

**SEWICKLEY HILLS BOROUGH**  
**Tuesday, September 8, 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 (via telephone), Teresa Hartle, Andrew Shannon (Solicitor), Diana Steele (Secretary), Mayor Malarik, Betsy Rengers (Treasurer)

GUESTS: Craig Rowland, Chief Hanny, Tom Klixbull

CITIZENS & GUESTS:

MINUTE APPROVAL: Mr. Hajnas asks if Council has reviewed August 11, 2020 meeting minutes for approval.

**MOTION:** A motion is made by Ms. Hartle to approve August 11, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Faulkner motion is carried with all in favor.

Mr. Hajnas stated he would like to ask for a motion to table August 25, 2020 meeting minutes to verify information.

**MOTION:** A motion is made by Mr. Lepore to table the August 25, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Hartle, motion is carried with all in favor.

**Woods School Bus Stop:** Mr. Lepore reported that he was contacted via email by Steve Guyton the Woods HOA President regarding the bus stop failure on the first day of school, September 8, 2020. Mr. Guyton sent emails to the Quaker Valley superintendent and also Monarch bus company to frame his complaint. Mr. Lepore asked Chief Hanny if he could ask officers to patrol the Woods entrance during the time the children are boarding the school buses for the next couple of days to be assured the children are boarding safely.

**Memorial to 9/11/2001:** Ms. Phillips wished to extend gratitude to our Police Department and all First Responders in memory of 9/11.

POLICE REPORT: Mayor Malarik stated there were 12 police calls in August stating further it is calm and quiet in the Borough.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Hajnas reported Mrs. Ketterer is filling in paperwork for the Planning Module for the Reserve.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Atty. Shannon stated that he could find no precedence for Council members to be reimbursed for their notary fees for the Affidavit of Residency.

TREASURER'S REPORT: **Delinquent Real Estate Tax:** Mrs. Rengers stated the delinquent taxes have been collected and Mr. Hajnas will review for what is owed to the OTVFD.

**MOTION: A motion is made to approve \$1,472.75 be paid to OTVFD for 2019 by Ms. Hartle, seconded by Mr. Faulkner, roll call is taken with all in favor.**

Mr. Hajnas stated his gratitude to Mrs. Rengers for her roll as Treasurer for the Borough and thanked her for her service, it is with regret that Mr. Hajnas and Council accepted her resignation.

Mr. Hajnas stated that an interim audit will need to be performed due to the Treasurer's resignation.

**Salt Contract:** Mr. Lepore stated the salt contract was for a two year period with a third year option. He stated further that the \$500 fee for October is probably optional due to the change in circumstance of our contract with Wick Landscaping. Mr. Lepore stated that Tom Huddleston didn't have a problem with the dissolution of the contract. There is also the situation of what to do about the 32 ton of salt leftover at a cost of \$69/ton. Atty. Shannon will draft a letter to Sewickley Heights with a copy to Glen Osborne stating the reason for our dissolution of the contract for salt storage.

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, with Mr. Lepore abstaining.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Ms. Steele stated she has nothing to report.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: **Zerorez:** Mr. Hajnas stated that it has been three months since Zerorez disinfected the building and asked Council to approve a treatment be applied as soon as possible with a second treatment after November 3, 2020 Election Day.

**MOTION:** A motion is made by Ms. Phillips to approve up to \$1,500 for two Zerorez applications, one scheduled as soon as possible, second application after the November 3, 2020 Election, seconded by Ms. Hartle, roll call is taken and motion is carried with all in favor.

Mr. Hajnas stated at the August 25, 2020 meeting funds were approved up to \$500 to run ads in the Post-Gazette for the Part-time Treasurer's position. The ads ran over that amount by \$340, and he is asking for approval of the additional funds.

**MOTION:** A motion is made by Ms. Phillips to approve additional funds of \$340 for the Treasurer's ads, seconded by Ms. Hartle, roll call is taken and motion is carried with all in favor.

Mr. Hajnas mentioned he explored the damages from woodpeckers to the Borough building at the attic window, he will make the repairs.

Ms. Phillips stated she has no information regarding tinting for the windows in the great room to date.

**CARES Act:** Ms. Phillips stated she has all the information necessary to submit Allegheny County for the CARES Act, the invoice for the OTPD, for the period of March 2020 to the present, will be submitted for a payment up to \$20,000 to help with expenses incurred during the COVID 19 pandemic.

**Election Day:** Ms. Phillips stated that the Election on November 3, 2020 will be staffed by volunteers and is asking for \$200 to buy additional supplies and a meal for the volunteers.

**MOTION:** A motion is made by Ms. Hartle to approve \$200 expenditure for additional supplies and a meal for the Election Day volunteers, seconded by Ms. Phillips, roll call is taken and motion is carried with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

**MOTION:** A motion is made by Mr. Lapore to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m., seconded by Ms. Hartle; motion is carried with all in favor.

*Respectfully submitted*  
*Diana Steele- Secretary*