

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

JANUARY 17, 2011

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with Vice-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
Dean S.C. Williams

Mrs. Ford was absent due to illness. Mr. Ford was absent due to work. Mr. Hague was absent due to personal reasons.

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

There were 7 visitors.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 20, 2010 were approved and the reading of same dispensed with as copies were provided to the Members of Council, Mayor and Solicitor. The vote was 6-0.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 4-0-2, with Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Williams abstaining due to not being absent, to approve the January 11, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

Comments from the Council President, Members and Mayor:

Mayor Brian Jeffe announced that he would co-host the Chamber of Commerce Mixer for Friday, February 4, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at Sewickley Academy.

Vice-President Aleshire announced that an Executive Session was held at the conclusion of the January 11, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting for personnel matters and that there will be an Executive Session at the conclusion of tonight's meeting for a personnel review.

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Vice-President Aleshire presented a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King highlighting that this is to be a national day of service, not a day off.

Statement of Citizens:

Council acknowledged a thank you note to Sewickley Academy students for the community breakfast donation.

Curt Caulfield of the North Way Christian Community Church in Osborne introduced himself to Council. Their offices are in the offices next to St. Matthews on Walnut Street. He lives in Edgeworth and looks forward to working with all communities. Several members welcomed him to the community.

Unfinished Business:

A Public Hearing was conducted by Solicitor Richard Tucker on proposed conditional use request for a Pilates Studio at 441 Division Street. Court Stenographer Wolfe administered the oath to all who were providing testimony. Cynthia Dyer representing the owner stated that they have obtained a leased space and a copy of the lease was presented. There were no other public comments. Borough Manager provided testimony that Public Hearing was advertised in accordance with the Municipalities Planning Code and the Borough of Sewickley Code of Ordinances.

Solicitor Tucker closed the Public Hearing. Mr. Ference commented that the addition of the business will strengthen the business district. On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Ference, Council voted, 6-0, to accept the recommendation of the Borough of Sewickley Planning Commission to approve the conditional use request for a Pilates Studio at 441 Division Street, #104, Block and Lot No. 508-N-358. Council welcomed them to the community.

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 6-0, to reappoint David Saint-Jacques, of 131 Grove Street Extension, to a four-year term on the Planning Commission. Term to expire December 31, 2014.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 6-0, to appoint Robert Lavery, of 809 Hopkins Street, to a one-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board. Term to expire December 31, 2011.

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On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 6-0, to appoint Frank Bennett, of 960 Beaver Street, to a five-year term on the Sewickley Water Authority. Term to expire December 31, 2015.

New Business:

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 6-0, to adopt Ordinance No. 1291 approving the terms and conditions of a sewer service agreement with the Township of Aleppo and authorizing the execution of the agreement.

On motion of Mr. Cornman, seconded by Mr. Ference, Council voted, 6-0, to adopt Borough of Sewickley Resolution No. 2011-001 authorizing the grant of a right-of-way and easement for Block and Lot No. 422-F-145 owned by the Borough of Sewickley on Glen Mitchell Road conditioned upon execution of the Sewer Agreement by Aleppo.

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 6-0, to engage Elizabeth Genter and Schenley Capital of Sewickley to review pension management policies and manager portfolio at a cost of \$4,000. Mr. Williams stated that this was last done in 2001.

Approval of Accounts:

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 6-0, to approve the General Fund account payables for the month of January 2011, as presented.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 6-0, to approve the Sewer Fund account payables for the month of January 2011, as presented.

The December 2010 Fund Statement report was received and filed.

The December 2010 General Fund Budget Report and Sewer Fund Budget Report were received and filed.

The Labor and Vendor report 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, December 2010
Cochran Hose Company Report, December 2010
Planning Commission Minutes, January 5, 2011
Tree Commission Minutes of January 10, 2011
2011 Pruning and Removal List
Letter to Sewickley Civic Garden Council

Borough Manager:

Council reviewed the 2010 Event Overtime Report. The February 2010 Snow Storm event was biggest contributor to the overtime.

Council reviewed the 2010 Municipal Lien Report indicating that 107 liens were processed in 2010.

Borough Manager reviewed the proposed agenda and the Idea Form for goals and comments for the Council Retreat meeting on Monday, January 31, 2011. On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted to hold the Council Retreat meeting on January 31, 2011 at the Edgeworth Club beginning at 6 p. m.

Council reviewed the Waste Management 2010 Bond for Garbage and Recycling Services.

Borough Manager advised that Borough has received a DCED \$10,000 Grant for Emergency Responders and Resource Training Program which will assist the K-9 Program.

Borough Manager advised that a Special Meeting will be advertised for Monday, January 31, 2011 at 5 P. M. for completion of the Bond Refinancing for the existing bonds and loans and the new borrowing for the Glen Osborne Interconnect Project and the repayment of Pennvest and completion of the Headworks and Dewatering Project.

Council reviewed DCED forms on the 2011 Municipal Tax Information and the 2011 Municipal Report of Officials.

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Borough Manager advised that the 2011 Road Project work has begun.

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 6-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-002 participating in the Allegheny County Economic Development Energy Program.

Council reviewed the December 2010 Real Estate Transfer Tax Report.

Borough Manager advised that Sewickley will host the November Council of Government Meeting.

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 6-0, to advertise and conduct a hearing on the renewal of the Comcast Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement on Monday, February 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

The Borough Manager's Report was received and filed.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Tucker reviewed the Elected Offices Certification for Allegheny County Elections Division.

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 6-0, to approve the work of Village Green for the Borough until the contract has been approved.

Council reviewed real estate tax assessment appeals.

Solicitor's Report was received and filed.

Tax Collector's Report:

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Williams, Council voted, 6-0, to accept and order received and filed the tax collection report and exonerations for the Month of December, 2010.

Council reviewed Delinquent Taxes Report and Municipal Claims Report as December 31, 2010.

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Executive Session:

Council went into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. to review personnel matters. The Executive Session concluded at 9:28 p.m. and Council went back into Regular Session.

Adjournment:

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 6-0, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KEVIN M. FLANNERY
Borough Manager and Secretary

SUSAN ALESHIRE
Vice-President of Council