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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009**

President Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, June 15, 2009 at 7:37 PM in the Municipal Building.

Borough Manager Warren Cecconi called the roll and the following responded: Ms. McDonald, Mr. Shultz, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Szefi, Mr. Cook, Ms. Schaefer.

Mr. Hellett was absent.

Mayor Davin and Borough Solicitor Barry 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 May 18, 2009. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer made note of an item which had previously been corrected by Mayor Davin.

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

M-2 Ms. McDonald moved to approve the minutes of June 1, 2009. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

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 \$155,503.70. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin had questions regarding the printing of the newsletter, a legal fee and a healthcare insurance payment.

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

M-4 Ms. McDonald moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Szefi from the Edgewood Borough Council. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Shultz, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Szefi, Mr. Cook, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Ms. McDonald voted no. **Motion carried.**

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Davin called Mr. Szefi forward and read the following Proclamation.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

PROCLAMATION 2009-03

WHEREAS, the integrity of a community lies in the firm commitment of its officials to its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood has a Council in place which oversees matters in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Szefi has served admirably on the Borough of Edgewood Council and various committees including Public Safety, Planning Commission, Pension, Community Development Committee, Comprehensive Plan Committee and Port Authority Committee since January 3, 2006, sacrificing both his time and talent; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Szefi and his family will be moving from the Borough of Edgewood and has resigned his position on Council effective June 15, 2009.

NOW THEREFORE the Mayor proclaims June 19, 2009 as **ANDREW SZEFI DAY** in the Borough of Edgewood.

PROCLAIMED THIS the 15th day of June 2009.

Jean O. Davin, Mayor

Ms. Schaefer then presented the following plaque in honor of Mr. Szefi and thanked him for his service to the Borough.

In appreciation of your tenure as a member of the Edgewood Borough Council and the following committees, we extend thanks to you and wish you well in the future.

Planning Commission
Public Safety Committee
Community Development Committee
Port Authority Subcommittee
Comprehensive Plan Committee
Pension Committee

Patricia M. Schaefer, President
Eric Shultz
J. Edward Cook

Heidi McDonald, Vice President
Mal Hellett, President Pro Tem
Benjamin Reynolds
Jean O. Davin, Mayor

2009

M-5 Ms. McDonald offered Resolution 2009-23 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi questioned the end-term date for the Resolution and, before completion of the motion, Mr. Cook withdrew his second and Ms. McDonald restated her motion. **Motion and Second Withdrawn.**

M-6 Ms. McDonald offered Resolution 2009-23 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Cook.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2009-23

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough Council to maintain a degree of continuity and

WHEREAS, George Fuller has exhibited knowledge and ability to make positive contributions to the Borough Council.

WHEREAS, Mr. Fuller has shown his dedication to the Borough through his appointment as Borough of Edgewood's representative on the Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Edgewood Borough Council will hereby appoint George Fuller to the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to a term which will expire January 4, 2010.

ADOPTED THIS THE 15th day of June 2009.

Borough Secretary

Council President

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

SWEARING IN

Mayor Davin called Mr. Fuller forward to be sworn in.

**OATH OF OFFICE
JUNE 15, 2009**

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

Oath of Office

I, **GEORGE FULLER**, 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 MY APPOINTED OFFICE WITH FIDELITY.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE }
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ME THIS 15TH DAY OF JUNE 2009 }
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Mayor Jean O. Davin

Mr. Fuller then took his seat at the Council table.

At 7:50 PM, Ms. Schaefer announced that an Executive Session would begin. This meeting lasted until 9:19 PM, at which time the meeting again opened to the public.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT

Ms. McDonald said that the Committee met this evening to review and sign bills.

DISCUSSION: None.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Davin noted that the Part I crimes seemed to be slowing down, but that the year-to-date DUI's are double other years.

The Mayor reported that over the weekend, representatives of CALEA were in the Borough to review records and talk with people. She stated that there were minor recommendations made and that the representative stated that he would recommend that the Borough be given CALEA certification. Because of the fact that the supervisor's recommendation will not come until September and the fact that the Board meets in November, the final recommendation is not expected until the end of the year.

A daylight break-in was reported on Oakview this date, having occurred sometime after the residents left for work. The County is working to solve this.

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Ms. McDonald reported that the Committee met three weeks ago and witnessed a demonstration followed by discussion of various weapons. Ms. McDonald stated that CALEA has a standard for semiautomatic weapons, some of which were part of the demonstration.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer said that semi-automatic weapon guidelines are paramount.

Mayor Davin advised that she would like to take time to draft a policy for review.

Mr. Shultz felt this was a matter of certification and policy.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ms. McDonald said that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Mr. Cook said that the Committee did not meet. He then reported on the tree planting, stating that the paperwork for securing these is in place.

Mayor Davin offered the idea of purchasing a banner from the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for use in publicizing events by placing it across the Race Street overpass, since their prices seem somewhat cheaper. This was referred to Mr. Cook and the Community Services Committee.

DISCUSSION: None.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Reynolds said the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

PENSION COMMITTEE

The Committee will meet on June 23, 2009 with Mr. D'Alessandro.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer appointed Mr. Fuller to the Committee and he will attend the next meeting along with the Pension Committee.

AD HOC

PORT AUTHORITY AGREEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Reynolds said that the Committee did not meet, but noted that a public hearing had taken place on June 9, 2009 regarding the Edgewood Avenue Revitalization Project.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cook reported that Ms. Showers did a good job at the hearing.

Ms. Schaefer noted that a very good cross section of people was represented at the meeting. Ms. Schaefer said that a hard copy of the results of the hearing was promised to the audience.

Several people expressed that they would be willing to volunteer, according to Ms. Schaefer.

EDGEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr. Cook said that this turned out to be a fantastic meeting. All parties talked of earlier issues. The School Board is willing to look at sites to establish a playground.

The steps leading to the Church parking lot are in horrible condition, according to Mr. Cook, and the School is talking about putting a green space there with a bench. Mr. Cook then gave further details of the project.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer talked about the rain garden for the School and partnering with the School.

Mr. Cook said that the rain garden will address issues that the School must face with the Consent Decree.

Mr. Cook felt that the meeting ironed out issues which had been of concern for years.

Ms. Schaefer said that the school will house grades K-6 and noted that one less bus would be traveling the area. Mr. Cecconi will be contacted as far as Building and Zoning requirements and Chief Payne will be contacted as far as Public Safety.

Responding to the Mayor's question, Ms. Schaefer informed Council that the money is already approved for this venture.

Ms. McDonald wondered what the next steps are and how a united front would be shown.

PARCEL D COMMITTEE

Mr. Szefi, who remained in the audience, noted that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

3 RIVERS WET WEATHER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Ms. Schaefer had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Barry had no separate report at this time.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Cecconi said that Alcosan wanted to be sure the Borough received their quarterly report. He also reported that the LaCrosse Street project bids came in between \$440,000 and \$1.2 million. As for the Junior Councilperson, Mr. Cecconi stated that one application was received this morning.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer said that another application has been received from the school.

Mr. Cecconi also reported that Building Inspection Underwriters will try to focus on occupancies.

A district court hearing was held for property at 826 Walnut Street and the owners did not show up.

Regarding Recreation, Mr. Cecconi gave a report for the baseball, T-ball and girls' softball teams. He then stated that he wanted to reinstitute the Recreation Committee. He indicated that sponsorship is becoming very expensive and asked about various ways to have sponsors support teams.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-7 Ms. McDonald moved to appoint Eric Shultz to the CONNECT Board per Resolution 2009-22 which supports CONNECT'S efforts and previously appointed Council President Schaefer and Borough Manager Cecconi to the Board. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-8 Mr. Reynolds moved to authorize the full-time hiring of current part-time Public Works Employee, Bruce Ruffing, beginning June 16, 2009 at a rate of \$11.00 per hour. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-9 Ms. McDonald moved to authorize the Civil Service Commission to test for the position of Sergeant. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

ADJOURNMENT

M-10 It was moved by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Reynolds to adjourn at 9:51 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Warren Cecconi
Borough Manager