

Borough of Sewickley
Minutes of Council Meeting
May 14, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER &
ROLL CALL**

Chairman Neff called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. All council members were present for the meeting.

Chairman Neff explained that the Manager consolidated the agenda and that there will be a public comment period at the beginning of the meeting providing five minutes for each discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Kaminski, 443 Maple Lane, Edgeworth, expressed support for Explore Sewickley's Music Festival. Susan next questioned the public discussion portion of the council meetings. Marla conveyed that all items that council is taking action on are on the agenda. It is unclear on the public's agenda what the action items are. This will be remedied in the future.

Councilperson Allen conveyed her surprise at the agenda change.

Stan Southern, Minus LLC, 340 Ritter Road, spoke about the installation of a driveway at 550 Hopkins Street. He was informed by Nancy Watts that a building permit would be issued for his driveway before she resigned. He inquired as to why the permit was not issued.

Chairman Neff addressed Mr. Southern's inquiry explaining that Nancy was instructed not to issue any permits as of May 8.

Marla Marcinko clarified her prior discussion with Mr. Southern and stated that she has not yet reviewed the voluminous file yet. She spoke about the engineer's stormwater management reviews and grading requirements. In her opinion this is land development because it impacts the borough's stormwater system.

John Edson inquired about a resolution regarding outstanding issues related to 550 Hopkins Street.

Mike Steiner, and Bonnie Loya, 434 Centennial, requested a permit to hold a fundraiser for Animal Friends at the 400 block of Broad Street. Ten exotic cars would be on display. No date has been set. Neff directed them to submit an application for a permit for their event.

Dan Berecki, 703 Harbaugh Street, offered his assistance to the Borough as a volunteer.

Denise Shirley, 911 Centennial, and business owner at 424 Beaver Street, appreciates events; however, she also expressed aggravation about the amount of street closures in the borough. She does not feel that they are beneficial to the businesses. Discussion ensued between council members and Ms. Shirley.

Kris Lorang, 306 Bank Street, informed council that vehicles are speeding on his street.

Mayor Jeffe spoke about the upcoming Memorial Day festivities. This will be the 128th year for the parade.

Larry Rice commented that the Mayor's normal slot on the agenda was omitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary. Motion was made by Mullins, seconded by Renner to appoint Marla Marcinko as Borough Secretary. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS Cont. **Open Records Officer.** Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by Figley to appoint Erin Sakalik as Open Records Officer. Motion carried.

Minutes. Motion was made by Mullins, seconded by Renner to accept the Minutes from the April 9, 2019, council meeting. Motion carried.

Financial Reports. Figley motioned to accept the financial reports. Renner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Closure of Kramer Street. Motion was made by Allen, seconded by van der Vaart to approve the closure of Kramer Street from Bridge to Chestnut Street for the Sewickley Car Store on June 22. Motion carried. An unidentified council member inquired as to the purpose of the closure. Discussion ensued.

Closure of Division Street. Motion was made by Renner, seconded by Allen to approve the closure on July 6 from 1 to 10 p.m. for Christopher's Kitchen Fundraiser. Motion carried. An Councilman van der Vaart inquired about the specific location. Renner also asked for clarity. Discussion ensued.

Chadwick Field. This item was deleted from the agenda because the event already occurred.

RESOLUTIONS

2019-10 Appointing Marla as CAO. Figley motioned, Rice seconded the motion, motion carried.

2019-11 Establishing procedures for Heart and Lung act benefits. Rice made a motion, Renner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2019-12 Appointing trustees to deferred comp plan. Dunn made a motion, van der Vaart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2019-13 Appointing the building code official. Renner made a motion, seconded by Dunn. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 1365; Parking Authority. The Solicitor called upon Rich Webb for his comments. A lengthy discussion ensued. Motion was made by van der Vaart, seconded by Rice to adopt Ordinance 1365. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1366; Intergovernmental Cooperation between Sewickley and Leetsdale to prepare an Act 537 Plan. Mullins made a motion, seconded by Renner to adopt Ordinance 1366. Motion carried. RCV: Allen – NO, Denk – Yes, Dunn – Yes, Figley – Yes, Mullins – Yes, Neff – Yes, Renner – Yes, Rice – Yes, van der Vaart – Yes.

REPORTS

Mullins inquired about obtaining a detailed report of the road projects for 2019 and sidewalk repairs. Denk asked about the new business packet by Explore Sewickley.

Alex Lancianese from Explore Sewickley spoke about their Art and Music Festival. She asked to amend their request for the closure on Broad Street. Several unidentified people contributed to the discussion. Jeff asked Explore Sewickley to formalize their request, and it will be voted on at the June meeting.

REPORTS Cont.

Councilman Rice inquired about the Wastewater Treatment Plant Report.

Mullins asked about the status of the docks. Marla will look into this.

The Solicitor provided a verbal report. Several council members had questions for Mr. Tucker.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A-frame sign ordinance. Councilman Rice explained this was discussed last September. Marla conveyed that the Planning Commission had recommendations. The proposed ordinance was sent to Allegheny County PC for comment and response. A document was created, which included the recommendations from the County. She has a red-lined document. Rice asked the managers to look it over for completeness and offer suggestions.

Agenda format. Marla asked the council if the new agenda format was acceptable to them. She also inquired about their attachment to BoardDocs. Discussion ensued about the format, meeting minutes, and highlights of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

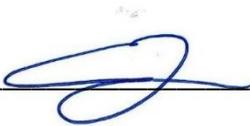
Chairman Neff announced that at this time council will meet in Executive Session. (8:48 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

JEFF NEFF
Council President



MARLA P. MARCINKO
Borough Manager