

SEWICKLEY HILLS BOROUGH
Monday April 12, 2016 General Council Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Sewickley Hills Borough Municipal/Recreational Building, located at 349 Magee Road, Sewickley, PA 15143-9117.

PRESENT: Cynthia Phillips, Lucille Guttendorf, Jack Faulkner, Natasha Brandenburg, Lawrence (Randy) Newman, Mayor David Malarik, Arthur Leonard (Solicitor), Emile Ketterer (Engineer), Wayne Hyjek (Treasurer), Diana Steele (Secretary)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

CITIZENS ATTENDED: Craig Rowland, Joe Hajnas, Sr., and Joe Hajnas Jr., Chief Micklos, Joe Warick, Don Fogel, Doug Throckmorton

CITIZENS & GUESTS: Mrs. Phillips asks if there are any issues not on the agenda that anyone would like to discuss.

MINUTE APPROVAL: Mrs. Phillips asks if Council has reviewed March 8, 2016 meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mrs. Guttendorf to approve the meeting minutes from March 8, 2016, seconded by Mr. Newman motion is carried with all in favor.

Mrs. Brandenburg mentions the appointment of Douglas Throckmorton to the Vacancy Board was omitted from the minutes as it occurred after the meeting was adjourned.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Hyjek states the following balances in the Borough's bank accounts:

PNC	\$596.31
FNB	\$127,783.52
A/R	\$6,666.09
Sanitary	\$58,113.54
Capital Reserve	\$84,403.18

Mr. Warick asked questions regarding total expenditures to rehabilitate the sanitary sewer lines. Mrs. Ketterer answered with some of the costs incurred that included the pump station repairs, sanitary line rehabilitation project, dye testing, easement recording costs, etc. but, had no final tally of expenditures. Mr. Warick also wanted to know precisely how many homes are on the sanitary sewer lines; Mr. Hyjek answered a total of 73 households.

POLICE REPORT: Mayor Malarik states the Police Report had 17 calls, five were auto related the others were minor calls. Chief Micklos was asked if he has set up the Speed Limit digital sign on Red Mud Hollow Road at the intersection with the Woods of Sewickley Hills. He stated that OTPD installed radar on the road and calculated approximately 5000 to 7000 autos daily with an average of 41 M.P.H. speeds reported. The speed limit is posted at 40 m.p.h. He further stated that between the hours of 7 and 8 a.m. seemed to show the most speeding. He will install speed traps and follow-up with a report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: **Pump Station:** Mrs. Ketterer reported Tri-State Maintenance has not responded to her requests for the cleaning of the pump station. Mrs. Ketterer to hire another contractor to perform the necessary work.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mrs. Guttendorf to spend up to \$3,500.00 to have a contractor perform the work necessary at the pump station to remove the sludge, seconded by Mr. Newman; the motion is carried with all in favor.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: **OTSA Transfer:** Attorney Leonard reported he is waiting on the pump station repairs to be completed before contacting OTSA for transfer of lines.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: **QVRA:** Ms. Steele stated as of this date QVRA has not presented any plans for expansion of the parking area. Their soccer season began on April 5, 2016 and will continue until June 2, 2016. Mrs. Brandenburg asked if they had submitted a certificate of insurance, Ms. Steele to contact Coach Chris and request it be submitted to the Borough immediately. The other issue outstanding with QVRA, they are using our soccer fields sans a signed contract.

Wick Landscaping: Wick Landscaping submitted a bid to repair/replace the Sewickley Hills Drive sign and the 30 M.P.H. sign on Magee Road at a cost of \$289.00.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Faulkner to have Wick Landscaping repair/replace the Sewickley Hills Drive sign and the 30 M.P.H. sign on Magee Road at a cost of \$289.00, seconded by Mrs. Brandenburg, motion is carried with all in favor.

Hunt Road Repairs: Mr. Rowland reported Wick Landscaping, at the request of Council, made repairs to the potholes and drainage issues on Hunt Road on April 1, 2016. He stated they did an excellent job and also opened the drainage ditch that carries water from Bell Acres.

Road Maintenance: Ms. Steele reported Wick Landscaping submitted a bid for road maintenance for the Borough. The Council to review his bid documents and make a determination at the next Council meeting. Mr. Faulkner will make his recommendations at that time.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Kevin Drive: Mrs. Phillips reported another resident called to compliment the Borough for the work that was done to rehabilitate Kevin and Demar Drives.

Sewage on Hunt Road: Mrs. Phillips asked if Mr. Throckmorton has contracted Economy Septic to complete further work on the sewage system. Mr. Throckmorton stated he will be scheduling a dye test in the next month or two to find the source of the problem.

Mr. Rowland stated Sewickley Heights is doing repair work to Hunt Road and also the DEP is testing on Sewickley Creek. He suggests retesting where the run-off occurs on Hunt Road.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Faulkner to spend up to \$250.00 to test the water on Hunt Road at one location previously found to be a problem, seconded by Mrs. Brandenburg, roll call is taken, Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Faulkner, Mrs. Brandenburg, Mrs. Guttendorf carry the motion with Mr. Newman voting nay.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Phillips asks Council if they have reviewed the bills for payment and asks for a motion to approve.

Mr. Newman questions who needs to sign the Borough checks and stated he read in the PSAB magazine there are certain parameters in place for signage. He will research the issue and report to Council at a subsequent meeting.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Newman to approve the bills for payment as presented, seconded by Mrs. Brandenburg; roll call is taken with all in favor.

There is a duplicate bill and subsequent check payable to Penn National Insurance for \$178.00, Mr. Hyjek stated one was in error and he will void.

McLaughlin Distillery: Mr. Fogel stated he has seen signage at the intersection of Mt. Nebo Road and Interstate 79 that appears to be homemade and asked if Council was aware. Mr. Phillips stated that she has had discussions with Mr. McLaughlin regarding the signage.

Mr. Faulkner stated that he would happy to donate American flags to the Borough when necessary.

Mrs. Brandenburg stated the Building Committee made a profit of \$22.00 from the Easter Bunny Breakfast.

Mrs. Brandenburg emailed a draft of the Spring 2016 Newsletter to Council for their suggestions. She is hoping to have it mailed within the next week.

Mrs. Brandenburg stated she has had a couple of complaints regarding the building rental situation. She stated further that there is no report of when the building is rented or to whom; perhaps Mrs. Kovacs should produce a report. Mrs. Phillips stated she will contact Mrs. Kovacs.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Faulkner to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m., seconded by Mr. Newman, motion carried with all in favor.

*Respectfully submitted
Diana Steele-Secretary*

