2016.

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Leo and Mary Scalercio of 318 Boundary Street addressed Council regarding the Elmhurst residential development. Mr. Scalercio held up a copy of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code and suggested that some changes in a driveway were not permitted by the Code Office. Mrs. Scalercio stated that she met with the Code Office Nancy Watts several times and was unable to be provided where the code permitted the driveway changes. Mrs. Scalercio stated that she has talked to Charter Homes about the headlights shinning across the street from Elmhurst into her yard. Mrs. Scalercio stated that privet hedging has been planted but it is not sufficient. Borough Manager suggested to Council that he and Solicitor Tucker review with the Code Officer for clarification on the driveway issue and the Borough will reach out to Charter Homes.

Unfinished Business:

President Aleshire stated that the Hoey's Run LLC applicant had requested and Council approved a continuation of the Conditional Use and Land Development Public Hearing to Monday, November 21, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Pamela Gaynor of 251 Backbone Road addressed Council to state that variance for the building height was too easy to obtain. Ms. Gaynor also criticized the Borough's notification process as to legalize and stated the ads should be clearer.

Emily Lyons stated that the Borough needs to be sure there are alternate Zoning Hearing Board members in the event all three members cannot hear a particular case.

Bridgett Bates of Grove Street stated that the proposed building will change the landscape forever.

Molly Stater of 319 Beaver Street asked if the hearing could be changed to December 19 as the November hearing is on Thanksgiving Week and a lot of people travel. She stated further that she is part of the group that won the last time changes were proposed for a house on her block of Beaver Street.

Mr. Cornman made a motion to adopt Borough of Sewickley Resolution No. 2016-022 participating in the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification Program. Mrs. Aleshire asked three times for a second to the motion. The motion dies for a lack of a second.

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New Business:

On motion of Mr. Neff, seconded by Mr. Rice, Council voted, 7-0, to adopt Borough of Sewickley Resolution No. 2016-23 approving the Police Chief's recommendation for a Handicapped Parking Space at metered space number 112 on Broad Street near the Car Barn Shops.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Rice, Council voted, 7-0, to renew the Household Hazardous Waste Program with the Department of Environmental Protection through the Waste Management Agreement.

On motion of Mr. Renner, seconded by Mr. Neff, Council voted, 7-0, to adopt Borough of Sewickley Ordinance No. 1347 relating to the repair and removal of dangerous buildings.

On motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 7-0, to adopt the procedural guidelines for the demolition of dangerous buildings.

Approval of Accounts:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 7-0, to approve the General Fund account payables for the month of October 2016, as presented.

On motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Neff, Council voted, 7-0, to approve the Sewer Fund account payables for the month of October 2016, as presented.

The September 2016 General Fund and Sewer Fund Budget reports were received and filed.

The September 2016 Fund Statement report was received and filed.

The September 2016 Statement of All Funds was received and filed.

The September 2016 Profit and Loss Summary was received and filed.

The Labor and Vendor Report was received and filed.

The Legal Expenses Review for September 2016 was received and filed.

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Department and Commission Reports:

The following reports and minutes were received and ordered filed:

- Police Report for Council, September 2016
- Cochran Hose Report, September 2016
- Planning Commission Minutes, October 5, 2016
- Shade Tree Commission Minutes of October 10, 2016

Borough Manager:

The Borough Manager advised that Liberoni Construction was working on punch list of items on the 2016 Road Project. Work expected to be completed by the end of October.

Council reviewed the fuel prices for the month of September.

Borough Manager reviewed the Earned Income Tax Report and the ANTCC Collection Report.

Borough Manager reviewed 2017 General Fund and Sewer Fund Budgets which were tentatively adopted at the October 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Meeting. The 2017 Budget is being advertised in the Sewickley Herald and the Pittsburgh Post Gazette. The 2017 Budget maintains the real estate millage at 6.25 mills and increase sanitary sewer fees which have not been raised since 2009.

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| Tues., Nov. 15 - 7:30 pm | Review of Proposed 2017 Budget & Public Comment |
| Mon., Nov. 21 - 7:30 pm  | Scheduled Adoption of 2017 Budget               |

Scheduled Resolutions and Ordinances for consideration on November 21, 2016:

- A. Resolution increasing Shelter Permit Fees at War Memorial Park.
- B. Resolution repaying CR #4 for the Maple Lane Storm Sewer Emergency Repairs in 2017 and 2018.
- C. Ordinance No. 1348 on Debt Service Fees (Increase from \$25.00 per month to \$31.00 per month; and Sewer Operations Fees increasing from \$6.00 per thousand to \$6.50 per thousand.
- D. Ordinance No. 1349, Maintaining the 2017 Real Estate Property Tax Millage at 6.25 Mills.

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Council reviewed Staff Performance Evaluations schedule as follows:

November 15, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting – Borough Manager  
December 13, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting – Police Chief  
January 10, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting – Solicitor

Council reviewed Board and Commission expiration terms and public advertisement for interviews and notices to existing members.

Borough Manager provided an update with the Municipal Separate Storm System (MS4) in which LSSE completed the map for the Borough.

Council reviewed the letters and forms for the Act 33 Disclosure Annual Reporting Form.

On motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Renner, Council voted, 7-0, to approve a 3 year purchase agreement with Ford Motor Credit for the 2016 Public Works vehicle.

Borough Manager provided a report on the International City Managers Association Conference.

On motion of Mr. Cornman, seconded by Mr. Rice, Council voted, 7-0, to adopt Borough of Sewickley Resolution No. 2016-024 approving a revised Administrative Services Agreement between International City Management Association Retirement Cooperation and the Borough of Sewickley regarding account number 108523.

Borough Manager reviewed the Pennsylvania Municipal League Strategic Plan and Legislative Agenda for 2017 and 2018.

Council reviewed Letter of Support from the Borough to the Sewickley Water Authority for a grant.

The Borough Manager's Report was received and filed.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Tucker reviewed Real Estate Tax Assessment Appeals.

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On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Renner, Council voted, 7-0, to approve Settlement Release Agreement in the Erick and Sherri Murrer Case.

The Solicitor's Report was received and filed.

Tax Collector's Report:

On motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Neff, Council voted, 7-0, to accept and order received and filed the tax collector's report and exonerations for the Month of September 2016.

Adjournment:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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KEVIN M. FLANNERY  
Borough Manager and Secretary

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SUSAN H. ALSHIRE  
President of Council