

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007**

President Patricia Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 7:36 PM in the Municipal Building.

Borough Manager Kurt Ferguson called the roll and the following responded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady (arrived at 7:40 PM), Mr. Szefi, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer.

Mr. Love was absent.

Mayor Davin, Borough Solicitor Representative Worner, and Junior Councilperson Bush were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

President Schaefer welcomed the Woodland Hills High School students who were in attendance.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-1 Mr. McNally moved to approve the minutes of December 18, 2006. Second by Ms. McDonald.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. Szefi, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carried.

M-2 Mr. McNally moved to approve the minutes of January 2, 2007. Second by Ms. McDonald.

DISCUSSION: Mr. McNally noted that all references to Mr. Szefi throughout this document should be excluded as he was not present at the meeting.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Mr. Szefi abstained. Motion carried.

M-3 Mr. McNally moved to authorize the payment of bills, for goods and services received by the Borough, having been reviewed and approved by the General Government Committee in the amount of \$113,824.80. Second by Mr. Hellett.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. Szefi, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT

Mr. McNally reported that the Committee met this evening and approved bills and discussed an issue with the Mayor which had come up a week ago.

Mr. McNally stated that Mr. Ferguson had addressed some open audit items and further stated that the Committee would have some things for Council in the near future.

DISCUSSION: None.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Davin updated the figures on the Activity Report previously given, stating that the adult arrest number should be 14 and the juvenile arrest number should be 2, for a total of 16 arrests during December. She also reported that the figure of 83 total for traffic stops conducted was omitted, raising the total for all calls to 1,423.

The Mayor then reviewed the remainder of the report and indicated that theft was the major crime in the Borough. She stated that the other figures are approximately the same as the previous month and indicated that the total crimes for 2006 were down from 2005. Mayor Davin also reported that there were a number of arrests in December, some of which were open cases involving burglaries.

A Significant Activities Report was then distributed by the Mayor and she stated that she would take questions on this at the next meeting.

An interview for a part-time police candidate was conducted, according to the Mayor, due to the resignation of one of the officers.

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Ms. McDonald stated that the Committee had met earlier this evening and had conducted an interview for a part-time officer. She stated that the next step is for Chief Wood to complete a background check and then a recommendation will be made to Council.

Ms. McDonald then read the highlights of the report. She also updated the group on the new fire truck, stating that it is being prepared for service within the next couple of weeks. Ms. McDonald also reported that the Volunteer Fire Department is up to 16 members.

DISCUSSION: None.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Ms. McDonald read the highlights of the report. She also reported that a new business, Oscar's Hollywood Grille, has opened in Edgewood Towne Centre and welcomed them and wished them well.

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ms. Nogrady read the highlights of the report.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin reported that Public Works cleaned the garbage at Brinton Road and that the area looked nice for the holidays. A discussion ensued regarding this project, which is done in conjunction with Braddock Hills. The Mayor indicated that there is a benefit in keeping the area clean, since storm sewers which may get clogged with garbage will not flood.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Mr. Hellett said that he had an opportunity to go to downtown Pittsburgh recently and said he was appalled at the condition of the city. He gave thanks to our Public Works Department for keeping Edgewood a clean and beautiful place in which to live.

Mr. Hellett shared with Council the year-end review presented by Ms. Barrante. He stated that the Commission met last Wednesday to talk about Koenig Field House clean up and repair. He also said that a new art program will be starting. Mr. Hellett stated that a report on the new scoreboard is forthcoming.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ferguson informed Council that the Public Works Department has been painting the interior of the Field House and cleaning and waxing the snack bar floor.

In regard to sanding the floors, Mayor Davin offered that the Home Depot has a sanding machine which does a very good job. She also asked about the budget as it regards the baseball equipment purchases.

Mr. Ferguson explained that expenses are significantly higher than any other sport with the purchase of balls and uniforms for every child. He added that umpire costs totaled more than \$1,500.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Hellett stated that the Committee has not met and he had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION: None.

PENSION COMMITTEE

Ms. Nogrady stated that the Committee did not meet, but that a meeting is scheduled for next Monday at 7:30 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

AD HOC

PORT AUTHORITY

Mr. McNally said the Committee has not met since the last Council meeting. He then referred to the letter written to Port Authority by the Borough which expressed the Borough's frustration with the lack of progress on items covered by the Cooperation Agreement. Mr. McNally indicated that no reply has been received to date and stated that copies of the letter also went to federal, state and county representatives, as well as Port Authority Board members and their CEO.

Mr. McNally said that he is looking forward to Port Authority's reply. The Progress has already made an inquiry regarding the letter, which Mr. McNally stated that he summarized orally. The Progress also requested a copy of the letter and, barring any objection by the Solicitor, Mr. McNally felt that this should be done.

DISCUSSION: None.

EDGEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Committee expects to meet January 30, 2007 at 7:00 via a request from the Woodland Hills School District, according to Ms. McDonald.

DISCUSSION: None.

PARCEL D COMMITTEE

Mr. McNally said that the Committee has not met, but has had an issue referred to it.

DISCUSSION: None.

3 RIVERS WET WEATHER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

On January 12, 2007, Senator Orie and Department of Environmental Protection Secretary McGinty announced distribution of four million dollars in grants. The first grant was for the 83 municipalities for regional flow monitoring previously mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency. The second grant was to create a mechanism for consolidation and working together for the municipalities. Ms. Schaefer stated that the grants did not get the television coverage they deserved.

DISCUSSION: None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Worner had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Ferguson said that the Comprehensive Plan process will begin this Thursday. He reported that the last plan was from 1963 and said the upcoming meeting was to provide an outline of how to proceed. Pashek Associates has asked for 3-5 representatives to meet monthly to provide updates.

Discussions for sewer work to be done on Greendale Avenue have begun with Lennon Smith Souleret Engineering, as well as for work on Garland.

Mr. Ferguson reported that an overview of the tennis court work has begun. He indicated that he has scheduled grant agencies, which are willing to give matching grants, to come out and peruse the work to be done. The application deadline date is in April, according to Mr. Ferguson, with a 2008 funding date. Mr. Ferguson indicated that he will coordinate with both the Community Service and General Government Committees and will present a report to Council in 3-4 weeks.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer indicated that she has quotes for this from when the project was previously done and will bring those quotes in.

Mayor Davin encouraged Council to redo the tennis courts. She said that approximately \$10,000 was spent to patch and cover the courts previously, but this was a band-aid approach which lasted only a while and now it is in bad shape again. She asked that Council consider going after the matching funds, stating that the courts are the premier recreation space in the Borough. Mayor Davin also said it would be good to have a teaching program for the children.

Ms. Schaefer said the reason the past method was used for repair was due to the expense associated with the project. There were three qualified bidders for the project at that time, according to Ms. Schaefer.

Further discussion ensued and Ms. Schaefer asked that this project be discussed with both the General Government and Community Services Committees.

Commenting on the good workmanship done, Mr. Ferguson told Council members to take a look at the backstops and fencing at the Field.

NEW BUSINESS

Meetings and events were set as follows: January 18, 2007 – Comprehensive Plan; January 22, 2007 – Pension – 7:30 PM; Parcel D – 8:15 PM; January 29, 2007 – Personnel – 7:30 PM; Community Services – 8:00 PM; January 30, 2007 – Edgewood Primary School – 7:00 PM;

February 1, 2007 – Mayor’s Dinner (Mayor invited Council members; e-mail attendance to Mr. Ferguson); February 15, 2007 – Foundation Town Meeting – 7:30 PM

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Mr. McNally read Ordinance 1018 on First Reading and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Ms. McDonald.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

ORDINANCE 1018

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR 2007**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

SECTION 1: That a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all real property, within said Borough subject to taxation for Borough purposes for the fiscal year 2007 as follows:

Tax rate for general Borough purposes, the total of six and six hundred sixty-one thousandths (6.661) mills on each thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

1 mill = \$1.00 for every \$1,000 assessment
6.661 mills = \$6.661 for every \$1,000 assessment

SECTION 2: That any ordinance, or part thereof, conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same is affected by this Ordinance.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law this 16th day of January 2007.

ATTEST

Kurt M. Ferguson
Borough Secretary

Patricia M. Schaefer
Council President

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 16th day of January 2007.

Jean O. Davin
Mayor

DISCUSSION: To Mr. Hellett's question regarding how long the millage has been set at its current rate of 6.661, Mr. Ferguson responded that this number has been in effect for the past eleven years.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. Szefi, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. First Reading Passes.

- M-5 Mr. McNally read Ordinance 1018 on Second Reading and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Ms. McDonald.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

ORDINANCE 1018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR 2007

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. Szefi, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Second Reading Passes.

- M-6 Mr. Hellett moved to hire Cody Gill as a part-time employee in the Recreation Department effective immediately at a pay of \$6.25 an hour. Second by Ms. Nogrady.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald raised the question of whether the motion would need to be reread when the minimum wage increases in July 2007. After minimal discussion, it was decided that there would be another motion made at that time.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. Szefi, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carried.

- M-7 Mr. Hellett moved to hire John Tragard as a part-time employee in the Recreation Department effective immediately at a pay of \$6.25 an hour. Second by Mr. McNally.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. Szefi, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carried.

- M-8 Mr. Hellett moved to hire Morgan Boccio as a part-time employee in the Recreation Department effective immediately at a pay of \$6.25 an hour. Second by Ms. McDonald.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. Szefi, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carries.

- M-9 Mr. Hellett moved to hire Brian McGuigan as a part-time employee in the Recreation Department effective immediately at a pay of \$6.25 an hour. Second by Ms. McDonald.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. Szefi, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carries.

- M-10 Mr. Hellett moved to hire J. J. Bush as a part-time employee in the Recreation Department effective immediately at a pay of \$6.25 an hour. Second by Ms. Nogrady.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. Szefi, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carries.

- M-11 Mr. Hellett moved to hire Dan Horner as a part-time employee in the Recreation Department effective immediately at a pay of \$6.25 an hour. Second by Ms. McDonald.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. Szefi, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carries.

- M-12 Mr. Szefi moved to hire Tyler McGuigan as a part-time employee in the Recreation Department effective immediately at a pay of \$6.25 an hour. Second by Ms. Nogrady.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. Szefi, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carries.

- M-13 Mr. Szefi moved to accept the resignation of James Campbell from the Planning Commission, effectively immediately. Second by Ms. McDonald.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer said that the position will need to be advertised.

Mayor Davin asked if this could go on the message board and the website.

After consulting with Mr. Worner, it was decided that this position needed to be advertised in a paper of general circulation.

Mr. McNally felt it prudent to advertise for practical personnel considerations.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. Szefi, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carries.

Ms. Schaefer thanked Mr. Campbell for his dedicated service to the community.

- M-14 Ms. McDonald moved to accept the resignation of Jamie Dinkfelt, part-time police officer with the Edgewood Borough Police Department, effective immediately. Second by Mr. Hellett.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. Nogrady, Mr. Szefi, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Ms. McDonald voted no. Motion carries.

Ms. Schaefer thanked Officer Dinkfelt for her service to the Borough.

- M-15 Mr. McNally moved to appoint Robert Grubb, the Chairman of the Edgewood Borough Planning Commission, as the Borough's representative to oversee the work associated with rehabilitation of Edgewood Train Station. Mr. Grubb is being appointed in his capacity as a member of the Borough of Edgewood Planning Commission, which is a volunteer position; and therefore, he is not being retained by the Borough in his professional capacity and accordingly would not have any professional liability to the Borough in his connection with his volunteer services. Second by Ms. McDonald.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. Szefi, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT

- M-16 Mr. McNally moved, and Mr. Szefi seconded, adjourning this meeting at 8:54 PM.

Kurt M. Ferguson
Borough Manager