

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, March 2, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Borough Manager Kurt Ferguson called the roll and the following responded: Ms. McDonald, Mr. Shultz, Mr. Reynolds (arrived at 7:50 PM), Mr. Szefi, Mr. Cook, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 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 \$25,868.68. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Cook moved to purchase bleachers from Summit Supply Corporation of Colorado, the lowest of three (3) written quotes submitted to the Borough, at a total cost of \$5,426.40. Second by Mr. Hellett.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-3 Ms. McDonald moved to authorize the advertisement to accept applications for a part-time emergency services employee. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-4 Ms. McDonald moved to authorize the cash out provisions of the Borough Manager's employee agreement of 58.875 days at a total cost of \$17,258.03, and to authorize the Finance Officer to pay the Borough Manager his salary up to March 27, 2009, his last day of work, as part of the March 20, 2009 payroll. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

No one was available from the Fire Department to give a report.

DISCUSSION: None.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Fuller noted that the Allegheny County Health Department inspected the Water Authority last month and all facilities were secure and well maintained. He also mentioned that the Wal-Mart project is moving slowly and has an anticipated completion date in 2010.

There were thirty four (34) water main breaks in January, according to Mr. Fuller, and 2,900 customers have been lost since 2001, thirteen (13) of which were Edgewood residents.

Mr. Fuller also stated that there is no anticipated repair work in Edgewood this year.

DISCUSSION: None.

RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Ferguson said that the basketball playoffs start this Saturday and the championship will be held on March 14, 2009. All activity is played at the Edgewood Primary School, and there have been no problems this year, according to Mr. Ferguson.

The wooden bleachers will be replaced prior to baseball season. As well, Mr. Ferguson also said that the baseball applications are being mailed out, including teams through ages thirteen (13) and fourteen (14).

Mr. Ferguson indicated that he has been working with the Recreation Coordinators on final details prior to his departure. The Easter eggs for the annual Hunt, which will be held April 4, 2009, have arrived.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer asked that an article on the baseball program be placed in the newsletter.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Szefi said that the Committee did not meet and he had no report to give.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ferguson said that he sent an outline from Mr. Cohen for the Intercouncil municipal plan which requires a letter of recommendation from the Planning Commission. This was done last year and Mr. Grubb indicated to Mr. Ferguson that he recommended approval.

The outline now needs to be advertised two (2) times, according to Mr. Ferguson. He further indicated that the ability to seek funding would require that the member communities, Edgewood, Swissvale and Rankin, be involved.

COG REPORT

Mr. Hellett said that several Council members and the Mayor attended the COG dinner and there was a good turnout for the event. He noted that Senator Costa reviewed how the federal government funds will be spent.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer said that Senator Costa has documentation of the budget and spoke at length about the finances which are included.

Mayor Davin noted that she attended the Mayors' Dinner where Mr. Onorato, County Executive, was the keynote speaker. The stimulus package was discussed and Mr. Onorato said the federal government is looking for "shovel ready" projects.

Responding to an audience question regarding what the benefit will be for the stimulus package, Mr. Onorato said that this could be used for infrastructure.

Ms. Schaefer said this will be discussed with Lennon Smith Souleret Engineers and Edgewood's Public Works Department.

Mayor Davin noted that joint applications will be looked at even more favorably, such as the South Braddock and Edgewood Avenue projects. It is also planned, according to the Mayor, that the bridges will be fixed, including making the one that crosses the Monongahela River to the Waterfront a car bridge.

Ms. Schaefer said that the bridge past the Busway in Rankin is one of the worst rated in the area.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Barry had no separate report.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Ferguson reported on the money for sewers which will come from the gambling revenue earmarked for infrastructure.

Maher Duessel auditors met with General Government and Mr. Ferguson for what proved to be an efficient meeting. A final run of the audit should be in Council packets this Friday.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer said that there will be an Executive Session with possible action regarding personnel.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Barry requested a copy of the audit report.

Meetings were set as follows: Public Safety, March 5, 2009 at 7:30 PM; DPW, March 9, 2009 at 7:30 PM.

Ms. McDonald informed Council that the Woodland Hills School District passed a proposal for the Woodland Hills Academy.

Mr. Ferguson reminded Council that it is time to send a letter to the schools regarding the Junior Councilperson.

Following an Executive Session, which lasted from 8:02 PM until 8:45 PM, the following motion was made.

M-5 Mr. Hellett offered amended Resolution 2009-21 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Cook.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2009-21

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood has the position of Borough Manager vacant; and

WHEREAS, Warren R. Cecconi has over twenty (20) years governmental experience, seventeen (17) in Borough Management; and

WHEREAS, Warren R. Cecconi has interviewed and has met and exceeded the requirements for the position of Borough Manager.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Warren R. Cecconi has been hired as Borough Manager for the salary of \$72,000 beginning April 6, 2009.

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 2nd day of March 2009.

Borough Secretary

Council President

DISCUSSION: None.

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

ADJOURNMENT

M-6 It was moved by Ms. McDonald and seconded by Mr. Szefi to adjourn this meeting at 8:47 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Kurt Ferguson
Borough Manager