

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

**MARCH 21, 2011**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with President Robert Hague presiding and leading the Meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call showed the following members present:

Susan Aleshire	William Cornman	Tom DeFazio	Charles Driscoll
Carole Ford	Glenn Ford	Stanley Ference	

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

President Hague led Council in a Moment of Silence on the passing of Councilman Dean S. C. Williams. A Resolution and letter from Glen Osborne Mayor William Boswell honoring Dean Williams was received by Council.

There were 10 visitors.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 21, 2011 were approved and the reading of same dispensed with as copies were provided to the Members of Council, Mayor and Solicitor.

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Cornman, the Committee of the Whole Minutes for March 15, 2011 were approved 7-0-1, with Mr. DeFazio abstaining due to non attendance at the meeting.

Comments from the Council President, Members and Mayor:

Mayor Jeffe reviewed the 2011 Memorial Day Weekend activities. Mayor Jeffe also reported that 2010 U. S. Census information will be forwarded to the Borough by the end of April.

President Hague announced that there was an Executive Session at the conclusion of the March 15, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting for labor litigation and land matters.

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President Hague announced that applications for the Open Council Seat will be received until Noon on Monday, April 11, 2011. Interviews will be conducted before the April 12, 2011 April Committee of the Whole meeting.

Statement of Citizens:

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 8-0, to approve the request of QVRA to use War Memorial Baseball Field and Chadwick Street Baseball Field for 2011.

Jennifer Markus of Village Green provided an update on Sewickley Unleashed. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2011 beginning with the Pet Parade at 10:30 a. m., numerous booths on Broad Street and live music during the day.

Unfinished Business:

On motion of Mrs. Ford, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 8-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-005 closing out the Community Conservation Grant Project – BRC-RCP-12-16, the Sewickley Valley Rivers Conservation Management Project.

New Business:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 7-1, with Mr. Ford voting no, to approve the Statement of Investment Policy for Borough Pensions dated March 16, 2011. Mr. Ford stated that the policy would create greater investment risk.

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 8-0, to accept resignation of Mary Lyn McGinn from the Tree Commission.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Ference, Council voted, 8-0, to appoint Erica Zeranski to the Tree Commission. Term to expire December 31, 2012.

Approval of Accounts:

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 8-0, to approve the General Fund account payables for the month of March 2011, as presented.

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On motion of Mrs. Ford, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 8-0, to approve the Sewer Fund account payables for the month of March 2011, as presented.

The February 2011 General Fund and Sewer Fund Budget reports were received and filed.

The February 2011 Fund Statement report was received and filed.

The February 2011 Profit and Loss Summary was received and filed.

The February 2011 Labor and Vendor report were received and filed.

Department and Commission Reports:

The following reports and minutes were received and ordered filed:

Police Report for Council, February 2011

Cochran Hose Report, February 2011

Planning Commission Minutes, March 5, 2011

Tree Commission Minutes, March 14, 2011

The 2011 Spring Tree Planting is scheduled for April 30, 2011.

Borough Manager:

Borough Manager reported that Columbia Gas will replace their gas line on Beaver Street in anticipation of the 2011 Road Project.

Borough Manger reviewed Quaker Valley Council of Governments Recycling Day scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2011 at the Sewickley Public Works garages on Washington Street.

Council reviewed the DCED Flood Management Report, the 2010 Annual Municipal Recycling Report and State Pension Form AG-385.

Council reviewed update on Allegheny County Energy Program for Municipalities. The next step is energy conservation measures to be submitted and reviewed by Allegheny County Economic Development.

Council reviewed Berkheimer Earned Income Tax bond in the amount of \$70,000 increased from \$58,000.

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Borough Manager provided update on the Allegheny North Tax Collection Committee and the implementation activities. Employer education meetings have been organized in each of the 12 school districts. In addition, all employers will be required to obtain certificates from their employees indicating where they reside. With the Sewickley zip code, 15143, being a zip code in 14 communities and 4 school districts, we want to try to avoid receiving incorrect payments.

Council reviewed the Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities Core Communities Report addressing issues for reform by the Pennsylvania Legislature. The issues are Act 111 Arbitration, municipal pension reform, mandated costs and revenue sources. The League is working with Chamber's of Commerce across the state. Several meetings have been held with the Legislature and additional meetings are scheduled.

Council reviewed PENNDOT announcement that the Ambridge-Aliquippa Bridge would not be closing for repairs this year.

Borough Manager announced that the Spring Leaf Collection will begin April 4 and conclude April 15.

Borough Manager stated that improvements to the Borough's on line banking with Citizens Bank have been completed. A demonstration would be provided to Council before an upcoming meeting.

The Borough Manager's Report was received and filed.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor reviewed recent tax assessment appeal cases.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Ference, Council voted, 8-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-006 approving a Developer's Agreement with the Quaker Valley School District for the Middle School Project.

Council reviewed notice postponing Sheriff's Sale of Block and Lot 421-C-319.

The Solicitor's Report was received and filed.

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Tax Collector's Report:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Ference, Council voted, 8-0, to accept and order received and filed the tax collector's report and exonerations for the Month of February 2011.

Council reviewed Allegheny County Office of the Treasurer 2011 Real Estate Millage Listing.

Adjournment:

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 8-0, to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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KEVIN M. FLANNERY  
Borough Manager and Secretary

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ROBERT HAGUE  
President of Council