

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

DECEMBER 19, 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	Carole Ford	
Stanley Ference	Glenn Ford	Charles Driscoll	Robert Glenn

Mr. DeFazio was absent for personal reasons.

President Hague announced that Council did conduct interviews for Board and Commission appointments in public prior to the start of the meeting.

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

There were 2 visitors.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Ford, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 21, 2011 were approved and the reading of same dispensed with as copies were provided to the Members of Council, Mayor and Solicitor. The vote was 8-0.

On motion of Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 7-0-1, with Mr. Ference abstaining because he was not in attendance for the meeting, to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2011.

Comments from the Council President, Members and Mayor:

President Hague announced that an Executive Session was held at the conclusion of the December 13, 2011 Committee of the Whole and at the beginning of tonight's meeting for personnel matters.

Mayor Jeffe complimented all Borough employees, Village Green and staff for a successful Light Up Night, Santa Parade and Yuletide in Sewickley event.

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Mr. Ference asked about the beeping sounds for the Broad Street and Beaver Street crossing. Borough Manager indicated that Traffic Systems is scheduled for repairs.

Mr. Cornman asked about the Water Authority street openings as to a date of completion of the repairs. Borough Manager to follow up on completion date of the repairs.

President Hague thanked Glenn Ford for his years of service on Council. Mr. Ford expressed his thanks to all Council members in respecting the opinions of others.

Statement of Citizens:

There were no citizen comments.

Unfinished Business:

Solicitor Tucker conducted the Public Hearing on the Zoning Ordinance Amendments and Court Reporter Donna McMullen administered the oaths. Borough Manager stated that the amendments were prepared regarding comments from Allegheny County Economic Development's review process and from comments of Planning Commission members presented to Council.

Borough Manager stated that all notices were in conjunction with the Municipalities Planning Code and the Borough of Sewickley Code of Ordinances. Councilperson Stanley Ference, the Planning Commission representative, stated that the Planning Commission at its Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 unanimously recommended adoption of the amendments.

There were no other public comments.

On motion of Mrs. Aleshire, seconded by Mr. Ference, Council voted, 8-0, to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt Ordinance 1300, amendments to the Borough of Sewickley Zoning Ordinance.

On motion of Mrs. Ford, seconded by Mr. Glenn, Council voted, 8-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-016 establishing a residential parking space at 518 Centennial Avenue.

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New Business:

On motion of Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Ference, Council voted, 8-0 to reappoint Mr. Wilson Ross of 114 Centennial Avenue to a one year term on the Vacancy Board, with term to expire December 31, 2012.

On motion of Mrs. Ford, seconded by Mr. Ference, Council voted, 8-0, to reappoint Mr. Larry Rice, of 310 Peebles Street, to a five year term on the Tree Commission, with term to expire December 31, 2016.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Ford, Council voted, 8-0, to reappoint Mr. Robert Lavery, of 809 Hopkins Street, to a three year term on the Zoning Hearing Board, with term to expire December 31, 2014.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Glenn, Council voted, 8-0, to appoint Mr. Tom Rostek, of 858 Thorn Street, to a four year term on the Planning Commission, with term to expire December 31, 2015.

On motion of Mr. Ford, seconded by Mrs. Ford, Council voted, 8-0, to reappoint Mr. Matt MacDonald, of 820 Centennial Avenue, to a three year term on the Civil Service Commission, with term to expire December 31, 2014.

On motion of Mrs. Ford, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 8-0, to reappoint Heather Wildman Figley, of 722 Broad Street, to a three year term on the Historic Review Commission, with term to expire on December 31, 2014.

On motion of Mrs. Ford, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 8-0, to reappoint Kathe Barge, of 121 Centennial Avenue, to a three year term on the Historic Review Commission, with term to expire on December 31, 2014.

On motion of Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 8-0, to appoint Ty Musser, of 726 Nevin Avenue, to a five year term on the Sewickley Water Authority, with term to expire on December 31, 2016.

On motion of Mrs. Aleshire, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 8-0, to appoint Andrew Flowers, of 220 Grant Street, to a five year term on the Sewickley Water Authority, with term to expire on December 31, 2016.

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Approval of Accounts:

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

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

The November 2011 General Fund and Sewer Fund Budget Reports were reviewed.

The November 2011 Fund Statement report was received and filed.

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

The Labor and Vendor report was received and filed.

Department and Commission Reports:

The following reports and minutes were received and ordered filed:

Police Report for Council, November 2011
Cochran Hose Company Report, November 2011
Planning Commission Minutes of December 7, 2011
There was no Tree Commission Meeting in December.

Borough Manager:

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mrs. Ford, Council voted, 8-0, to adopt Borough of Sewickley Ordinance No. 1301, a cable franchise agreement with Comcast.

On motion of Mrs. Ford, seconded by Mr. Glenn, Council voted, 8-0, to accept and order received and filed the Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority Audit ending May 31, 2011.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 8-0, to adopt Borough of Sewickley Resolution No. 2011-017, establishing a fund balance policy in compliance with GASB 54.

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Council reviewed the MRM Loss Run Reports.

Council reviewed the November fuel prices.

Borough Manager reviewed the Liquid Fuels Fund Report. On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 8-0, to accept and order received and filed the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund Examination Report for two years ended December 1, 2009.

Borough Manager reviewed the forms provided to employees regarding employee benefit statements, 2012 health contributions and pension plans.

Borough Manager reviewed the Issues Update for December.

The Borough Manager's Report was received and filed.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Tucker updated Council on the Allegheny County Property Assessment Issue.

Solicitor's Report was received and filed.

Tax Collector's Report:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mrs. Ford, Council voted, 8-0, to accept and order received and filed, the tax collection report for the Month of November, 2011.

Adjournment:

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Ford, Council voted, 8-0, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KEVIN M. FLANNERY
Borough Manager and Secretary

ROBERT HAGUE
President of Council