

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**  
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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2007**

President Patricia Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building.

Borough Manager Kurt Ferguson called the roll and the following responded: Ms. McDonald, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer.

Ms. Nogrady and Mr. Szefi were absent.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

M-1 Mr. McNally moved to approve the minutes of January 16, 2007. Second by Ms. McDonald.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-2 Mr. McNally moved to approve the minutes of February 5, 2007. Second by Mr. Hellett.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. 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 \$50,146.72. Second by Ms. McDonald.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Ms. Schaefer announced that there would be a short Executive Session regarding a contractual matter, but no action would follow.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT**

Mr. McNally said that the Committee met this evening for review and approval of bills and to review items on the agenda. He stated that there is no separate report necessary at this time.

DISCUSSION: None.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Mayor Davin, referring to the previously distributed Significant Events and Annual Reports which had been distributed, asked if there were any questions.

DISCUSSION: Solicitor Barry had several questions, and Mayor Davin responded.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Ms. McDonald read the highlights of the Public Safety Report. She also acknowledged that one of the firemen, Kevin Laird, had received the Limpert Award and further stated that this is a testament to how much the firefighters are valued in the community.

DISCUSSION: None.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Ms. McDonald read the highlights of the report.

DISCUSSION: None.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Ms. Schaefer made changes to the Community Development and Public Works Committees.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ferguson reviewed the items for consideration by the Public Works Committee, including ordering a Public Works truck and advertising for both a permanent part-time and a seasonal laborer. According to Mr. Ferguson, two additional recycling containers have been added in the rear of the Borough Building.

Mr. Ferguson stated that the sewer work on Greendale Avenue is underway and the contractor is moving quickly on the job.

According to Mr. Ferguson, a Public Works meeting is planned for next Monday to discuss an issue with a house on Greendale Avenue, and the Allegheny County Health Department and Lennon Smith Souleret will be present.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT**

Mr. Hellett gave a report on the Edgewood Foundation Board meeting. He stated that the Progressive Dinner was a huge success and that the Edgewood Directory is nearing completion. Mr. Hellett also gave information on the Senior Brunch, the Limpert Award, and the Wine and Chocolate Affair. Volunteers are needed for the 5K Race, according to Mr. Hellett.

DISCUSSION: A discussion of the Town Meeting followed, as well as conversation regarding the Recreation Board.

Ms. McDonald indicated that, due to the resignation, she has taken the spot open on the Library Board and will attend their Thursday meeting.

#### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Hellett stated that the Committee has not met, but there is a resolution on tonight's agenda to hire an Advertising Manager for the newsletter.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer stated that the candidates for the newsletter position were interviewed by Mr. Ferguson and Ms. Stewart.

#### **PENSION COMMITTEE**

Mr. McNally said that the Committee did meet with Mr. Dalessandro to discuss the performance of some investments and indicated that there are questions which Mr. Dalessandro will research focusing on performance and underperformance.

DISCUSSION: None.

#### **AD HOC**

#### **PORT AUTHORITY**

Mr. McNally stated that the Committee did meet and considered the reply of Port Authority's Mr. Nutbrown to the Borough's letter expressing disappointment with Port Authority's lack of specificity with what they intended to do to rectify the Cooperation Agreement items.

According to Mr. McNally, the Port Authority's letter was very brief and suggested that, rather than provide categorical responses to the Borough's questions, they would like to proceed with monthly meetings. Further, it was decided that the Borough would accept the invitation to meet on this first occasion where it will be made clear that Borough Council intends to pursue categorical written responses, according to Mr. McNally. He then stated that members will sit down with Port Authority and express views with candor regarding what the Borough expected to

happen. As well, Mr. McNally stated that Port Authority's input is desired for a review of Cooperation Agreement items.

DISCUSSION: None.

#### **EDGEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Ms. McDonald stated that the Committee has not met since the last report. There were items to be reviewed internally before the School District could move forward, and there is nothing for Council to do at this time, according to Ms. McDonald.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer indicated that she spoke with Ms. Messina at the Town Meeting. Ms. Messina stated that estimates are being compiled for the cost of the governor's drive and also expressed her concern regarding consolidation of school districts and more buses coming into the Edgewood Primary School.

It was Mr. Ferguson's understanding that Mr. Grubb has spoken with the architect, who will be coming to the Planning Commission meeting on February 24, 2007 for preliminary discussion regarding site plan issues.

Ms. McDonald stated that the Public Safety Committee will meet March 12, 2007 regarding the governor's drive and that this will give both Fire Chief Andrews and Police Chief Wood time to review the issue.

#### **PARCEL D COMMITTEE**

Mr. McNally said that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

#### **3 RIVERS WET WEATHER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

Ms. Schaefer stated that the Committee meetings continue with the borough managers and the engineers. The Local Government Academy lecture series on the Clean Water Act, as well as on sewers, will continue in the spring, according to Ms. Schaefer.

DISCUSSION: None.

#### **COMPREHENSIVE INTERMUNICIPAL STEERING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Ferguson reported that the Committee met February 8, 2007. He said that the regular meetings will take place on the first Thursday of each month. He, Mr. Szefi and Mr. Grubb were the Edgewood attendees for this meeting. Mr. Ferguson stated that lists of challenges from the various communities were outlined.

Some of the items which will be examined are potential bicycle and pedestrian areas and areas prone to accidents, according to Mr. Ferguson, and a transportation specialist will also be

working with the group. Other possible discussions will include water and sewers, parks and green space.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Barry stated that he has reviewed the bid for the pick-up truck and everything is in order.

Mr. Barry clarified Ms. Schaefer's comment about potential litigation, stating that this was regarding a contractual matter and no action would be taken.

DISCUSSION: None.

### **BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

Borough Manager Ferguson reported that since the last meeting, he has contacted several firms about repair of the tennis courts. Pashek Associates has offered to put further analysis into the cost for this project.

Mr. Ferguson talked about grants he is seeking and he indicated that approval has been granted for laptops for the Police Department vehicles and a new digital recording device.

According to Mr. Ferguson, a water line broke on Greendale Avenue and a cold patch was done today, but this will eventually need to be milled and paved.

Ms. Barrante has been asked to have paperwork for the scoreboard available for the Community Services Department in the event that the Recreation Commission does not meet, stated Mr. Ferguson. He indicated that this scoreboard was a larger size and the cost is \$7,500. The grant is for \$10,000 and Mr. Ferguson said that Ms. Barrante is gathering information on a portable scoreboard that could be used on the soccer field.

Another grant that Mr. Ferguson reported on was one for \$5,000 to purchase a bucket truck. He stated that most of these trucks are owned by Duquesne Light and Verizon and were bought through auction for between \$5,000 and \$6,000. He stated that Mr. Guerriero of the Public Works Department would be investigating this and asked Mr. Barry how this might best be handled.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Barry had never heard of buying through auction and indicated that using this procedure would not be getting the three required quotes. He asked if the Council of Governments has been contacted.

Mayor Davin stated that in previous times when bids were solicited and there was no response, a note was made to say that there were no responses.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. McDonald stated that a tentative Public Safety meeting has been scheduled for March 12, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

Ms. Schaefer said that there will be a Council meeting February 27, 2007 at 7:00 PM to interview applicants for the vacant Council position and a Public Works meeting with the engineers at 8:00 PM on the same day.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

M-4 Ms. McDonald moved to authorize the Director of Public Works to order a 2008 F-350 Ford pick-up truck at a total cost of \$22,536 from Tri-Star Ford. Bids were taken by the South Hills Area Council of Governments. Second by Mr. Hellett.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-5 Ms. McDonald moved to advertise to hire one (1) permanent part-time laborer in the Public Works Department. Second by Mr. Hellett.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-6 Ms. McDonald moved to advertise to hire one (1) part-time seasonal laborer in the Public Works Department. Second by Hellett.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-7 Mr. McNally read Resolution 2007-15 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Ms. McDonald.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**

**RESOLUTION 2007-15**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Edgewood has an elected Tax Collector, and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector is charged with the collection of local Borough real estate taxes, and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has collected all real estate taxes for the tax year 2006 deemed collectible and desires to officially close her books for the 2006 tax year.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Edgewood Borough Council hereby exonerates the Tax Collector from the uncollected balance of face value taxes in the amount of \$39,531.69. The Council hereby authorizes Pennsylvania Municipal Services to undertake the procedures necessary to collect this unpaid balance of year 2006 taxes.

**ADOPTED THIS THE** 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2007 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

ATTEST:

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Borough Secretary

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Council President

**EXAMINED AND APPROVED** by me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2007.

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Jean O. Davin  
Mayor

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-8 Mr. Hellett read Resolution 2007-16 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Ms. McDonald.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**

**RESOLUTION 2007-16**

**WHEREAS** the Borough of Edgewood desires to have a tool to inform residents of happenings in the Borough; and

**WHEREAS** the Edgewood Newsletter Advertising Manager is appointed by the Borough Council and is charged with managing the advertisements sold in the Newsletter; and

**WHEREAS** a vacancy has existed with the position since December 29, 2006;



**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Nichole Augustine be appointed as Advertising Manager at a rate of \$6,250 per year, effective February 26, 2007.

**ADOPTED THIS THE 20<sup>th</sup>** day of February, 2007.

ATTEST:

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Borough Secretary

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Council President

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-9 Mr. McNally moved to authorize the payment of property tax refunds, in the gross amount of \$7,363.90, as reviewed by the Tax Collector, to the property owners, and in the amounts designated by the Tax Collector, which owners and amounts are listed in the minutes of this meeting. Second by Ms. McDonald.

Joanna Camarda at 430 W. Swissvale Avenue in the amount of \$280.70.  
Paul and Catherine Gleason at 135 W. Swissvale Avenue in the amount of \$496.12.  
Richard and Elisabeth Belloli at 1122 Mifflin Avenue in the amount of \$117.51.  
Melanie Stawartz at 145 Race Street in the amount of \$118.16.  
Daniel Brooks at 306 Garland Street in the amount of \$65.28.  
Robin and Maxim Hammer at 1203 East End Avenue in the amount of \$163.20.  
Gail Tucker at 413 W. Hutchinson Avenue in the amount of \$26.77.  
David and Abigail Flynn-Kozara at 129 W. Swissvale Avenue in the amount of \$428.23.  
Richard and Karen Singleton at 113 Lloyd Avenue in the amount of \$103.79.  
John and Victoria Crowley at 102 Seddon Road in the amount of \$172.99.  
David Burke at 109 McKay Street in the amount of \$308.77.  
Anne McGrain at 113 Pennwood Avenue in the amount of \$203.68.  
Mark Calabro at 530 Greendale Avenue in the amount of \$349.23.  
Adriana Maguina-Ugarte and Francis Allar at 522 Greendale Avenue in the amount of \$483.06.  
Donna Tamres at 520 Greendale Avenue in the amount of \$443.30.  
Laura Callanan at 137 Race Street in the amount of \$150.79.  
Eric Frankle at 1124 East End Avenue in the amount of \$154.14.  
Michael Rosenmeier at 1114 Savannah Avenue in the amount of \$58.75.  
Kala Parker at 1128 Savannah Avenue in the amount of \$229.13.  
Matthew and Angel Lehrian at 116 Race Street in the amount of \$163.20.  
Dave Rigo at 227 Race Street in the amount of \$380.28.

Ann Stunden at 1112 Mifflin Avenue in the amount of \$644.95.  
Linda Charapp at 165 Rockwell Lane in the amount of \$1,037.91.  
Mitchell Barrett and Amanda Schultz at 265 Maple Avenue in the amount of \$143.62.  
Adam Silber at 115 Pennwood Avenue in the amount of \$79.65.  
Stuart and Christina Neft at 130 Lincoln Avenue in the amount of \$102.49.  
James Dilmore at 118 Lincoln Avenue in the amount of \$99.92.  
Toby and Kelly Perkins at 119 Gordon Street in the amount of \$172.97.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

M-10 Following an Executive Session, which lasted from 8:35 PM until 8:44 PM, it was moved by Mr. McNally and seconded by Ms. McDonald to adjourn this meeting at 8:45 PM.

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Kurt M. Ferguson  
Borough Manager