

BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012

President Robert Hague called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Susan Aleshire, Tom DeFazio, Charles Driscoll, Stan Ference, Carole Ford, Robert Glenn and James Morrill. Councilman Bill Cornman was absent due to work. Others in attendance were Jennifer Markus of Village Green, Mayor Brian Jeffe, Solicitor Richard Tucker, and Borough Manager Kevin M. Flannery.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jennifer Markus, of Village Green Partners, addressed Council and provided an update on activities in the Borough. Ms. Markus stated that Lucky Ink and Pink and Blue were closing due to the fact that the owners did not realize the time commitment required and that the owners wanted to spend more time with their children. The Naked Grape and Busy Bee are closing their shops in Sewickley, but will continue to do business in Sewickley, working out of their homes. Ms. Markus indicated that the good news is that Village Green has met with an advisory committee of merchants to work on future advertising opportunities within the business district. Village Green has begun to work with the Mayor and Borough Manager on the 2012 Yuletide Program. In addition, Village Green Partners will have sections about Sewickley in Whirl Magazine and Pittsburgh Magazine publications, which are due out in the next month.

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mrs. Ford, Council voted, 8-0, to approve the request to close Division Street on Sunday, June 24th for a street festival sponsored by the Sewickley Sons of Italy, Lodge 1277.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT/MEMBERS/MAYOR

Mayor Jeffe recapped the Memorial Day Weekend activities, indicating that the Flag Retirement Ceremony was very well attended, with the highest number of participants in any of the past years, followed by the fireworks, of which many compliments have come back. The 121st Memorial Day Parade, held on Monday, May 28th, lasted 1 hour and 22 minutes. The service at the cemetery had its largest crowd ever, with 188 people attending. The Mayor indicated that the Memorial Day Parade Committee has collected over \$20,000 in donations for the parade. The Mayor will be talking to the Parade Committee about the possibility of the Committee making a donation to the Borough of Sewickley to assist with the cost of the fireworks.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT/MEMBERS/MAYOR (continued)

Mayor Jeffe stated that a mirror is being placed at Locust Place and Division Street, per the recommendation of Chief Ersher. The mirror is expected to be placed during the week of June 18th and a report will be forwarded to Council in August as to the effect on traffic issues in the area of Locust Place and Division Street.

Council President Hague stated that a Special Council Meeting was advertised and held on Thursday, June 7, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., for the adoption of Borough of Sewickley Ordinance No. 1307, incurring a General Obligation Debt of \$3,500,000 for the completion of the Glen Osborne Sewer Interconnect Project and the Boundary Street Pump Station.

Council President Hague stated that a letter has been received from the PENNDOT contractor doing the work on Route 65, which will begin this week. There will be several lane closures on Route 65, from approximately the Beaver County Line to Camp Horne Road, with only one lane of traffic available during the road project.

Mrs. Ford was contacted personally by a user of the crosswalk at Little Street, asking if the crosswalk could be highlighted more.

Mr. Hague stated that he received calls from neighbors indicating that music was coming from the area of the Sewickley Hotel into the late evening. The Borough Manager will review this matter and advise Council.

Mr. Ference asked about the completion of the road markings on Chestnut Street. Borough Manager advised that the markings are planned to be completed by the end of June.

REPORT ON BUILDING INSPECTION. ZONING. PUBLIC WORKS AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Council reviewed the Building Inspector's Report, indicating that nine (9) permits were issued in April, with permit fees of \$2,176.00 on \$114,850 worth of construction. Thirty-Nine (39) building inspections were performed and thirteen (13) property maintenance inspections were performed.

Council reviewed the Public Works Report for May, highlighting the Memorial Day Weekend activities, composting, work on the playground equipment and the installation of the hanging baskets throughout town.

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**REPORT ON BUILDING INSPECTION. ZONING. PUBLIC WORKS AND
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (continued)**

Council reviewed the Wastewater Treatment Plant Report for May, indicating that 16.426 million gallons of sewage were treated. Council reviewed pictures regarding the Dystor repairs, which have been completed, and the Dystor is now making gas.

Council reviewed the Consulting Engineer's Report, highlighting the award of the Boundary Street Pump Station Project.

The Building Inspector's Report, Public Works Report, Wastewater Treatment Plant Report, and Consulting Engineer's Report were received and filed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Council reviewed the Solicitor's Report for May, highlighting the continuing work on the easements for the Glen Osborne Sewer Interconnect Project, the Village Theatre Project, a Solicitor Opinion on voting ethics and tax assessment appeals.

Council reviewed the Solicitor's Invoice in the amount of \$13,427.21.

Solicitor Tucker advised that the Quaker Valley School District was selling 14 Dickson Road, part of the estate of Edna M. Cottom.

Council reviewed the Jordan Tax Service Delinquent Tax and Municipal Claims Report for May, 2012, indicating that \$5,653.46 was collected in delinquent taxes.

Solicitor Tucker reviewed a lawsuit filed by Franklin J. Pounds against KLH Engineers, the Borough of Sewickley and Pipeline Systems. Mr. Pounds was an employee of Pipeline Systems during the July, 2010 incident at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Pounds is suing to obtain Workers' Compensation benefits.

The Solicitor's Report was received and filed.

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BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Borough Manager advised that the pre-construction meeting for the 2012 Road Project is scheduled with T.A. Robinson Asphalt Paving, Inc. for Tuesday, June 19, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. Following the meeting, a letter will be sent to the affected property owners, highlighting the road construction schedule.

Council reviewed a Long Term Debt Schedule, reflecting the Debt Service for the Glen Osborne Interconnect Project and the other Wastewater Treatment Plant projects. In addition, preliminary objections were filed by Arden, Inc. regarding the Railroad Street Pump Station in Glen Osborne. A hearing will be before Judge Della Vecchia on June 26, 2012. Council was in agreement to have Solicitor Tucker be available for that hearing.

There were several questions raised by Members of Council regarding the timetable associated with the construction of the Railroad Street Pump Station. Council indicated that they may need to review the timetable if the hearing on the preliminary objections to the easements is not settled within a timely manner.

Borough Manager advised that the 1997 Aerial Fire Truck was damaged on Memorial Day due to a driver error. The driver was administered drug and alcohol tests; there were no positive results. The driver has been suspended from driving duties with the Cochran Hose Co. and will be going through the fire department's retraining program. The insurance appraiser has reviewed the damage and will be forwarding an estimate to the Borough.

Bids for the Borough of Sewickley 1991 Pierce Lance Fire Truck will be opened on Thursday, June 14, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. A bid report will be prepared, with a possible award at the June 18th Council Meeting.

Council reviewed additions to the Senior Citizens Tax Relief List, approved by the Allegheny County Treasurer's Office.

Council reviewed an amended Advisor Disclosure Vetting (ADV) from Guyasuta Investment Advisors, Inc. The ADV is a requirement that must be submitted annually to the municipality and also when there is a change in the management of the pension advisor. Even though a Guyasuta ADV was previously submitted, Mr. Mathieson, who was president of the firm, has since left Guyasuta and joined his brother in another firm.

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BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT *(continued)*

Borough Manager advised that the 2012-2013 road salt order for the Borough of Sewickley will be 700 tons, and that the Borough currently has 812 tons available. Borough Manager advised that the 2-year average was approximately 1300 tons per year. Notices will be forwarded to the four municipalities that purchase salt from the Borough of Sewickley.

Borough Manager announced that Kelsey Rhea has resigned from the Borough of Sewickley Tree Commission due to the time commitment. An advertisement has been placed in the Sewickley Herald. It is anticipated that interviews will be scheduled for the Council Meeting on July 16th. A motion to accept the resignation will be on the agenda for the Council Meeting on Monday, June 18th.

Borough Manager reviewed the finalization plan for the Village at Sweetwater Plan of Lots, Building 100. Originally, the Village at Sweetwater development was approved for nineteen (19) units in three (3) buildings, but due to sales requests for two (2) bigger units, there has been a reduction in the number of units. The building footprint for Building 100 does not change; only the number of units changes, being reduced from six (6) units to five (5) units. The Planning Commission has recommended approval and a Public Hearing is scheduled before Council on Monday, 18th, at 7:30 p.m.

Borough Manager reviewed waiver forms for the workout area for use by employees and elected officials of the Borough.

Council reviewed the Small Municipality Separate Storm Sewer Systems Annual Report, commonly known as the MS4 Report. This will now become an ongoing project for staff as additional items must be added each and every year to the report.

Borough Manager reported that he had attended the Association for Pennsylvania Municipal Management Conference in Lancaster. The Borough Manager attended several sessions including budgeting in hard times, workplace civility, staff development, shared services and the latest in municipal storm water. Council also reviewed a Certificate of Achievement given to the Borough Manager for completing 220 hours of training.

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BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT *(continued)*

Borough Manager advised that the Aleppo Township Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on June 18, 2012 for the adoption of the Aleppo Township Zoning Ordinance. There were no comments offered by the Borough of Sewickley regarding the zoning ordinance.

The Borough Manager's report was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Ference, seconded by Mr. DeFazio, the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin M. Flannery
Borough Manager/Secretary

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