

SEWICKLEY HILLS BOROUGH
Tuesday, March 14, 2017 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, Natasha Brandenburg, Lucille Guttendorf, Joseph H. Hajnas, Mayor David Malarik, Arthur Leonard (Solicitor), Wayne Hyjek (Treasurer), Diana Steele (Secretary)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jack Faulkner

CITIZENS ATTENDED: Craig Rowland, Joe Hajnas Sr., Chief Micklos, Don Fogel, Hunter Hopkins, Michael Lapore

CITIZENS & GUESTS: Mrs. Phillips asks if there are any issues not on the agenda that anyone would like to discuss. No response.

MINUTE APPROVAL: Mrs. Phillips asks if Council has reviewed February 14, 2017 meeting minutes for approval. She had one minor change regarding her response to the logging ordinance and asked Ms. Steele to change.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mrs. Brandenburg to approve the meeting minutes from February 14, 2017, seconded by Mrs. Guttendorf, motion is carried with all in favor.

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

PNC	\$ 46,341.35
FNB	\$264,898.94
Sanitary	\$39,903.54
Capital Reserve	\$85,386.88

Mr. Hyjek reported that \$19,756.55 was deposited into the Liquid Fuels account on March 1, 2017.

Mrs. Guttendorf questioned a Duquesne Light reduction to the sanitary account for the pump station the amount was \$164.18, Ms. Steele to contact Duquesne Light and ask what period the deduction represented.

POLICE REPORT: Mayor Malarik states there were 10 Police related calls in February, three were auto related, five being weather related, all in all it was a light month. Chief Micklos has nothing to add.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: There was nothing on the agenda for Mrs. Ketterer to address.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Atty. Leonard had nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Ms. Steele reminded all members of Council the Statement of Financial Interests are due at the Borough by May 1, 2017.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: **Easter Breakfast:** Mrs. Brandenburg stated the event was cancelled for lack of volunteers.

Playground: Mrs. Brandenburg stated there is nothing to report on the Playground at this time.

Newsletter: Mrs. Brandenburg stated the Spring Newsletter will be emailed to Council this week for their approval before mailing to the residents.

QVRA: Mrs. Brandenburg stated there was a response from QVRA that they will not be using the soccer fields this year, but would like to keep their options open, they would like to continue to store their shed on the grounds and will keep up with the grass cutting. Mrs. Brandenburg is to respond to the email from Chris Karwoski.

Bills to be paid: Mrs. Phillips asks if there are any questions regarding the bills being passed to Council for payment.

MOTION: A motion is made by Mrs. Brandenburg to approve paying the bills, seconded by Mrs. Guttendorf, roll call is taken with all in favor.

OTSA: Mrs. Guttendorf reported her attendance at the OTSA meeting, the members stated they are completely finished with the turnover and they are making repairs to the pump station. She has drafted a letter to be mailed to the residents on the sanitary lines explaining the borrowing of funds from the Borough to transfer to the sanitary account in the amount of \$44,046.51, the account is \$4,142.97 short, if divided equally among the residents on the sanitary lines it would be approximately \$56.75 per household. The transfer will not take place until the Duquesne Light bill and a couple of past due monies have been resolved.

Insurance Policy: Mrs. Guttendorf is looking at the Borough insurance policy to explore a better rate and better coverage.

Fee Schedule: Mr. Hajnas reported he has taken the responsibility of updating our Fee Schedule. He has downloaded information regarding the properties scattered around the Borough that are owned by the Borough. Ms. Steele called C.W. Howard Insurance Company and was told they are covered under an umbrella policy.

Mr. Hajnas reported there seems to be a disconnect between the fee schedule and the services provided by the Borough he feels there are some adjustments necessary and will report at an upcoming meeting his findings. He is also working on the several applications available at the Borough office for services.

Sugarbush and McLaughlin: Mrs. Phillips stated that final plan submission for the Sugarbush Phases I and II and the PRD have been submitted to the Planning Commission for the meeting to be held on March 21, 2017. There is also a request for Conditional Use submitted by the McLaughlin Distillery. Mrs. Phillips encouraged all members of Council to attend the Planning Commission meeting.

Blackburn Road: There has been a complaint sent to the Borough office regarding the property on Blackburn Road owned by Mr. Joseph A. Hajnas and Mr. Joseph H. Hajnas. Mr. Hajnas stated that he will be submitting a demolition permit to redevelop the site as residential property.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: A motion is made by Mrs. Guttendorf to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Phillips, motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted
Diana Steele-Secretary