

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**  
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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD  
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2007**

President Patricia Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Tuesday, March 19, 2007 at 7:32 PM in the Municipal Building.

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

Ms. Nogrady 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 announced that Mayor Davin made a presentation to the Boy Scouts about local government. She also mentioned that the Woodland Hills High School eighth grade class went to Washington, D.C. and saw first-hand what an honor it is to live in a country where both sides of an issue can be presented and both sides are still considered patriotic.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

M-1 Mr. McNally moved to approve the minutes of February 20, 2007. Second by Mr. Hellett.

DISCUSSION: Minor corrections were presented to Mr. Ferguson by Mayor Davin and these corrections were made prior to this evening's meeting.

Mr. McNally agreed that the motion needed no other questions or comments.

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

M-2 Mr. McNally moved to approve the minutes of March 5, 2007. Second by Ms. McDonald.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Mr. Cook, Mr. Szefi, 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 \$47,398.09. Second by Mr. Hellett.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Ms. Schaefer said there would be an Executive Session regarding potential litigation and no action would follow.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT**

Mr. McNally reported that the Committee met this evening to approve bills and discuss issues which will come up this evening or at future meetings.

DISCUSSION: None.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Mayor Davin reviewed the highlights of the report, stating that there seemed to be a lot of shoplifting. The Mayor asked Council if they had objections to eliminating the graphs at the center of the Police Report, stating that the year-to-date report contains this information, and there were no objections by the members of Council.

DISCUSSION: None.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Ms. McDonald stated that the Committee met March 12, 2007 regarding the Police Department obtaining CALEA accreditation. Ms. McDonald asked Chief Wood to update Council on this process.

DISCUSSION: Chief Wood gave a brief presentation regarding the CALEA process. He said that recognition in the first part of the accreditation gives the Department a blueprint for the future by building on the excellence which has already been started. The Chief stated that there are 110 standards set up by the legal minds throughout the United States. Chief Wood pointed out that when accepted by CALEA, a 10-15% discount is given on insurance rates.

The Chief then explained the application and acceptance process in depth, opening the way for a lengthy discussion of some of the specifics of the program.

Mr. McNally commended Chief Wood for bringing this issue to Council's attention.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Ms. McDonald said that the Committee did not meet, then read the highlights of the report.

DISCUSSION: None.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Ms. Schaefer gave the new Committee assignments.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald stated that the Public Works Department is busy all the time, but with the bad weather, they were a lot busier. She offered much appreciation to those employees for their efforts and then read the highlights of the Public Works report.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT**

Mr. Hellett reported on several items, including the part-time seasonal Recreation Department assistant, the scoreboard motion on tonight's agenda, and several issues with the Edgewood Foundation, including the filling of a vacancy and an IRS issue.

Mr. Hellett also reported that Earth Days will be April 21 and 28, 2007.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald indicated that she attended a Library Board meeting and the Library is working on a five to ten year strategic plan. The annual book sale is this Saturday for the Library and the preview sale will be held on Friday.

Mr. Hellett stated that Mr. Swenson of Pittsburgh Filmmakers will be working toward putting a digital projector in the Regent Square Theater, as well as a new screen and new marquee.

Mr. Ferguson explained that the group will receive matching Regional Asset District (RAD) funds for every dollar they raise.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Hellett stated that the Committee needs to schedule a meeting.

DISCUSSION: None.

**PENSION COMMITTEE**

Mr. McNally said that the Committee did not meet. Mr. D'Alessandro, the pension asset manager, will be meeting with the Pension Committee after the close of the first quarter to discuss pension performance, according to Mr. McNally.

DISCUSSION: None.

**AD HOC**

**PORT AUTHORITY**

Mr. McNally said the Committee met by invitation with officials from Port Authority, who had responded to the Borough's last correspondence with a brief letter stating that monthly meetings would be better in order to determine how to proceed. Following the meeting, Mr. Ferguson circulated draft minutes.

Mr. McNally stated that he expressed his opinion that, although there was discussion in substance of ways the parties could advance the Agreement, until action takes place, the Borough should wait and see what happens.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ferguson reported that Mr. Nutbrown of the Port Authority had called today regarding a meeting this Friday regarding approaching the Southwest Planning Commission for funding the first phase of the project.

Mr. McNally stated that there are two other issues, one because of a budget shortfall on the Train Station rehab project. Discussion is underway between the Borough and Port Authority regarding seeding and landscaping being undertaken by the Borough Public Works Department.

Additionally, discussion ensued about the issue of the obligation of Port Authority and the State Historic Preservation office regarding the historic district. Mr. McNally stated that in June 2006, Borough Council agreed that Port Authority funding of \$50,000 would be better spent to narrow the shortfall with the Train Station rehabilitation. A letter confirming this was provided, according to Mr. McNally, but it has been revealed that this letter was never sent to the State Historic Preservation office.

Mr. McNally went on to say that Port Authority listed their accomplishments under the Agreement, including the revitalization project which provided \$65,000 for the historic designation. The Port Authority representatives said that they spent \$26,000 on charrettes on various schemes or alternatives for the linear park, but the funds were spent before the Agreement was signed, according to Mr. McNally. Mr. McNally notified Port Authority that money will be spent for the RFP and invoices will be submitted for reimbursement.

Ms. Schaefer commented that it was good to have Mr. McNally be a part of this process, as well as having her memory of events prior to having a Cooperation Agreement.

Mr. Szefi volunteered to attend the meeting with the Port Authority and the County on Friday.

Mr. Hellett stated that the members of the Edgewood Foundation wondered what would be done with the Train Station.

**EDGEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Ms. McDonald stated that the Committee has not met. She stated that the Public Safety Committee is considering the governor's drive, which is being developed by the architect. Police Chief Wood and Fire Chief Andrews went over the plans and both will draft memos to address their concerns.

DISCUSSION: None.

### **PARCEL D COMMITTEE**

Mr. McNally said that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

According to Ms. Schaefer, there was a meeting last Thursday and representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as Mr. Onorato, County Executive, were also present. Ms. Schaefer indicated that the Alcosan component was unable to be presented or discussed in any manner.

DISCUSSION: None.

### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE**

Mr. Szefi stated that the Committee meets the first Thursday of every month and a report will be given at the next meeting.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Worner had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Mr. Ferguson said that the initial conversations concerning the public meeting in Edgewood regarding the Comprehensive Plan were beginning. He said that strengths and weaknesses of the community will be identified and the meeting will probably be held in mid-May.

Mr. Ferguson stated that the audit was completed in 3-1/2 days, a process that in past years had taken up to a month.

Mr. Ferguson also discussed the use of Parcel D for storage of equipment and private vehicles over the weekend in exchange for payment, as well as doing work around the Borough. He indicated that the Solicitor has started to put together the framework for this to be done. The engineer is also putting together dollar amounts for the developer to post with his performance bond.

The scoreboard should take two to three weeks to come in, according to Mr. Ferguson. He indicated that the scoreboard is 275 lb. and 16 ft. in length.

DISCUSSION: None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Meetings were set as follows for Monday, March 26, 2007 – 7:00 PM – Public Safety; 7:00 PM – Personnel; 7:30 PM – Community Service; 7:30 PM – Public Works.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

M-4 Ms. McDonald moved to authorize the advertisement to hire a part-time police officer for the Edgewood Police Department. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-5 Ms. McDonald moved to purchase four (4) laptop computers for the police vehicles from Response Computer Service, Inc., the lowest of three (3) written quotes received with a total cost of \$5,000. These computers are being paid with a grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-6 Ms. McDonald moved to purchase a PC-based digital video recorder from Pro-Tec America, the lowest of three (3) written quotes received with a total cost of \$5,000. This digital video recording system is being paid with a grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development. Second by Mr. Cook.

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-7 Mr. Hellett moved to authorize the advertisement to hire a part-time seasonal assistant for the Edgewood Recreation Department. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-8 Mr. Hellett moved to purchase a scoreboard for Koenig Field from Highland Sports, LLC, one of three (3) scoreboards examined and recommended by the Recreation Commission, at a total cost of \$7,949.09. This scoreboard is being paid with a grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Szefi questioned who will run this and there was a discussion of whether commercial advertisements were on the scoreboard.

Ms. Schaefer thanked Council for their diligence and patience in securing this scoreboard. As well, she thanked the previous Recreation Director and Mr. Ferguson for going after the grant money. Ms. Schaefer also explained that there was no contract with respect to refreshments attached to this scoreboard. Senator Costa was also thanked by Ms. Schaefer.

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

- M-9 Ms. McDonald offered Resolution 2007-18 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Cook.

## **BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**

### **RESOLUTION 2007-18**

**WHEREAS**, it has been a goal of the Chief of Police of Edgewood Borough along with its Mayor and Council, and through their combined efforts, to implement a high standard for the Edgewood Borough Police Department, and

**WHEREAS** the Chief of Police has reviewed the options available and has determined that the program of CALEA, (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.), sets an appropriate national standard and is a credentialing authority to attain professional excellence, and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police has personal experience and has implemented this program in other police departments and believes the CALEA program will enhance and improve the delivery of public safety services in Edgewood Borough, and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety Committee along with the Mayor unanimously recommends the implementation of the CALEA Program in Edgewood Borough.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** and it is hereby resolved, that the Chief of Police is hereby authorized to apply to the CALEA Accreditation Program on behalf of the Police Department and undertake the processes necessary to implement the CALEA standards in Edgewood Borough.



**ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007

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Borough Secretary

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Council President

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Mayor

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald gave thanks to Mayor Davin and Chief Wood and stated that this will be an exceptional tool holding the department to a higher standard of excellence.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

M-10 Following an Executive Session which lasted from 9:00 PM to 9:20 PM, it was moved by Mr. Szefi and seconded by Mr. Cook to adjourn this meeting at 9:21 PM.

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Kurt M. Ferguson  
Borough Manager