

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

**MARCH 14, 2017**

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:

William Cornman	Thomas DeFazio	Charles Driscoll	Sean Figley
Tonya Goodman	Jeff Neff	Larry Rice	

Mr. Renner was absent due to vacation.

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

There were 6 visitors. A Moment of Silence was held for former Police Chief Walter Brannon who served the Borough of Sewickley Police Department with 40 years of service.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Mr. Neff, seconded by Mr. Cornman, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 20, 2017 were approved, 8-0, and the reading of same dispensed with as copies were provided to the Members of Council, Mayor and Solicitor.

Comments from the Council President, Members and Mayor:

Mayor Jeffe reviewed the events for Flag Retirement Ceremony and Celebration of Service Fireworks and the 126<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>,

Vice President Bill Cornman invited all to the Spring Tree Planting on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 8:45 a.m. Mr. Cornman also reminded everyone of the May Mart on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

President Aleshire announced that for the 4<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year the Borough of Sewickley achieved the Banner Community Status as awarded by the Allegheny League of Municipalities. President Aleshire thanked Council for efforts and complimented Borough staff for the work.

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President Aleshire stated that the Spring Leaf Clean Up will be from April 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>.

President Aleshire stated that the Spring Gallery Walk will be April 21<sup>st</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. DeFazio stated he will be on vacation from April 8<sup>th</sup> to April 22<sup>nd</sup> and will not be able to attend the April 11, 2017 Council Meeting.

Mr. Cornman asked if the Borough can contact PENNDOT regarding potholes on the Sewickley Bridge.

Mr. Neff stated the he received some complaints regarding the Brave American 5K Race being held on the streets below the Boulevard.

Statement of Citizens:

Alex Lancianese provided an update from Explore Sewickley regarding activities in the Business Community. The Soup Crawl is sold out for this Saturday. 600 tickets have been sold. The Gallery Walk is April 21<sup>st</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Council reviewed request from Mambo Italia restaurant on Broad Street to close Broad Street on Thursday, April 6 from 2 p.m. to 9 p. m. for an Alfa Romeo Event which will feature new and classic Alfa Romeo cars with Italian food and music. On motion of Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Cornman, Council voted, 8-0, to approve the request.

Council reviewed Right to Know requests from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and American Transparency which have been completed.

On motion of Mr. Neff, seconded by Mr. Figley, Council approved the request on Mr. John LeCornu of Centennial Avenue to use the Wolcott Park Gazebo on Saturday, March 18, 2017.

Jason Hoover of 920 Elmhurst Way thanked Mayor Jeffe and Police Chief Manko for attending the Glen Osborne Council meeting regarding the no left turn issue for McKnown Lane.

Mr. Fred Jezzi of 344 Bank Street addressed Council on a Parking Authority matter. As a member of the Parking Authority he was requesting that Chairman DeFazio of the Parking Authority direct the Borough Manager's office to change the Thorn Street parking from Zone 1 to Zone 2. Mr. DeFazio indicated that the change can be made.

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Unfinished Business:

Council reviewed Police Chief Manko's recommendation on No Left Turns for Route 65, Boundary Street and Graham Street. Mr. Neff stated that he had spoken with Chief Manko during the afternoon and Police Chief Manko was in agreement to place a restricted time on the No Left Turn. On motion of Mr. Neff, seconded by Mr. Drsicoll, Council voted, 8-0, to establish a No Left Turn from Route 65 onto Boundary Street, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and to do the same for No Left Turn from Boundary Street to Route 65.

On motion of Mr. Neff, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 8-0, to establish a No Left Turn from Route 65 onto Graham Street, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and do the same from Graham Street onto Route 65.

On motion of Mr. Neff, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 8-0, to establish a No Left Turn from Route 65 onto Dippold Street and onto Pine Street and from Dippold Street and from Pine Street onto Route 65 from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. This way all intersections will have uniform time restrictions. Ordinance to be advertised for all the above for adoption at the April 11, 2017 Council meeting.

Mr. Derrick Tetlo of 304 Logan Street was involved in an accident on Graham Street and stated that the tree should still be removed on the left of the Graham Street intersection with Ohio River Boulevard. In addition, the speed is posted at 45 miles per hour but the traffic is going at 65 miles per hour.

Mayor Jeffe stated that Chief Manko has been working extra hours and is attending meetings and receiving no extra pay and proposed overtime pay for the Police Chief when he has to work extra shifts or can cover shifts. Mrs. Goodman and Mrs. Aleshire asked if he is an exempt employee and does not qualify for overtime. Ms. Anne Ronce spoke from the audience that the position would be an exempt position in the classification of employees. Borough Manager advised that the discussion should be in Executive Session as it is a personnel issue.

New Business:

Council reviewed Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) update for March which included annual report submitted to DEP. In addition, Borough Manager stated that the first Public Information Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 5:30 p. m.

Borough Manager advised that a Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7 p.m. for the Broad Street Consolidation Plan. This is the combination of 427 Broad Street and 429 Broad Street, which is the empty lot and the white building formerly known as Travelwares and Management Recruiters.

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Approval of Accounts:

On motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 8-0, to approve the General Fund account payables for the month of March 2017, as presented.

On motion of Mr. Neff, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 8-0, to approve the Sewer Fund account payables for the month of March 2017, as presented.

The February 2017 General Fund and Sewer Fund Budget reports were received and filed.

The February 2017 Fund Statement Report was received and filed.

The February 2017 Profit and Loss Report was received and filed.

The February 2017 Labor and Vendor Report was received and filed.

Council reviewed the monthly Legal Expense Report.

Department and Commission Reports:

Council reviewed the Building Inspector's Report, indicating that 9 permits were issued, with fees of \$9,660.00 collected on \$847,000 worth of construction. There were 20 building inspections performed.

Council reviewed the Public Works Report for February, highlighting patching of potholes, repair of catch basin in Green Street, removal and chipping of branches due to storms and construction and painting of 10 new street barricades.

Council reviewed the Wastewater Treatment Plant Report for February, indicating that 20.725 million gallons of sewage were treated and 399,684 cubic feet of digester gas was used. In addition, the Digester basement was painted, conducted ammonia and BOD test on primary influent and effluent and dye testing of buildings for lateral connections on Broad Street and Thorn Street.

Council reviewed the February Police Report and the February Cochran Hose Company Report.

There were no reports from the Civil Service Commission, Historic Review Commission and Zoning Hearing Board.

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Council reviewed the March 1, 2017 Planning Commission Minutes and the February 13, 2017 Shade Tree Commission Minutes.

The Consulting Engineers Report was received and filed.

Borough Manager:

Board Manager provided report on the 2017 Road Project Resident's meeting held on February 28, 2017. The Road Project is out for bid with bid opening scheduled for March 30, 2017 at 11 a.m. It is the intention to award the bid at the April 11 Council Meeting.

Council reviewed the Act 655 Liquid Fuels allocation in the amount of \$118,698.92.

Borough Manager advised that Mark Turnley CPA firm has been working on the annual audit. Mark Turnley will attend and provide a Preliminary Report for the April 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

Borough Manager advised that the Green Light-Go Program is out for bid and PENNDOT plans to award the project the first or second week of April. It is anticipated work will begin on the traffic lights on Route 65 by May 1, 2017.

Council reviewed the South Hills Area Council of Governments Road Salt Fuel Adjustment which amounts to a \$0.142 per ton increase.

Borough Manager advised that the Borough received a health care benefit rebate from Municipal Benefits Services Medical Program in the amount of \$5,880 for 2016. This rebate is held in the Municipal Benefits Services Rate Mitigation account and the Borough can use for Wellness Programs and future Health care costs.

Council reviewed fuel prices for February 2017.

Council reviewed Verizon Franchise Fee payment of \$7,205.85.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 8-0, to advertise an Ordinance establishing revised War Memorial Park Rules and Regulations. Tentative adoption at the April 11, 2017 Council Meeting.

Borough Manager reviewed list of received Financial Interest Forms.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mrs. Goodman, Council voted, 8-0, to approve the sale of the existing parking meters for \$20 each.

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Council reviewed the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 67 and 68 Report. The GASB 67 and 68 Report establish financial reporting standards for pension plans of local governments. The purpose of the Valuation Report is to determine the financial condition of the plan, provide necessary disclosure items and notes to the financial statements and determine the potential financial impact of the pension plan. The Net Pension Liability for both plans is a positive \$200,000.

The Borough Manager's Report was received and filed.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Tucker reviewed highlights of this month's activities which include Sewickley Condominiums and Hoey's Run LLC, LeCornu v. Borough of Sewickley, tax assessment appeals and backhoe lease agreement.

Council reviewed the Solicitor's invoice in the amount of \$9,392.75.

On motion of Mr. Cornman, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 8-0, to adopt Borough of Sewickley Resolution 2017-006 regarding the lease purchase agreement for the JCB backhoe.

Solicitor Tucker advised that the Hoey's Run LLC Stormwater Management Agreement has been filed with the Allegheny County.

The Solicitor's Report was received and filed.

Tax Collector's Report:

On motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 8-0, to accept and order received and filed the Real Estate Tax Collector's Report and exonerations for the Month of February 2017.

On motion of Mr. Neff, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Council voted, 8-0, to accept and order received and filed the Allegheny North Tax Collection Committee Earned Income Tax Report from Keystone Collections for the month of February 2017.

Council went into Executive Session at 8:39 p.m. to discuss Litigation Matters regarding the LeCornu v. Borough of Sewickley lawsuit. The Executive Session concluded at 9:02 p.m.

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On motion of Mr. Neff, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, Council voted, 8-0, to not oppose the intervention of Mrs. Ronce or Mrs. Standish in the Hoey's Run – LeCornu lawsuits.

On motion of Mr. DeFazio, seconded by Mr. Rice, Council voted, 6-2, with Mrs. Goodman and Mr. Figley voting no, to oppose the Sunshine Act claim.

Adjournment:

On motion of Mr. Driscoll the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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KEVIN M. FLANNERY  
Borough Manager and Secretary

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SUSAN ALESHIRE  
President of Council