

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF SEWICKLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SEWICKLEY, PENNSYLVANIA
January 8, 2019**

1. BOARD, COMMISSION, & AUTHORITY INTERVIEWS

18:50

Prior to the normally scheduled Council Meeting, an interview session was held for: Ed Green, Planning Commission, appointment

2. MEETING OPENING

Item 1. A. Call to Order

19:00

The meeting was called to order with President Jeff Neff presiding

Item 1. B. Pledge of Allegiance

19:03

President Jeff Neff led in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Neff introduced Dick Hadley, Interim Borough Manager, an employee of Public Partners, L.L.C.

Item 1. C. Roll Call

19:04

Roll Call: All Present: Christine Allen, John Dunn, Sean Figley, Jeff Neff, Todd Renner, Larry Rice, Hendrik van der Vaart; Michelle Denk, Cynthia Mullins.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ITEM 3. A. Approval of Council Minutes

19:05

The minutes of December 11, 2018 were approved on a motion by Mullins, second by Van de Vaart, and a unanimous vote.

4. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT/MEMBERS/MAYOR

ITEM 4. A. Mayor Brian Jeffe

19:04

Mayor Jeffe commented on the 21st ribbon cutting for 2018 at the House of Couture on Beaver Street. The mayor publicly thanked Patty Flaherty for 18 years of service to the Borough as Office Administrator and indicated that he would have other comments throughout the agenda.

ITEM 4. B. Council President Jeff Neff

19:05

Council President Neff thanked Patty Flaherty for her service to the Borough as Office Administrator.

ITEM 4. C. Council Members

19:05 [NONE]

5. STATEMENT OF CITIZENS

19:05 [NONE]

ITEM 5. A. Explore Sewickley

19:05

Hudson Colletti presented an idea for a public piano in the Gazebo in Wolcott Park. The piano would be used by random people to play for the community. Hudson plans to acquire the piano and sufficient volunteers to tune, cover and uncover, move, and store the piano as required. He and his family will assume full responsibility. Council suggested a formal proposal for next month's council meeting (drafted with the help of Explore Sewickley) to include:

1. Permission from the Garden Council (donors of the gazebo).
2. Restriction of the use on Memorial Day weekend.
3. Assurance that taxes (including BPT) would be paid by any professional musicians.

ITEM 5. B. Sewickley Valley Chamber of Commerce Report

19:14 [NONE]

ITEM 5. C. Village Christmas Tree – Thank you by Charlie Driscoll

19:14

A report on the first year of success by the Village Christmas Tree business in Bank Street Park. He reported on their success, parties that assisted, and pictures of restoration of the site. He requested approval of the site and business for next year, but after further discussion, no action was taken.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – PUBLIC HEARINGS

[NONE]

7. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 7. A. Appointments

19:15

A motion by Councilperson Denk, seconded by Councilperson Renner, and unanimously approved Jed VonHofen as Emergency Management Coordinator.

A motion by Councilperson Renner, seconded by Councilperson Dunn, and unanimously approved Ed Green to the Planning commission.

Council President Neff appointed Councilperson Denk to work with the new arts initiative on the lawn in front of Tull Theater.

8. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS

19:30

Account	Motion to approve	Second to approve	Vote
General Fund Accounts Payable	Mullins	Van de Vaart	Unanimous approval
Sewer Fund Accounts Payable	Rice	Renner	Unanimous approval

The following reports were reviewed:

- A. General Fund Budget Report December 2018
- B. Sewer Fund Budget Report December 2018
- C. Statement of all Funds December 2018
- D. Labor and Vendor Report December 2018
- E. Legal Costs December 2018 (Incorrect formulas were noted in the last column.)

9. DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION REPORTS

19:40-20:12

The following reports were reviewed:

- A. Building Inspector's Report December 2018
- B. Public Works Report December 2018
 - a. Franco Verbene requested that prior to any new equipment purchases a storage building be considered. He presented ideas, photos, budget numbers, etc.
- C. Wastewater Treatment Plant Report December 2018
 - a. Dennis Mike discussed briefly the replacement of the Huber unit.
- D. Police Report December 2018
 - a. Chief Manko discussed that 25% of all calls were the result of mental health issues.
- E. Cochran Hose Company Report December 2018
- F. Civil Service Commission Report December 2018
- G. Historic Review Commission [NONE]
- H. Planning Commission Report December 2018
 - a. Joe Rex of 914 Nevin discussed 929 Crescent and the impact it is having on the neighborhood. Jeff Neff asked Franco Verbene to work with our engineers to see what can be done?
- I. Shade Tree Commission Report [NONE]
- J. Zoning Hearing Board Report January, 2019
 - a. January 2, 2019 and January 3, 2019 decisions were reviewed

10. BOROUGH REPORT

20:12-20:25

The following reports were reviewed:

- A. 2018 Road Project Report November 2018
- B. Engineering Service Fees for 2019
- C. FNB Monthly Pension Report

- D. Franchise Fee Payment Report December 2018
- E. Fuel Price Report December 2018
- F. Volunteer Service Credit Program report for 2018 activity
- G. “Savvy Citizen” Report December 4th Quarter
- H. turnKey Taxes Report December 2018
- I. Telecom Post Audit Savings Report 04, 2018
- J. Spring Tree Planting set for April 27th, 2019
- K. Ascent Data proposal for data backup services, a new firewall, and better wireless was received. A motion by Councilperson Figley, seconded by Councilperson Mullins, and unanimously approved acceptance of the Ascent offer.
- L. FNB Wealth Management Market Update was received

11. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

20:25-20:36

- A. Solicitor’s Report December 2018
- B. Solicitor’s Invoice December 2018
- C. Zoning Hearing Board Appeals December 2018
 - a. Cherock settlement was reviewed. A motion by Councilperson Rice, seconded by Councilperson Renner, was approved by a count of 8 to 1.
- D. UCC Appeals Board Ordinance #1364 & Resolution 2019-002
 - a. Borough Ordinance #1364, an Ordinance approving an Intergovernmental Ordinance and Agreement with Cranberry Township designating Cranberry Township’s appointed Uniform Construction Code Building Appeals Board to serve as the USS Building Appeals Board for the Borough of Sewickley was approved on motion by Councilperson Figley, second by Councilperson Mullins, and a unanimous vote.
 - b. Borough of Council Resolution #2019-002, setting the fee payable to Sewickley for the filing of a Uniform Construction Code appeal was approved on motion by Councilperson Rice, second by Councilperson Figley, and a unanimous vote. In
- E. Real Estate Tax Assessments Appeals December 2018
- F. Sheriffs Sale 865 Farren Street is set for February 4, 2019
- G. Richard Tucker, Solicitor received a letter from Sewickley Acquisition Associates regarding the ongoing lawsuit.

12. TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS

20:37-20:45

- A. Real Estate Tax Collector report December 2018
 - a. A motion by Councilperson Renner, seconded by Councilperson Van de Vaart to accept and file the report passed unanimously.
- B. Earned Income Tax Collector’s report December 23018
 - a. A motion to accept and file the Allegheny North Tax Collection Committee Tax Collection report was made by Councilperson Mullins, seconded by Councilperson Figley and unanimously approved.
- C. Jordan Tax Service Delinquent Real Estate Tax Reports December 2018

13. CORRESPONDENCE

20:45-20:55

A. Correspondence from Jeff Neff to Michael J. Moskorisin regarding Pump Station

14. Adjournment

21:00

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilperson Rice, seconded by Councilperson Allen and unanimously approved.