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Council President Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 7:32 PM in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

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

Ms. McDonald, Mr. Szefi and Mr. Cook were absent.

Mayor Jean O. Davin and Solicitor W. Timothy Barry were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Mr. Harding moved to authorize the payment of bills, for goods and services received by the Borough, having been reviewed and approved by the Borough Council in the amount of \$58,172.15. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Mayor Davin suggested that all motions be read, as Mr. Reynolds may need to attend a fire call. Mr. Reynolds opted to wait for another Councilperson to arrive in order to maintain a quorum.

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

No representative of the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department was present due to a fire alarm call.

DISCUSSION: None.

RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Ferguson reported that the soccer program has over two hundred (200) registrants and the games start this Saturday. He further stated that some registrations had to be turned away, since the teams had been chosen and the uniforms had been ordered. Many of the registrations were a direct result of the Greenfield league disbanding, according to Mr. Ferguson, and the Edgewood program took as many of those children as was possible. Mr. Ferguson also reported that there are more than enough coaches for the practices and that Ms. Mysels is in charge of the program. Ms. Freedline will be overseeing the Haunted House, the dates of which will be reported at a later time, according to Mr. Ferguson.

The basketball applications will be completed and ready to go out, according to Mr. Ferguson. He indicated that the details regarding the age range of the basketball participants in the program would require a meeting with the Community Services Committee.

Mr. Ferguson also mentioned that the final details from Community Day costs are now available and came in near budget.

DISCUSSION: None.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Fuller said that the summer help program has ended.

He reported that the Environmental Protection Agency gave the Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority one of five (5) awards distributed in the state.

The PFM has been hired as the Authority's pension consultants at a charge of fourteen (14) basis points.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin had a question regarding renewal of the contract with Pennsylvania Municipal Services (PAMS) and Mr. Ferguson stated that there is one item which is up for renewal this year.

Mr. Ferguson asked Mr. Fuller what the percentage charge was and the answer was three percent (3%).

Mayor Davin recalled that a bid was solicited from PFM last year, but they were not ready at that time.

Ms. Schaefer informed Mr. Fuller of a waste water infrastructure meeting.

Mr. Ferguson advised Mr. Fuller that he has a list of the adult basketball participants from last year.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG) REPORT

Mr. Hellett did not attend the COG meeting and had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION: None.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Szefi was not present to give a report.

DISCUSSION: None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Barry stated that he had a litigation matter to report on in Executive Session. He stated that Mr. Ferguson called his attention to an application for development of 111 Maple Avenue for a parking lot which may need to go before the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Barry informed Council that he will present an opinion sometime this week.

DISCUSSION: None.

Ms. Schaefer stated that an Executive Session will follow New Business for potential litigation and a personnel issue and action may or may not be taken.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Ferguson reported on the recycling program and the options available to Council. He stated that Waste Management currently picks up everything except recycling, but that he has had a conversation with their coordinator regarding this.

A difference from the current recycling schedule would be collecting on a day different from garbage pickup. Pickup on the same day, according to Mr. Ferguson, might be problematic.

The leaf pickup has been coordinated around this idea and Mr. Ferguson and Public Works Director Guerriero have discussed how this could be changed. Mr. Ferguson stated that he will outline these issues in writing, including a leaf pickup schedule.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer stated that this should come through the Public Works Committee and asked Council members to get their questions to Mr. Ferguson.

Mr. Ferguson continued, stating that the Public Works Committee would need to meet soon for the recycling issue, as well as the sewer projects for 2009. As well, Mr. Ferguson mentioned that the paving schedule will be out soon and he is coordinating with PennDot's work on Dewey.

PennDot has asked the Borough for financial consideration in building a handicapped ramp, the cost of which is approximately \$1,200.

Following a question from Mayor Davin asking whether PennDot will be doing the paving, Mr. Ferguson explained that they said the Borough could participate, but it would be cheaper to let them do it.

Mayor Davin also questioned the start of leaf pickup in mid-October, as she noticed that trees are dropping leaves now. She suggested starting leaf pickup sooner than that.

Mr. Ferguson stated that the leaves have fallen down late in the last few years and proceeded to note the arborist's report currently available to each of them, including a summary analysis. Mr. Ferguson noted that the preliminary estimate for the work is \$8,000.

Mr. Ferguson also called attention to the report supplied by Mr. Stanton of Lennon Smith Souleret Engineers.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Hellett moved to accept the resignation of Carmine Russo, effective August 27, 2008. Second by Mr. Harding.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-3 Mr. Hellett moved to authorize the advertisement for a full-time Public Works Laborer in the Edgewood Borough Public Works Department. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: None

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

M-4 Mr. Harding offered Resolution 2008-25 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2008-25

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 Carmine Russo his personal contributions made during his employment.

ADOPTED THIS THE 2nd day of September 2008 at the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

ATTEST:

Borough Secretary

Council President

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Harding, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Resolution Passes.**

Ms. Schaefer presented for posting a flyer regarding disposal of chemicals and asked Mr. Ferguson to give a copy to the Library and place a copy at Koenig Field.

Ms. Schaefer also reported on a PSAB Leadership Conference from September 17-19, 2008, which will cover issues such as the Open Records Act and Earned Income collection and offered that anyone on Council who might want to attend should contact Mr. Ferguson. According to Ms. Schaefer, it is important that Council network with other fellow electeds.

A meeting notice for September 8, 2008, supplied by Mr. Brouman via Ms. Schaefer, will cover a public gathering on water planning and will be held in Seven Fields.

Mayor Davin reported that there will be a meeting on September 8, 2008 at the Alcoa Building in an effort to get community leaders to prevent foreclosures.

The Allegheny County Mayors' Association Dinner will be held October 18, 2008 at the Holiday Inn in Braddock Hills with District Justice Ross Cioppa as the speaker, according to Mayor Davin.

The Mayor covered several other items including the Edgewood Foundation Newcomers' meeting on September 25, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Horner's home on Maple Avenue. The Foundation will also hold a Wine and Chocolate Affaire and asked for donations.

According to the Mayor, the Edgewood Board of Trustees for the C. C. Mellor Library and Community House has received their audit, which was available for review. The Mayor also reported that a new bookkeeper has been hired for the Board of Trustees.

Solicitor Barry questioned if Mr. Ferguson had received a memo from him regarding the Right to Know Act.

M-5 Following an Executive Session which lasted from 8:05 PM to 9:20 PM, Council President Schaefer announced the receipt of an application form for a \$125,000 grant received from State Senator Costa's office for the Edgewood Train Station. It was then moved by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Harding to adjourn.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Kurt Ferguson
Borough Manager