

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

NOVEMBER 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	Charles Driscoll	Carole Ford
Glenn Ford	Stanley Ference	Thomas DeFazio	Robert Glenn

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

There were 14 visitors.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 17, 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 8-0-1, with Mr. Cornman abstaining because his was not in attendance for the meeting.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Ford, the Minutes of the Budget Meeting of October 22, 2011 were approved, 8-0-1, with Mr. Cornman abstaining because he was not in attendance for the meeting.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Ford, the Committee of the Whole Minutes for November 15, 2011 were approved, 8-0-1, with Mr. Ference abstaining because he was not in attendance for the meeting.

Comments from the Council President, Members and Mayor:

Mayor Brian Jeffe reminded everyone that Friday, December 2, 2011 is Light Up Night and December 3, 2011 is the annual Santa Parade sponsored by the Quaker Valley Rotary and the Borough.

Mayor Jeffe stated that 20 individuals completed the written and physical agility test for the Police Eligibility List. The next step will be the oral interviews.

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President Hague advised that an Executive Session was held at the conclusion of the November 15, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting for personnel review of the Borough Manager.

Statement of Citizens:

Mandi Semple of Sewickley Academy staff and two students, Lauren Gogh and Maura Donnelly presented a check in the amount of \$432.00 to the Borough from the Pancake Breakfast for Public Safety Services. Council President Hague and Mayor Jeffe accepted the check on behalf of Council. Council expressed their thanks to the students.

Terry Brennan, of 230 Chadwick Street, expressed Happy Thanksgiving wishes to Council. He also commented that revenues can be increased with more policing of stop signs, no left turns, and SUV parking.

Henry Scales, of 4 Grey Lane, addressed Council regarding an oak tree that needs to be removed. He explained that it has been reported to the Borough Arborist and it has not been removed. Borough Manager indicated that it will be removed as soon as possible.

Nancy Musser, of 726 Nevin Avenue, addressed Council regarding an increase in drug activity and other criminal activities in her area. She along with several other residents in attendance requested that Council walk the Dickson area regarding some abandoned properties. Mayor Jeffe stated that he and Officer Mazza have had conversations with the group and would welcome the walking of the area.

Mr. Ference stated that the Borough is working on all abandoned properties regarding delinquent real estate taxes and to sheriff sale the properties.

Sean Collins and Rob Lavery asked if there were any utilization reviews done on the area regarding the police services.

Council members thanked the group for attending the meeting and Council will tour the area as soon as possible.

Unfinished Business:

On motion of Mr. Glenn, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council approved, 9-0, Bond Reduction No. 3 for the Village at Sweetwater in the amount of \$27, 657.60.

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On motion of Mr. Glenn, seconded by Mr. Ford, Council voted, 8-0, to approve Bond Reduction No. 4 for the Village at Sweetwater in the amount of \$30,085.

New Business:

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mrs. Aleshire, Council voted, 8-1, with Mrs. Ford dissenting, to award a performance bonus in the amount of \$6,000 for the Borough Manager for 2011.

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 November 2011, as presented.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Ford, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the Sewer Fund account payables for the month of November 2010, as presented.

The October 2011 Profit and Loss Statement was reviewed.

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

The October 2011 Fund Statement report was received and filed.

The Labor and Vendor report were received and filed.

The Legal Expenses Monthly Report was reviewed.

Department and Commission Reports:

The following reports and minutes were received and ordered filed:

Police Report for Council, October 2011
Cochran Hose Report, October 2011
Planning Commission Minutes, November 2, 2011
Tree Commission Minutes of November 14, 2011

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Borough Manager:

Council conducted a Public Hearing on the 2012 Borough of Sewickley Budget. Borough Manager stated that the Sewer Fund Budget was \$1,652,226 and the General Fund Budget was \$4,808,883. The proposed budget maintains the real estate millage at 7.3 mills.

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the 2012 Sewer Fund Budget and Capital Reserve Fund No. 5 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 9-0, to approve the 2012 Road Construction and Maintenance Fund Budget.

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 9-0, to adopt Ordinance No. 1299 maintaining the 2012 real estate tax millage at 7.3 mills.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Ference, Council voted, 9-0, to adopt the 2012 General Fund Budget and Capital Reserve Fund No. 3, Building Reserve Fund; Capital Reserve Fund No. 4, Fire Reserve Fund; and Capital Reserve Fund No. 6, Capital Improvements Program.

Council reviewed the October fuel prices.

Council reviewed the List for Board and Commission openings which have been advertised, with applications due November 30, 2011.

Council reviewed Allegheny North Tax Collection Committee Report.

Borough Manager reviewed new laws that will increase the minimum bidding amount changes beginning in January 2012.

On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Ference, Council voted, 9-0, to accept and order received and filed the Sewickley Borough Police Pension Plan and Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Auditor general Compliance Audit Reports for the period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010.

Borough Manager reviewed Paramount Picture payments for services associated with the Tom Cruise movie.

Council reviewed the Issues Update Report.

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Council reviewed the Yuletide in Sewickley letters to the business community and residents.

The Borough Manager's Report was received and filed.

Solicitor's Report:

The Solicitor's Report was received and filed.

Tax Collector's Report:

On motion of Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 9-0, to accept and order received and filed the tax collector's report and exonerations for the Month of October 2011.

Adjournment:

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. Ford, Council voted, 9-0, to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KEVIN M. FLANNERY
Borough Manager and Secretary

ROBERT HAGUE
President of Council