

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

SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

The meeting of the Borough Council was called to order at 7 p.m. by Council President Jeff Neff presiding and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed to remember the lives lost in the 911 attacks 18 years ago.

Roll Call showed the following members present:

Larry Rice	John Dunn	Sean Figley	Cynthia Mullins
Todd Renner	Jeff Neff	Christine Allen	Hendrick van der Vaart

Councilmember Michelle Denk was absent.

Also present were Mayor Brian Jeffe, Borough Solicitor Richard Tucker, Borough Manager Marla Marcinko and Assistant Manager Erin Sakalik.

Comments from Mayor/Council President:

Mayor Jeffe acknowledged the collaborative efforts in making Harvest Day a huge success. Over 4,000 people attended. He recognized the efforts of Rotary, Kiwanis, Sewickley Police Department, Cochran Hose Company and especially the Borough's Department of Public Works. Mr. Neff echoed the Mayor's sentiments.

Public Comment:

Pamela Gaynor, 865 Nevin Avenue, distributed a packet to Council showing blighted properties in her neighborhood. She inquired about the status of enforcement action on 860 Nevin Avenue. Mrs. Sakalik conveyed that the property has an open building permit and according to the building code official we must give them time to complete their renovations. Ms. Gaynor stated that some improvements had started, but they have since ceased.

Ms. Gaynor also inquired about 915 Cook Street. She would like to see stricter code enforcement. Mr. Neff commented on the process and stated that the goal is to achieve compliance and avoiding the use of public resources to remediate issues on private property.

Clint Soderstrom, 305 Centennial Avenue, expressed concern about speeding on Centennial, between Grimes and Blackburn. It is a safety issue for children playing outside and he would like to understand what options may be available to improve safety in the area. Mayor Jeffe stated that speed monitoring signs have been ordered.

Bridgette Bates, 620 Grove Street, echoed Mr. Soderstrom's concerns and commented on a lack of sight distance at Grimes and Centennial.

Mrs. Marcinko explained that an engineering study would need to be conducted, in order to determine is a stop sign is warranted at any intersection.

A motion was made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. van der Vaart, to approve Resolution 2019-18 approving paving of Green Street and reimbursement to the Parking Authority. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Ms. Mullins, second by Mr. Dunn, to approve Resolution No. 2019-18 requesting a grant from the RAAC in the amount of \$100,000 for the War Memorial Culvert Replacement Project. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Figley, to approve Resolution 2019-19 requesting a grant from RAAC in the amount of \$150,000 for the War Memorial Park Stream Restoration Project. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Renner, seconded by Mr. van der Vaart, to award Contract 19-ST02 – War Memorial Culvert Replacement Project to Beech Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$37,498.50 subject to Beech Construction obtaining the required insurance certification and bonds and review and approval of the same by the Borough Solicitor prior to execution of the Agreement by the Borough. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. van der Vaart, to approve the following budget calendar:

- *July 24, budget worksheets distributed to department heads*
- *August 26 – September 6, review departmental budget worksheets and meet with department heads to begin expense budgeting process, review additional expenditure needs and revise Capital Improvement Plan*
- *September 9 – September 30, preliminary forecasts of revenues. Compile budget figures and calculate surplus/deficit. Request additional justification from departments*
- *October 1 – October 3, review and balance preliminary budget, update 2019 projections with September actuals*
- *Friday, October 4, distribute proposed 2020 budget to council*
- *Saturday, October 12, 7:30 a.m. Budget Review Meeting*
- *Tuesday, October 29, Budget Review Meeting, if needed*
- *Tuesday, November 12, introduce 2020 Budget at Council meeting*
- *Wednesday, November 13, budget and taxing ordinances open to public inspection in Borough Manager's office*
- *Wednesday, November 13, advertise 2020 budget and taxing ordinance and adoption date*
- *Tuesday, December 10, adopt the 2020 Budget Ordinance and the 2020 Taxing Ordinances*
- *Wednesday, December 11, advertise the adoption of the 2020 Budget Ordinance and Taxing Ordinances*

Motion carried 8-0.

Financial Reports:

A motion was made by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Dunn, to accept the financial reports, which included the following:

- Statement of Revenue/Expense Compared to Budget for General Fund
- Statement of Revenue/Expense Compared to Budget for Sewer Fund

- Balance Sheet General Fund
- Balance Sheet Sewer Fund
- Monthly Account Balances
- Vehicle Expense Report
- Approving Bills to be Paid

Motion carried 8-0.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business to come before Council.

Consent Agenda:

Mr. Renner made a motion to accept the consent agenda, which contained the following reports:

- Code Enforcement – Harshman
- Cochran Hose Company
- Police
- Public Works
- Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Earned Income Tax Collection Update

Mr. Dunn seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-0.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Dick Tucker provided his report, invoice, Jordan Tax Service report, Sheriff's sale report, report on tax assessment appeals.

Discussion Items and Announcements:

Delvin Miller, Vice Chairman of the Parking Authority, suggested that additional Borough streets may be paved if there is excess quantity under the contract.

Mr. Miller also commented on taking parking tickets to citation.

Executive Session

The meeting recessed at 9:25 p.m. and Council went into Executive Session at 9:30 p.m. to discuss litigation.

Council came out of Executive Session at 10:25 p.m. and the meeting was reconvened.

Mayor Jeffe commented that he was opposed to the tone of policy of the Parking Authority, as it is damaging to the business community. He commented that it is not appropriate to allow appointed, not elected, officials set the policy for the town. He would like to eliminate the Parking Authority and return power and control to Borough Council.

On motion of Councilwoman Allen, second by Councilman Renner, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



MARLA P. MARCINKO
Borough Manager, Secretary



JEFF NEFF
President of Council