

**SEWICKLEY HILLS BOROUGH**  
**Tuesday, August 11, 2020**  
**General Council Meeting Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Hajnas called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m. at the Sewickley Hills Borough Municipal/Recreational Building, located at 349 Magee Road, Sewickley, PA 15143-9117.

PRESENT: Joseph H. Hajnas, Jack Faulkner, Cynthia Phillips, Michael Lepore, Teresa Hartle, Andrew Shannon (Solicitor), Diana Steele (Secretary), Mayor Malarik, Betsy Rengers (Treasurer)

GUESTS: Craig Rowland, Don Fogel, Michael Ott, Chief Hanney, Tom Klixbull, Spencer Kries, Keith Kries, Paul Cory, Hunter Hopkins

CITIZENS & GUESTS: **Aleppo Township Sanitary Authority:** Mr. Hajnas asks if there is anything not on the agenda to be discussed. Michael Ott stated that he has been attending the Aleppo Township Sanitary Authority meetings. Aleppo, Glenfield, Sewickley Heights, and Sewickley Hills are the municipalities to potentially participate in a feasibility study at a cost of \$11,000 to be divided between the proposed participants. Sewickley and Leetsdale have been in negotiation to have Leetsdale accept the sewage, Leetsdale stated they would upgrade their facilities to accept Sewickley along with Aleppo, Glenfield, Sewickley Heights and Sewickley Hills.

**Resolution:** A resolution is proposed to spend up to \$2,750 to engage in a feasibility study with Aleppo Township Sanitary Authority. Atty. Shannon to prepare Resolution number 3 of 2020.

**MOTION:** A motion is made by Mr. Faulkner to engage in a feasibility study with Aleppo Township Sanitary Authority, authorizing up to \$2,750 for engineering fees, seconded by Ms. Hartle, roll call is taken with Ms. Phillips, Mr. Hajnas in favor, Mr. Lepore votes nay.

Mr. Lepore expressed his concern for citizens being burdened with tap-in fees and tax ramifications. Ms. Phillips stated there are some residents that have no system at all.

**Demar Drive:** Mr. Paul Coury stated his concern over interest in the cul-de-sac activity at the right-of-way on Demar Drive. Mr. Hajnas stated nothing has

been submitted to the Borough to date. Pending any plans submitted to the Borough would be presented before the Planning Commission, the Council and a public hearing would be held prior to any approval.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Mr. Hajnas asks if Council has reviewed July 14, 2020 meeting minutes for approval.

**MOTION: A motion is made by Ms. Hartle to approve July 14, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Phillips, motion is carried with all in favor, Mr. Faulkner abstains.**

POLICE REPORT:

Mayor Malarik stated there were 14 police calls in July with 3 being ambulance, 6 were minor. The speeding on Fairhill Road has been addressed by the Ohio Township Police Department. Ms. Hartle stated there has been increases speeding on Magee Road, Chief Hanney stated he will add more surveillance.

Ms. Phillips stated the need for a letter to be addressed to PennDot regarding the ponding issue on Magee Road that was not repaired satisfactorily following the PennDOT representatives meeting with Council last year and asks that a letter be sent to PennDOT requesting further action be taken.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Atty. Shannon stated a Resolution needs to be passed by Council for the Reserve Sewage Facility turned over to Ohio Township Sanitary Authority.

**Resolution:** Number 2 of 2020 for the Reserve Sewage Facility to OTSA.

**MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Lepore to pass Resolution # 2 of 2020 to sign the Sewage Facility at the Reserve, seconded by Ms. Phillips, the motion passes with all in favor.**

Ms. Phillips stated her concerns regarding increased vehicular traffic on Red Mud Hollow Road with the construction of new subdivisions accessing that road. Atty. Shannon stated he would look into any action the Borough could take to avert future issues impacting Borough residents.

Mr. Klixbull stated the Planning Commission should meet to discuss updates impacting the Borough.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Rengers stated the check register is from July 15, 2020 to August 11, 2020. There has been \$8,365.24 collected in delinquent taxes and asked if the ½ mil of collected tax should go to OTVFD, it will be discussed at the

August 25, 2020 Council Work Meeting. Mrs. Rengers stated some of the Borough bank accounts exceed the amount insured by the FDIC. Options to be discussed at the Council August 25, 2020 work meeting. Ms. Phillips asked to have a representative from PLGIT attend a Council meeting for their options.

Ms. Phillips asked that Ms. Rengers submit to the Council on Fridays prior to the Council meeting all financial statements, the check register, and budget to actual reports. Ms. Rengers stated she would.

Mr. Lepore asked for the percentage of rental refunds that have occurred over the last few months due to the COVID pandemic.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Mr. Hajnas asks for a motion to approve the bills as written.

**MOTION:** A motion is made by Ms. Phillips to approve the bills as written, seconded by Ms. Hartle, roll call is taken with all in favor.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Ms. Steele recognized Mr. Hajnas for all the services he has accomplished, unrecognized over the past few months.

**Copier:** Ms. Steele mentioned the need for a new copier. Ms. Phillips stated it may behoove the Borough to rent rather than purchase. Ms. Hartle will take the responsibility of exploring the options.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Snow Bids:** Mr. Hajnas mentioned the Council will meet on August 25, 2020 to open snow removal bids.

**Christmas Party:** Mr. Hajnas asked if Council would approve having a Volunteer Christmas Party this December and stated there are two dates available, December 12 or December 19, 2020. Council unanimously accepted December 12, 2020 as a better date. Ms. Steele to let Mrs. Kovaks know to save the date.

**Roadside Funds:** Mr. Hajnas stated he used a portion of the roadside funds approved at the July Council meeting to have 300 lineal feet of Fairhill Road cleared.

**COVID update:** Mr. Hajnas gave an update to the COVID pandemic on the Borough, in particular the rental situation.

Mr. Hajnas asked if Ms. Phillips has any updated information pertaining to the CARES Act reimbursement monies to the Borough for COVID related expenses. Ms. Phillips stated she has not received the signed documents from the DCED to date. Ms. Phillips stated further that the expenses related to the OTPD from March through October of 2020 will be reimbursable up to \$20,000. Ms. Phillips asked for approval for her to sign the documents when they are submitted to the Borough.

**MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Lepore to permit Ms. Phillips to sign the CARES act documents, seconded by Ms. Hartle; motion is carried with all in favor.**

Mr. Faulkner asked if the notary fees for the Affidavits of Residency would be reimbursable, Atty. Shannon will look into the legality.

**Generator:** Mr. Faulkner stated the continued need for a generator at the Borough building and asked Don Fogel to share the information he has obtained. Mr. Fogel stated he has a quote from Woodhyrst Inc. for \$25,690.90 for complete installation, this estimate is approximately a year old. Moving forward with this acquisition would mean an advertisement for quotes. Ms. Hartle will look into some companies that offer the same size generator that the Borough already has a quote from.

Ms. Phillips stated the need to have window coverings on the windows reflecting sunlight. She stated Leet Township used an auto tinting company and would get bids.

Ms. Phillips stated since we have the new audio recorder it would be unnecessary to use the large speakers and audio recorder used in the past. Mr. Hajnas stated he would like to continue to use the old equipment as a back up.

Ms. Phillips asked about the logistics of having a Borough wide curbside leaf pick-up program.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Lapore to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m., seconded by Ms. Phillips; motion is carried with all in favor.**

*Respectfully submitted*  
*Diana Steele- Secretary*

