

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008**

President Patricia Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, September 15, 2008 at 7:38 PM in the Municipal Building.

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

Mr. Hellett was absent.

Mayor Davin, Borough Solicitor W. Timothy Barry and the Junior Councilperson were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

President Schaefer noted that Nicole Carrato, an Oakland Catholic High School student, was present to observe the meeting.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-1 Ms. McDonald offered Resolution 2008-26 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Cook.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2008-26

WHEREAS, the Edgewood Borough Council recognizes the importance of youth participation with regard to Borough activities; and

WHEREAS, the Edgewood Borough Council created a Junior Council position with Resolution 2006-26 on April 17, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, applications were accepted and candidates were interviewed for this position.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Anne Hazlett be appointed as a Junior Councilperson per the terms outlined in Resolution 2006-26.

ADOPTED THIS the 15th day of September 2008 at the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

Borough Secretary

Council President

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald said that the position of Junior Councilperson was created in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs. The Borough of Edgewood improved upon the program and drafted guidelines to augment the state's requirements for graduation.

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

SWEARING-IN

Mayor Davin read the Oath of Office for the swearing in of Ms. Hazlett, the new Junior Councilperson.

**OATH OF OFFICE
September 15, 2008**

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

Oath of Office

I, ANNE HAZLETT, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I WILL SUPPORT, OBEY AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND THAT I WILL DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF JUNIOR COUNCILPERSON WITH FIDELITY.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE }
ME THIS 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2008 }
}

Mayor Jean O. Davin

- M-2 Ms. McDonald moved to approve the minutes of August 18, 2008. Second by Mr. Cook.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-3 Ms. McDonald moved to approve the minutes of September 2, 2008. Second by Mr. Reynolds.**

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. Schaefer, Mr. Harding, Mr. Reynolds voted yes. Ms. McDonald, Mr. Szefi and Mr. Cook abstained, as they were not present for the meeting. **Motion tabled until next meeting, as there is no quorum for a vote.**

- M-4 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 \$146,130.30. Second by Mr. Harding.**

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ferguson explained the disparity in the payment and approval amount of the Digital Ally bill for the camera purchased for the police car following the accident.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT

Ms. McDonald stated that the Committee met this evening for a review of the bills.

DISCUSSION: None.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Davin said that the Department has been quite busy and Part I crimes, including shoplifting, motor vehicle theft, and Part II crimes, have been standard. The number of crimes have been more than last year and less than the year before. Forty five (45) crimes are listed with arrests being made in thirty seven (37) cases. The revenue is slightly less.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald had a question regarding an accident investigation and the Mayor explained that Chief Payne was out and she would need to get an answer from him.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Ms. McDonald read the highlights of the report.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Reynolds said that the Fire Department has been busy and attended seventeen (17) calls over the past three (3) days, completing one call at 2:00 AM.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Szefi had no separate report and said that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ms. McDonald thanked Mr. Ferguson and Public Works for going through the entire Borough to make sure all catch basins were clear.

Ms. McDonald then read the highlights of the report and stated that the leaf pickup schedule will be coming out soon.

DISCUSSION: None.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Mr. Cook noted that the Committee did not meet. He gave the Haunted House information, stating that the Fire Department is heavily involved in this. The dates for the festivities are October 17-18, 2008 and October 24-25, 2008 at 7:00 at Koenig Field. The cost for children is \$2.00 and for adults \$3.00.

As well, Mr. Cook mentioned that the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf will hold a joint Block Party on October 4 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin said that the National Aviary will be in attendance at the Block Party. The site of the Party will extend down to the Three Rivers Center for Independent Living (TRCIL) building and possibly to the Jane Holmes Residence. There will be an antique car show, hot dogs will be sold for \$.50 and free ice cream will be given, among other events. It was noted by the Mayor that Borough organizations may take part in this event for free.

Outlining other upcoming events, the Mayor said that a sleepover is planned at Koenig Field on September 20, 2008 and on September 25, 2008 there will be a Newcomers' meeting at the Horner's home on Maple. A Wine and Chocolate Affaire will also be held on October 4, 2008 from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. The Edgewood Symphony String Quartet will supply the music for this event.

Ms. Schaefer noted that on September 27, 2008, there will be a place set up at Station Square for depositing old paint and batteries and other trash, which is not able to be placed out with regular trash.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Hellett was not available to give a Committee report.

DISCUSSION: None.

PENSION COMMITTEE

Mr. Szefi said that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

AD HOC

PORT AUTHORITY AGREEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Reynolds stated that there is now a solidified vision on how best to proceed with completing the Train Station. He said it is hoped this will be done by budget time, 2009. Grant funds are being applied for, according to Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ferguson spoke of the resolution which was put together this afternoon following discussion of the possibility of a grant via Senator Costa. Mr. Ferguson said the Senator has been fully supportive of Edgewood in this process. He further stated that the funds are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

With regard to the Train Station, Mr. Ferguson noted that he is coordinating with Mr. Grubb, including pricing out the items for the vanilla box structure. Mr. Ferguson expects this process to be done by Thursday afternoon. It is anticipated that this will come before Council for temporary weatherization issues also.

The bids, according to Mr. Ferguson, may be put out by the Borough, since the nature of the funding allows any qualified contractor to bid.

Mayor Davin asked if there is any discussion by the Port Authority Transit (PAT) Board regarding obtaining grants on behalf of the Borough through PAT and was answered in the affirmative by Ms. Schaefer. Ms. Schaefer stated that Representative Costa, Senator Costa and Congressman Doyle are working to this end.

3 RIVERS WET WEATHER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Ms. Schaefer informed Council that there will be a sewer conference the first week of October and a Basin meeting September 22, 2008. Work is also being done with Alcosan regarding flow monitoring, according to Ms. Schaefer.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Szefi offered that the Steering Committee is no longer meeting and the County currently has the document for approval prior to adoption by Council.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Barry gave his opinion regarding the pruning and removal of trees on Lincoln Avenue stating that this did not need to be bid, as it constituted professional services.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Ferguson stated that the storm sewer work begins September 22, 2008, including Railroad Alley and Mifflin Avenue. He also said that potential projects have been established for next year.

According to Mr. Ferguson, a balanced budget will be presented by October 15, 2008. He expounded on the Workers' Compensation rates, stating that three years ago the rates were up to \$100,000 a year. The new premium for 2008-2009 is \$62,000.

Mr. Ferguson informed Council that the health insurance budget was increased for 2009 by thirty percent (30%); he felt the amount of the premium increase will be in by October 15, 2008.

Community development grants have been sought for 2009 and Mr. Ferguson said he has raised \$2,500 so far for Community Day 2009.

Mr. Ferguson stated that he will be speaking on September 23, 2008 regarding how to bid out street paving using a joint bidding process. He informed Council that the Borough saw substantive savings doing it this way. He stated that he expanded this to other items such as equipment, which can be jointly purchased.

Regarding the Lincoln Avenue work, Mr. Ferguson indicated that this has been a rough year for trees in the Borough. A tree was taken down at Koenig Field and a tree was lost on Lincoln on Mothers' Day, for a total of five (5) trees within fourteen (14) months. In October, according to Mr. Ferguson, some trees will be planted around the Borough.

Leaf pickup days will be posted in the next newsletter and this may bring about a recycling day change.

DISCUSSION: The Mayor had a question regarding the change and whether it would be financially advantageous to the Borough. Mr. Ferguson said that this would have to wait until spring if it is not done now.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Schaefer stated that ultrasound was done on the trees to be sure there were not environmental and other issues going on that were not visible to the naked eye.

Meetings were set as follows: September 22, 2008 – Public Works, 7:00 PM; Community Service, 7:30 PM. September 29, 2009 - (potential) Pension, 7:30 PM.

Mayor Davin passed out a brochure printed by Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in their new state-of-the-art facility. The Mayor encouraged everyone to visit the facility and said that the Mayor of Wilksburg paid \$30 for a banner there as opposed to \$106 at another facility. They are capable of doing decals, such as those that go onto the police cars.

Another security gate has been installed at the School, making the whole facility secure, according to Mayor Davin.

The Edgewood sign, just off the Parkway, which was donated by the Edgewood Foundation, is being requested for use as a project in conjunction with the Garden Club. Their desire is to make the area stand out.

Ms. Schaefer asked Mr. Ferguson to find out to whom the property belongs.

The last item referred to by the Mayor was the Mayors' Dinner featuring keynote speaker, District Justice Ross Cioppa.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-5 Ms. McDonald offered Resolution 2008-27 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2008-27

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood maintains a separate Civil Service Commission to oversee fairness in the personnel processes for our Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood adopted official Civil Service Rules on January 21, 2003 and has not changed or re-adopted them since; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Edgewood has the right and responsibility to change the Civil Service Rules as circumstances dictate; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission has made several recommendations, with the assistance of the Borough Solicitor to make certain changes to the Civil Service Rules to bring them more in line with those of other police departments and to correct certain inconsistencies; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Edgewood has a proposed change to Section 4.4 of the Civil Service Rules, in order to expand promotional opportunities for officers in the Edgewood Police Department; and

WHEREAS these proposed changes to the Civil Service Rules have been reviewed at length by the Public Safety Committee of Council and are being recommended for adoption by the Council, who as a body has reviewed the same.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough's Civil Service Rules are hereby amended, effective immediately, according to the provisions set forth in the attached document which lists the sections to be changed in both their original form as adopted on January 21, 2003, and in their amended form submitted with this Resolution.

ADOPTED this 15th day of September 2008 at the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

Borough Secretary

Council President

Mayor

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-6 Mr. Reynolds offered Resolution 2008-28 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Ms. McDonald.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2008-28

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood is authorizing the filing of an application of funds with the Allegheny County Economic Development Community Infrastructure and Tourism Board (ACEDCITB); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood is desirous of obtaining funds from the ACEDCITB in the amount of \$125,000; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood does hereby formally request a grant from the ACEDCITB; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood does hereby designate Kurt M. Ferguson as the official to file all applications, documents and forms between the Borough of Edgewood and the ACEDCITB; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood assures, where applicable, the provision of the full local share of the project costs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Edgewood assures, that the project will be awarded or under construction within 180 days after contractual execution.

ADOPTED this 15th day of September 2008 at the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

ATTEST:

Borough Secretary

Council President

DISCUSSION: Solicitor Barry questioned whether there was a local match and was informed by Mr. Ferguson that this meant that if the costs go over what is anticipated, it would be at the Borough's expense, but there is no match.

The Mayor asked if this required her signature and was told no, not at this time.

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

M-7 Mr. Cook moved to approve the recommendations of Arborel Tree Service in the 200 block of Lincoln Avenue and at 136 Lincoln Avenue to prune and remove trees at an estimated cost of \$8,230.00. **Second by Mr. Harding.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-8 Ms. McDonald moved to approve a three-year agreement with Maher Duessel, pending review and approval of the Borough Solicitor, for audit services for the Borough of Edgewood and the tax collector, at a total cost of \$13,600 for the 2008 audit, \$14,125 for the 2009 audit and \$14,650 for the 2010 audit. Second by Mr. Harding.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald stated that this was examined carefully by the General Government Committee.

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

The Mayor asked if there is a motion for the Sergeant's test and Ms. Schaefer stated that the amendment to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations needed to take place first so that the Commission can have the changes in hand.

ADJOURNMENT

M-9 Mr. Reynolds moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 PM. Second by Mr. Szefi.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Kurt M. Ferguson
Borough Manager