

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

Vice President Mark McNally called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, April 16, 2007 at 7:34 PM in the Municipal Building.

Borough Manager Kurt Ferguson called the roll and the following responded: Mr. Cook, Ms. Nogrady (arrived 7:50 PM), Mr. Szefi, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett.

President Patricia Schaefer sat in Mayor Jean O. Davin's seat as the Mayor was out of the country. 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. Hellett moved to approve the minutes of March 19, 2007. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-2 Mr. Hellett moved to approve the minutes of April 2, 2007. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Cook, Mr. Szefi, Mr. Hellett, Mr. McNally 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 \$72,656.70 . Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT

Mr. Hellett reported that the Committee met and spoke with Junior Councilperson Bush and her questions will be circulated to Council members. He stated that Ms. Bush did a good job.

Mr. Hellett also mentioned that the Committee touched on issues to be presented on the current agenda regarding the Recreation Director, as well as reviewing bills.

DISCUSSION: Mr. McNally stated that Ms. Bush is extremely thorough.

POLICE REPORT

Ms. Schaefer reported that activity is up for Part I crimes and down for Part II crimes. She stated that Chief Wood continues to work on the CALEA certification. Ms. Schaefer also reported on the Significant Events Report included.

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Ms. Schaefer read the highlights of this report.

DISCUSSION: None.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Schaefer stated that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ms. Schaefer said that the Committee did meet with Mr. Ferguson for a review of items concerning the Port Authority Ad Hoc Committee.

Ms. Schaefer also indicated that Borough upkeep continues and street paving is fast approaching.

DISCUSSION: None.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

The Committee did not meet, according to Mr. Hellett.

DISCUSSION: None.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Hellett shared that the Committee did meet on the topic of the Recreation Director's resignation. The Committee talked about issues pertaining to the position and the quest for a replacement.

DISCUSSION: None.

PENSION COMMITTEE

Mr. McNally said the Committee is scheduled to meet with Mr. Dalessandro to review pension performance on May 4, 2007.

DISCUSSION: None.

AD HOC

PORT AUTHORITY

Mr. McNally said that the Committee has not met since the last report, but indicated that there are late-breaking developments with regard to the historic preservation issue. The state preservation office has authorized that the \$50,000 in funds designated for Port Authority to determine the existence of a historic district may now be used to make up the shortfall between the renovation for the Train Station and the budget.

With that in mind, Mr. McNally continued stating that a meeting would take place with Mr. Grubb and Port Authority to discuss how the project will proceed in view of this news.

DISCUSSION: None.

EDGEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Cook said that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

PARCEL D COMMITTEE

Mr. McNally indicated that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

Ms. Nogrady arrived and voted on motions from this point forward.

3 RIVERS WET WEATHER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Ms. Schaefer informed Council that Senator Costa and Rep. Readshaw have been appointed to the Project.

DISCUSSION: None.

COMPREHENSIVE INTERMUNICIPAL STEERING COMMITTEE

Mr. Szefi said that the Steering Committee met the first Thursday of the month and spent the majority of time speaking about the press conference scheduled for April 19, 2007 in Swissvale. He indicated that County Executive Onorato has been invited to this kick-off meeting.

Mr. Szefi also talked about the meeting scheduled in Edgewood on May 17, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. He asked that business owners and residents be invited to attend.

Ms. Schaefer stated that the Comprehensive Intermunicipal Steering Committee is significant for this area as it can attract funding for future projects. Ms. Schaefer said that the highlights of the area could be promoted and that this could be an exciting opportunity for Edgewood.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Barry had no separate report.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Ferguson said that there would be a front-page article in the Edgewood Newsletter on the Comprehensive Intermunicipal Steering Committee plan. As well, letters will be sent to volunteers on boards, authorities, groups, to business owners and to 30-40 random residential addresses.

Mr. Holbrook, a local artist, will attend the first May meeting to present ideas on painting the inside of the busway using six (6) artists who have come up with designs. Community input is welcome regarding these designs and Mr. Ferguson stated that the renderings could be left at the Borough Building for viewing by the public.

Mr. Ferguson indicated that he would present ideas to the General Government Committee over the next few weeks regarding Recreation. A review of items for Recreation was given by Mr. Ferguson including the dugouts, scoreboard, adult volunteers, bleachers and benches, which were obtained by a grant.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hellett asked for a single page printout regarding the Comprehensive Plan for distribution in the Regent Square area.

Ms. Schaefer said that rather than have the artwork for the busway project at the Borough Building, why not place it at the Library where there is a higher volume of traffic.

Mr. McNally suggested that the busway art group attend a Planning Commission meeting for a review and discussion of their proposal. He agreed that the Library was a better venue for viewing of this artwork.

Following a discussion of the Comprehensive Plan led by Mr. McNally, with comments from Ms. Schaefer, Mr. Ferguson indicated that he has already written a letter to various boards and groups. He also anticipates placing calls to committee chairpersons.

Ms. Schaefer requested that Junior Councilperson Bush ask her friends to attend this meeting for input from the younger crowd as to what is important to them.

Another item which Ms. Schaefer spoke about was the Boy Scouts food campaign on April 21, 2007. The Scouts are requesting non perishable items to help feed the 120,000 hungry people in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee meetings were set.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Mr. Hellett moved to accept the resignation of Amber Barrante, Edgewood Borough Director of Recreation, effective April 18, 2007. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-5 Mr. Hellett moved to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for a Director of Recreation. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-6 Mr. McNally moved to authorize the payment of property tax refunds, in the gross amount of \$4,227.81, 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 Mr. Cook.

NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
Ken Uchino	215 W. Hutchinson Ave.	\$711.53

John Eaton	119 W. Hutchinson Ave.	\$423.00
Gregory Hall	829 E. Hutchinson Ave.	\$110.97
Jason & Jackie Berberich	128 Lloyd Ave.	\$95.30
Mark & Stephanie Dorgan	165 W. Hutchinson Ave.	\$176.26
Jeffrey Sposato	155 W. Hutchinson Ave.	\$604.48
Gordon Fucho	350 Maple Ave.	\$199.83
Phillip & Erin Rittling	146 Oakview Ave.	\$135.13
Susan Hosack	109 Ivy St.	\$93.25
Joseph & Lori Kowalski	1505 Walnut St.	\$248.06
Michael & Jean Davin	135 LaCrosse St.	\$119.23
George Pomper	1436 Walnut St.	\$277.43
Sarah Liberty Olbrich	333 Locust St.	\$139.04
Carmen Lee	140 Oakview Ave.	\$193.22
Malay & Nandini Krishna	305 Dewey St.	\$701.08

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-7 Ms. Nogrady offered Resolution 2007-21 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Cook.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2007-21

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood provides a non-uniformed pension plan for its full-time employees; and

WHEREAS, the employees contribute a portion of their pay to this pension plan; and

WHEREAS, the employment may be terminated before an employee is vested in the plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Edgewood Borough non-uniformed pension plan will refund Amber Barrante her personal contributions made during her employment.

ADOPTED THIS THE 16th day of April 2007.

ATTEST:

Borough Secretary

Council President

DISCUSSION: None.

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

ADJOURNMENT

M-8 Following an Executive Session to consider a personnel matter, which lasted from 8:15 PM until 8:36 PM, it was moved by Mr. Szefi and seconded by Mr. Cook to adjourn this meeting at 8:37 PM.

Kurt M. Ferguson
Borough Manager