

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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Council President Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, April 2, 2007 at 7:31 P.M. in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Jean O. Davin, Solicitor W. Timothy Barry and Junior Councilperson Emily Bush were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

Prior to Mayor Davin's arrival, Ms. Schaefer had taken the Mayor's seat and Mr. McNally, sitting in for President Schaefer, announced that there would be a departure from the normal agenda for tonight. An Executive Session would be held now and it was not known whether there would be action following or not.

Ms. Schaefer said that the reason for the Executive Session was a real estate matter and asked if the Junior Councilperson might stay. The Solicitor declined the request as it might impair the attorney/client privilege.

Council returned to open session and continued with the scheduled agenda at 8:24 PM.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 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 \$108,768.64. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Hellett offered Resolution 2007-19 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Cook.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2007-19

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood’s Recreation Department has found value in the hiring of a part-time seasonal assistant; and

WHEREAS this position assists the Recreation Director with programming and daily operations of the department during the busy summer months; and

WHEREAS, the pay rate for that position had previously been set at \$6.25 an hour.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Edgewood will increase the pay rate of the part-time seasonal assistant to \$7.75 an hour.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of April 2007.

Borough Secretary

Council President

Mayor

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-3 Mr. McNally moved to authorize the payment of property tax refunds, in the gross amount of \$5,392.15, 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.

NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
Mathew & Lisa White	251 Maple Avenue	\$236.01
Paul & Keira Fuener	417 W. Hutchinson Ave.	\$47.66
Douglas & Virginia Brosius	116 Linden Ave.	\$595.33
Albert & Joanna Caruso	150 Gordon St.	\$32.64
Anthony Holtz	227 Lehigh St.	\$128.59
Kate Sphar	119 Harlow St.	\$481.74
Jason & Jessica Neiss	113 Ivy St.	\$26.11

Daniel & Mary Donnelly	852 E. Hutchinson	\$765.58
Eric Benedum	1213 E. End Avenue	\$69.84
Kelley Maloney	440 Morris St.	\$242.83
Toma Catalin	203 Vine St.	\$633.85
Raquel Forsythe	155 Washington Ave.	\$1,218.74
Kathleen Ann McGinnis	1200 E. End Ave.	\$219.82
Wayne Smeltz	234 Maple Ave.	\$365.62
Peter & Tina Hanlon	524 Greendale Ave.	\$327.69

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-4 Ms. McDonald moved to hire Jeremy Kunkle as a permanent part-time laborer in the Edgewood Borough Public Works Department, pending a successful medical examination with a six-month probationary period at a pay rate of \$8.75 an hour effective April 9, 2007. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald said that Mr. Kunkle's rate was slightly higher due to his prior experience.

Mayor Davin asked what the rate would be for others hired and Mr. Ferguson stated the rate would be between \$8.00 and \$10.50 an hour and for temporary workers \$7.25 an hour. The Mayor thought this was the minimum wage and Mr. Ferguson gave the current rate as \$6.25 an hour, increasing to \$7.15 an hour on July 1, 2007.

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

- M-5 Ms. McDonald moved to approve the street paving bid of A. Folino Construction, Inc. of \$331,946.25 for milling, paving and sewer work with specific locations to be listed in the minutes of the meeting pending submittal of the required insurance certificates, bonding information, execution of agreement and approval of the same by the Borough Solicitor. Second by Mr. Cook.

Greendale Avenue from the Parkway Ramp to Boyd Street
 Washington Avenue from Pennwood to 125 Washington Street
 Edgewood Avenue from Maple to Elm Street
 Hawthorne Street from Maple to Locust Street
 Locust Street from Dewey to Beech Street
 The Oakview Avenue and Ivy Avenue parking lots
 Paving and sewer work at the Borough's recycling site (paving to be reimbursed by the Department of Environmental Protection)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ferguson said that this is one of the biggest street paving years the Borough has had in terms of dollars in at least ten years.

Ms. McDonald stated that the last two parking lots will be done. She further stated that Council has been diligent in making sure this happens, with the rotation of work being completed as planned.

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

- M-6 Mr. Hellett moved to apply to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a grant to provide 50% of the costs associated with the renovation of the tennis courts at Koenig Field estimated to be at \$87,394. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: Solicitor Barry stated that this motion is related to Resolution 2007-20. He asked Mr. Ferguson to explain why the resolution was needed. Mr. Barry said that by signing the grant application, the Council President agrees to all the terms and conditions of the grant agreement. The Solicitor stated that he has not seen the grant agreement.

Mr. Ferguson said that the application is due by April 13, 2007, continuing by stating that only as of today would the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) speak with him. The DCNR needed to see that a resolution was passed according to Mr. Ferguson. He stated further that DCNR would approve approximately 50 of the 130-150 applications that they would receive.

Mr. Szeffi stated that this project would only be undertaken if funding was received.

Ms. Schaefer asked when the grant would be funded and Mr. Ferguson stated that disbursement would be in April or May of 2008. Ms. Schaefer informed Council that this would not affect the 2007 budget, but would impact the 2008 budget.

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

- M-7 Mr. Hellett offered Resolution 2007-20 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Cook.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2007-20

WHEREAS, Edgewood Borough desires to undertake Koenig Field Tennis Court Renovation; and

WHEREAS, the applicant desires to apply to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a grant for the purpose of carrying out this project; and

WHEREAS, the application package includes a document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant" and a document entitled "Signature Page for Grant Application and Grant Agreement"; and

WHEREAS, the applicant understands that the contents of the document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant," including appendices referred to therein, will become the terms and conditions of a Grant Agreement between the applicant and the Department if the applicant is awarded a grant, and

WHEREAS, the applicant understands that, by signing the "Signature Page for Grant Application and Grant Agreement" and submitting it to the Department as part of the grant application, the applicant agrees to the terms and conditions of the grant and will be bound by the Grant Agreement if the Department awards a grant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED and it is hereby resolved, that

1. The "Signature Page for Grant Application and Grant Agreement" may be signed on behalf of the applicant by the official who, at the time of signing, has the title of Council President.

2. If this official signed the "Signature Page for Grant Application and Grant Agreement" prior to the passage of this Resolution, this grant of authority applies retroactively to the date of signing.

3. If the applicant is awarded a grant, the "Signature Page for Grant Application and Grant Agreement," signed by the above official, will become the applicant/grantee's executed signature page for the Grant Agreement, and the applicant/grantee will be bound by the Grant Agreement.

4. Any amendment to the Grant Agreement may be signed on behalf of the grantee by the official who, at the time of signing of the amendment, has the title specified in paragraph 1 and the grantee will be bound by the amendment.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of April, 2007 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

Borough Secretary

Council President

Mayor

DISCUSSION: Ms. Nogrady had a question regarding whether amendments were specific to Council President by name or by title. Mr. McNally stated that it was specific to title.

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

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Laird reported that Rescue 137 is now in service and that volunteer drivers are being trained. The Department is applying for grants for additional equipment and \$15,000 has been received for new equipment already. The current equipment is about twelve years old.

The volunteers are working with the Girl and Boy Scouts by training them in first aid so that in the event of a natural disaster, both groups will be ready to work with the volunteer firemen and the County. The Scouts will also be trained on traffic safety, according to Mr. Laird. He stated that the Volunteer Fire Department will be doing more and more training. He also stated that the Department is comprised of a lot of young guys who are motivated and dedicated and who are working diligently.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald had questions about some of the Department's recent calls.

Ms. Schaefer told Mr. Laird that the work the firemen do is very much appreciated.

RECREATION REPORT

Ms. Barrante reported on the Easter Egg Hunt which will take place on April 7, 2007 at 11:00 AM. Softball and T-ball practices have begun and basketball has ended according to Ms. Barrante.

The scoreboard has been ordered and should be in about April 13, 2007 and Ms. Barrante also stated that she is working with Public Works on clearing the field.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer asked that the Egg Hunt groups be staggered so that all would have a chance to collect eggs and Ms. Barrante explained that this would be done by age groups.

Solicitor Barry mentioned that he coached Donnie Kelly, who recently made the Pittsburgh Pirates roster.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Fuller said that Rankin became one of 13 communities to use the Water Authority for sewage billing, and that Penn Hills was in the process of doing the same thing. He stated that Penn Hills has two different water authorities and a consent decree to take care of, which complicates matters.

West Swissvale is due for work in June or July according to Mr. Fuller.

The Water Authority has received new computer hardware. It also will have the college student program again this year and will be a good way for students to get experience.

DISCUSSION: None.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Szefi had no report.

DISCUSSION: None.

COG REPORT

Mr. Hellett stated that he and Mr. Ferguson attended the meeting. Mr. Hellett said that Cohen Communications attended and told why the COG should use their services, specifically avoiding Verizon.

DISCUSSION: None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Barry had no separate report.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Ferguson referenced a report in the Post Gazette that Penndot was putting a detour onto South Braddock Avenue and indicated that he and the Swissvale manager attended a meeting and this detour will now not occur. Weekly meetings will be held for updates and there will be a website linked to the Parkway construction (www.penndot11.com).

Work on the grant packet for the tennis court will begin immediately, according to Mr. Ferguson. Both the Public Works and Recreation Departments are working to clean up Koenig Field. Mr. Ferguson said he had calls from a couple of different baseball coaches expressing appreciation for the new fencing.

Mr. Ferguson said that both the zoning ordinance and the land development ordinance are being redone and copies should be available for Council inspection at the next meeting.

A review of the conversation regarding auctions for equipment ensued, led by Mr. Ferguson who spoke about Verizon having monthly auctions for their cherry picker.

DISCUSSION: Solicitor Barry stated that the Borough Code has provisions authorizing selling by auction, but not buying, and definitely not for products more than \$10,000 in cost. Mr. Barry will speak with Mr. Ferguson regarding this item.

Mr. Ferguson discussed the West Swissvale Avenue work mentioned by Mr. Fuller of the Wilkesburg Penn Joint Water Authority. Mr. Ferguson stated that the Water Authority will be replacing the bumpy part of the road and that Mr. Guerriero of Edgewood's Public Works Department is coordinating this with Mr. Russo of the Water Authority.

According to Mr. Ferguson, the PEMA loan closing was held last week and the first payment is due May 1, 2007.

Mr. Ferguson said he will be talking with the Community Services Committee, as well as the Recreation Department regarding grant money for the track at Koenig Field.

A meeting will be held April 11, 2007 at 2:00 PM, which Mr. Ferguson and the Mayor will attend, and Mr. Ferguson invited all other Council members to attend. The meeting is with a gentleman charged with overseeing the painting of murals on the inside walls of the busway. The work will be done in conjunction with high school art students.

There will be a Comprehensive Plan meeting this Thursday at 7:00 PM. Mr. Ferguson indicated that he is trying to arrange a meeting for May 17, 2007 for the Edgewood Community Comprehensive Plan meeting. He is working with Dr. Rhoten at the Western PA School for the Deaf regarding the use of their facility for this purpose. Mr. Ferguson stated that the goal is to get as many residents as possible to participate in this meeting regarding the future of Edgewood. This will also help the consultants move forward.

Ms. Schaefer noted that this is part of the intermunicipal grant and that it would be helpful to have something sent to volunteers, boards and councils.

Mr. Ferguson stated that this meeting is meant to be interactive and should be a guidance document for policy and spending over the next decade.

Mayor Davin said that she has advance information that the Mayors' Association is having a meeting and has invited the head of Port Authority as a speaker.

Regarding the meeting with Penndot, Mayor Davin asked Mr. Ferguson if there was mention made of using Borough police officers and Mr. Ferguson indicated that this was a question better directed to Chief Wood. Mr. Ferguson said that Sgt. Hockenberry went to a meeting with him while Chief Wood attended court and problem areas were identified for Swissvale, Edgewood and Wilkesburg.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. McDonald set a Public Works Committee meeting for April 9, 2007 at 7:30 PM. She also spoke of the need to start looking for a new Junior Councilperson as Ms. Bush's term is about

to expire. Ms. McDonald suggested advertising in the Edgewood newsletter, the website and various schools.

Ms. Schaefer asked Ms. Bush to meet with the General Government Committee to give input regarding her experience as a Junior Councilperson.

Mr. Hellett suggested that since the Junior Councilperson program has had such a huge response, that terms be set at six months.

Ms. McDonald suggested waiting to see how many responses were received. She also spoke about developing a plaque for those who served as Junior Councilpersons.

Mayor Davin said that Chief Wood got the application for CALEA and of the fifteen standards required, the Borough met fourteen.

The Mayor also received an invitation to a housing festival at Three Rivers Center for Independent Living on April 26-27, 2007 from 12:00 – 6:00 PM.

A letter received by the Mayor from the Census Bureau had also been handled by Mr. Ferguson.

Mayor Davin had strong feelings regarding too low hourly salaries being offered to the temporary Public Works employees, stating that the Borough wants to get the best people possible.

Ms. Schaefer stated that the Borough has done its due diligence in this process.

ADJOURNMENT

M-8 Following an Executive Session which lasted from 9:20 PM to 10:10 PM, it was moved by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Szefi to adjourn this meeting at 10:11 PM.

Kurt M. Ferguson
Borough Manager