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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

President Patricia Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 7:35 PM in the Municipal Building.

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

Mr. Harding and Ms. Pryce were absent.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-1 Ms. McDonald moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2008. Second by Mr. Hellett.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-2 Ms. McDonald moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2008. Second by Mr. Szefi.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Ms. Schaefer announced that an Executive Session will follow Committee Action to discuss contracts and personnel issues with possible action taking place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT

Ms. McDonald said that the Committee met this evening to review bills and sign checks. There was discussion whether an item was best suited for General Government or Personnel Committee and this prompted the Executive Session this evening.

DISCUSSION: None.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Davin reviewed the crime statistics stating that they are quite a bit lower for last month in comparison to last year. The percentage of arrests, according to the Mayor, to the amount of Part I and Part II crimes is quite high for January. The Mayor also reported that the activity report for the month of January, including the amount of calls, is down over the last two years. However, the revenue was higher, even though the amount of calls was lower.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald shared that the percentage of Part I crimes was lower over last year by 26%, and for Part II crimes this amount was down by 70%.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Ms. McDonald stated that the Committee did not meet. She said that the final round of interviews for Police Chief will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2008. She then shared the highlights of the Public Safety Report.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer noted that the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department was named Citizen of the Year by the Woodland Hills Progress. The Department did a tour of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and some of the other institutions in the area.

Mayor Davin pointed out for the new members of Council that the reason for the voided tickets for the month of January is that residents forget to put their purchased stickers on their windshields. The Mayor said that she waives the parking restriction for the holiday period, thereby cutting people a break, but this always increases the number of voided tickets.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Szefi stated that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ms. McDonald shared that the Committee met February 11, 2008, resulting in the paving motion which is being presented today. She then read the highlights of the report.

Ms. McDonald said that both Ms. Schaefer and Mr. Hellett got correspondence thanking Council and the Public Works Department for maintenance of the roads during recent storms.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer stated that she received an e-mail from a non-resident commenting on the same thing.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Mr. Hellett said that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin noted that, as far as statistics for the Library, some of those submitted are incorrect. The Mayor noted that she will be meeting with Ms. Bogie for an update.

Ms. Schaefer explained, following a question by Mr. Hellett, that the \$11,250 check to the Library is a donation from the Borough.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Hellett informed Council that the Committee met and discussed re-evaluation of the performance appraisal form. Categories and positions in the Borough were also discussed, according to Mr. Hellett.

DISCUSSION: None.

PENSION COMMITTEE

Mr. Szefi noted that the Committee did not meet, but will meet on March 10, 2008.

DISCUSSION: None.

AD HOC

PORT AUTHORITY AGREEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Reynolds spoke about the upcoming contract talks. He stated that Senator Costa will participate. The Edgewood Avenue Revitalization project was discussed and the first meeting with Ms. Showers is scheduled for February 25, 2008 at 7:00 PM, according to Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: None.

INTERCOUNCIL (WHSD)

Ms. McDonald stated that this meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

DISCUSSION: None.

3 RIVERS WET WEATHER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Ms. Schaefer said there will be a meeting for the newly elected people. She stated that she will be meeting with the Board members and Senator Costa.

DISCUSSION: None.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Szefi said the next meeting is for the first Thursday in March.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Worner had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Ferguson reported on a 2009 requirement from GASB-34 to have an actuarial analysis of retiree healthcare in the Borough. He went on to say that the police officers currently have the option of single coverage at the time of retirement, which was closed after the last contract to include current officers. The requirements say that communities will be required to say what their unfunded liability is and that this must be done in 2009.

Mr. Ferguson went on to say that he asked the actuary to put this together now in case the Borough needs to begin setting money aside.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Reynolds asked if this process will be repeated every year, and it was outlined that this will be something analyzed every few years.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. McDonald informed Council, regarding the container which was placed on South Braddock Avenue that the concern over the condition of the container was appreciated, but it was not the Borough Manager's fault that this was put there and the owner of the container should have applied for a permit.

Mr. Szefi had questions regarding the tree which fell down due to the high winds and Mr. Ferguson stated that the arborist suggests that the Borough wait to try and save the tree.

Mr. Hellett set a Community Services meeting for March 10 at 8:10 PM and Mr. Szefi set a Pension Committee meeting on the same day at 7:30 PM.

Ms. McDonald reminded Council of the Police Chief interviews this Saturday.

Ms. Schaefer noted that the Mayoral Dinner was at 6:00 PM.

COMMITTEE ACTION

- M-3 Ms. McDonald 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 \$86,774.65. Second by Mr. Hellett.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-4 Mr. Hellett moved to hire Mona Badran as a part-time seasonal employee in the Recreation Department effective immediately at a pay of \$7.15 an hour. Second by Ms. McDonald.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-5 Mr. Hellett moved to hire Mariah Mysels as a part-time seasonal employee in the Recreation Department effective immediately at a pay of \$7.15 an hour. Second by Mr. Reynolds.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-6 Ms. McDonald moved to accept the liquid fuels examination report, as supplied by the Pennsylvania Auditor General, for the last two years ending December 31, 2006. Second by Mr. Szefi.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-7 Ms. McDonald moved to authorize the Borough Manager to proceed with the bid advertisement and appropriate engineering work for street paving and sewer improvements in the Borough. The streets to be advertised include Hawthorne Street from Locust to Walnut, Gordon Street from Edgewood Avenue to Chestnut and Edgewood Avenue from Elm Street to approximately 225 Edgewood Avenue. The sewer work will take place on Mifflin and Railroad Alley with those project areas also to be repaved. Second by Mr. Hellett.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Following an Executive Session, which lasted from 8:04 PM to 8:44 PM, the following motion was made.

- M-8 Ms. McDonald moved to approve the agreement between the Borough and Service Employees International Union, Local 668, AFL-CIO, for the period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010. Second by Mr. Reynolds.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

ADJOURNMENT

- M-9 Ms. McDonald moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM. Second by Mr. Szefi.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Kurt M. Ferguson
Borough Manager