

**SEWICKLEY HILLS BOROUGH**  
**Tuesday, October 8, 2019**  
**General Council Meeting Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Phillips 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: Cynthia Phillips, Jack Faulkner, Michael Lepore, Joseph H. Hajnas, Andrew Shannon (Solicitor), Mayor Malarik, Diana Steele (Secretary), Betsy Rengers (Treasurer), Emile Ketterer (Engineer)

ABSENT: Lucille Guttendorf

GUESTS: Don Fogel, Chief Hanney, Craig Rowland, Ryan Andrews, Tom Klixbull, Teresa Hartle, Jennifer Smith, Barb Ponetta, Steve Guyton

CITIZENS & GUESTS: Mrs. Phillips states there are five (5) residents present that are seeking a seat on the Council and/or Planning Commission. Ms. Steele call on each to state their name and the reason they are seeking a seat on either Council or the Planning Commission.

**Teresa Hartle:** Has been a life long (52 year) resident of the Borough and would like to get involved with the community, she has volunteered all her life.

**Ryan Andrews:** Lives on Sweetwater Drive in the Woods of Sewickley Hills for seven (7) years having moved here from Seattle, Washington, he would life to get involved in the Community. He is willing to serve in either capacity.

**Tom Klixbull:** Has lived in the Borough for 40 years and served as President of Council and served on the Planning Commission. He would like to be more involved in the changes coming to the Borough. Mr. Klixbull stated he retired from the Council seven (7) years ago and has been serving on the Planning Commission. He was involved at the inception of the Villages at Sewickley Hills aka the Reserve and would like to be involved in the conclusion of the construction to come.

**Jennifer Smith:** Moved to the Borough seven (7) years ago but was born and raised in the Borough. She is interested in a Council seat as she would like to participate in the Borough's decisions. Ms. Smith stated also she would like to see the development continue in the Borough, have more activities with neighborhood involvement.

**Steve Guyton:** Moved to the Borough in May of 2018 and would like to address issues regarding the Borough and how they relate to the Woods at Sewickley Hills, primarily the exit from the Woods.

Mr. Hajnas stressed to the candidates that any position held by a Council member of Planning Commission is uncompensated.

Mr. Faulkner stated that he would like to see the Council extend the members from five to seven to have diversity of members from different areas of the Borough.

Mrs. Phillips stated there are two candidates from the Woods and she would like to see an increase in the Planning Commission from five members to seven to have more variety of people from different areas of the Borough and a candidate from the Woods would extend that diversity.

**Don Fogel:** Mr. Fogel is interested in filling a vacant seat on the Planning Commission he has lived in the Borough for 30 years and recently retired from his job and has the time to devote to help in the planning of the Borough as it moves forward.

Mrs. Phillips thanked all the candidates applying for Borough positions and stated that a decision would be made at the October 22, 2019 Council Work meeting.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Mrs. Phillips asks if Council if everyone has reviewed the minutes from July 30, 2019 for approval.

**MOTION:** A motion is made by Mr. Lapore to approve July 30, 2019 meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Faulkner, motion is carried with all in favor.

Mrs. Phillips asks if Council if everyone has reviewed the minutes from August 13, 2019 for approval, with minor changes.

**MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Faulkner to approve August 13, 2019 meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Lapore, motion is carried with all but Mr. Hajnas in favor, Mr. Hajnas opposed.**

Mrs. Phillips asks if Council if everyone has reviewed the minutes from September 10, 2019 for approval, with one minor change as amended.

**MOTION: A motion is made by Mr. Lapore to approve September 10, 2019 meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Faulkner, motion is carried with all in favor.**

POLICE REPORT:

Mayor Malarik states there were a total of 15 calls to the OTPD in September, there were 3 alarm calls, it was a quiet month. Chief Hanney agreed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Ketterer states that Mr. Hajnas is better equipped to report on Hunt Road and the work that has been done since the last heavy rainfall. Mrs. Ketterer did report however, that the culvert pipe has been cleaned and televised and is in good shape. The Grant for additional road funds was sent in July, the notification of Grant approval will be sometime in November.

Mrs. Ketterer stated that the storm drain that was reported as leaking in front of 32 Canter Drive is a perforated pipe and no connected to the inlet pipe, therefore, there is no Borough involvement.

Mrs. Ketterer stated she will have the condition of the Borough roads assessment prepared for the November, 2019 Council meeting, she will do a cost estimate over the next three (3) years to plan ahead for budgeting and planning purposes.

Mr. Hajnas reported there were complaints from a resident on Hunt Road following the last heavy rainfall, it was corrected by residents of the Borough, himself, Craig Rowland and Ken Mosi volunteered their time and labor to correct the problem as soon as possible. Mr. Hajnas reported that to date they have spread 70 tons of limestone on Hunt Road.

Barb Pontello, a resident of Hunt Road stated that private citizens shouldn't do borough work, she also expressed her appreciation for the efforts of these volunteers. Mr. Hajnas explained that these volunteers were trying to get Hunt Road to a passable point after the extreme rainfall.

Mrs. Ketterer stated that \$81,000 has been spent to rehabilitate the upper half of Hunt Road in Sewickley Hills, a contractor will have to roll it off, bids should be presented at the October 22, 2019 meeting.

Mrs. Ketterer stated that she is in receipt of the final submission from the Reserve, she will have a review response for the November 19, 2019 Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Klixbull, a Planning Commissioner, requested that the Planning Commission meet on October 15, 2019 to get updated on the latest submission.

Mr. Hajnas stated that he turned in the Grant to obtain funds for the Fairhill Road project.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Atty. Shannon stated he had nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ms. Rengers stated that her official start date was September 27, 2019, stating further the books were in order. Ms. Rengers stated that all accounts have been reconciled. Ms. Rengers stated that the Borough has received our PURTA distribution check in the amount of \$459.32. Also notice was received that our estimated 2020 Liquid Fuels allocation is \$20,225.30, stating further this will be entered into the 2020 Budget.

Ms. Rengers reported that we will be approving the 2019 Act 205 Fire Relief payment, this payment is a pass through, and a check will be sent to the Ohio Township Fireman's Relief fund, once approved she will email form 706 to the Auditor Generals office that details the payment.

**MOTION:** A motion is made by Mr. Hajnas to approve the Act 205 Ohio Township Volunteer Fire Department's check for \$5,508.30, seconded by Mr. Faulkner, motion passes with all in favor.

**MOTION:** A motion is made to approve the expenditure of \$830/year for Betsy Rengers bonding by Mr. Lapore, seconded by Mr. Hajnas, roll call is taken with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: **MOTION:** A motion is made by Mr. Faulkner to pay the bills as presented, seconded by, Mr. Lapore; roll call is taken with all in favor, Mr. Hajnas abstained on approval of the Robb, Leonard, Mulvihill invoice.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Ms. Steele stated that the Wick Snow Removal contract will end on October 31, 2021. Mrs. Phillips stated that Sewickley Hills Borough should procure a back-up to Wick Landscaping in case they go out of business or Mr. Wick retires.

Ms. Steele reported a company that installs solar window control products gave an estimate of \$646.00 to install roller shades on the two windows in the Great Room. He also suggested that solar film would not filter the sunlight as

well as blinds. Mrs. Phillips suggested this be discussed further at the October 22, 2019 Council Work meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mr. Hajnas requested the expenditure of \$100 to maintain the newly planted front garden.

**MOTION:** A motion is made by Mr. Lapore to approve the expenditure of \$100 to maintain the front garden, seconded by Mr. Faulkner, roll call is taken with all in favor.

Mr. Lapore reported that Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority is not increasing their coverage for 2020.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION:** A motion is made by Mr. Hajnas to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m., seconded by Mr. Lapore; motion is carried with all in favor.

*Respectfully submitted*  
*Diana Steele- Secretary*