

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2009**

President Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, August 17, 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. Fuller, 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

Former Edgewood Borough Councilperson, Mr. Brouman, of 114 McKay St. gave an overview of his work with the Ohio Region State Water Board and Act 220, the state water plan. He said the work has been published in the Water Atlas. Mr. Brouman has been a local government representative to the Ohio Region State Water Board. Mr. Brouman donated a document to the Library concerning these first steps in contributing to a water plan.

Secondly, Mr. Brouman was asked by the C. C. Mellor Library and Community House to solicit the Borough for more funding. He stated that not only has the Borough has been a supporter of the Library for a long time, but his family has, as well.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer said that the Borough gives the Library \$45,000 and that the sister boroughs of Churchill, Braddock Hills, Forest Hills and Wilkins have been asked to raise or match what Edgewood gives.

Mayor Davin emphasized that there have been significant cuts in the state budget and that grant funding has dissipated. The Mayor said that the sister municipalities should step up their participation. Mayor Davin noted that the building is deteriorating and that grant funding is being sought.

Ms. Schaefer said that she would like to see the other communities give \$10,000.

Mayor Davin went on to say that Regional Asset District (RAD) monies have decreased and that no other funding has been seen.

Ms. Horner of 455 Maple Ave. added that it is not just cash which is needed, but also donated inventory issue of current videos and books.

A resident of 112 Race St. informed Council that the Library is one of the reasons his family has not moved from the Borough.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Ms. McDonald gave a background report for the Junior Councilperson, stating that she and Mr. Cecconi interviewed Mr. Horner and that he has a long history of volunteerism and service to the community.

Ms. Schaefer indicated that the Junior Councilperson position provides young people with the opportunity to see their local government in action. She stated that Mr. Horner will be seated at the first meeting in September and will be permitted to attend all Council and committee meetings, but will not be allowed to vote. Mr. Horner will also be included in the budgeting process.

Ms. Schaefer went on to say that Ms. McDonald wrote the program so that it concurs with the student's senior project. The program has been very successful.

Ms. McDonald explained that the graduation program includes the Junior Councilperson being able to explain the various roles in the Borough, choosing three issues to follow throughout the year.

Ms. Schaefer then asked Mayor Davin to come forward to swear Mr. Horner in.

**OATH OF OFFICE
August 17, 2009**

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

Oath of Office

I, **BRIAN HORNER**, 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 }
ME THIS 17TH DAY OF AUGUST 2009 }
}

Mayor Jean O. Davin

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-1 Ms. McDonald moved to approve the minutes of July 20, 2009. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

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-2 Ms. McDonald moved to approve the minutes of August 3, 2009. 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-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 \$63,066.96. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

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.**

Ms. Schaefer announced that there would be an Executive Session, but that no action is expected.

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 stated that Part I and II crimes have increased over the last two years. Arrests, according to the Mayor, are in line with the previous two years.

The Mayor did have a question regarding whether the traffic and non-traffic revenue was interchanged in last year's figures as compared to the year before.

Mayor Davin opened a conversation regarding a friend in Forest Hills who received a swift-reach phone call about people stealing from cars. Following the event, the friend called the police and they were able to catch the actor in Churchill and discovered that he had been breaking into cars. Edgewood Police

Chief Payne obtained a warrant for the actor to come to Edgewood and the man was able to point out where he had stolen from, solving a number of crimes in the Borough.

The swift-reach program is being reviewed by Edgewood's Public Safety Committee. The Mayor told of another crime which was solved in Forest Hills. The actor would knock on the door of a home and, if someone answered, an excuse would be made and he would leave.

Mayor Davin said people are so trusting in this neighborhood, but that cars should be locked and no valuables should be left inside.

According to the Mayor, Community Day went well, as did the Car Cruise. Approximately 40-50 cars participated during the day, even though she felt that a tent should have been used for the day due to the heat.

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Ms. McDonald reported that the Committee met and discussed a variety of issues. She said a discussion of personnel issues will take place.

A request was made of Chief Payne by Ms. McDonald to gather information on automatic weapons.

Highlights of the Public Safety report were then read. Ms. McDonald noted that it has become more frequent that the Borough is involved in Parkway accidents.

DISCUSSION: None.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Fuller stated that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ms. McDonald said that results from the engineers are forthcoming for Allenby Ave. She then outlined what work is being done.

DISCUSSION: None.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Mr. Cook said that he was not available for Community Day and that he had nothing to report. Mr. Cook then read the highlights of the Community Service report. He also reported on his visit to State College and asked for a Community Service meeting with reference to trees. Mr. Cook talked about the

rubber sidewalks the College used, as well as places where they cut up the curb to accommodate the trees.

Mr. Cook reported that State College also has an easement to plant trees on lot owner's properties and that the Borough is responsible for maintaining these trees. Mr. Cook felt that the Borough should ask State College for students to identify trees that make sense root-wise for use in the Borough.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Reynolds thanked all departments for use of their equipment during Community Day. He also publicly thanked the Nied Funeral Home for their generous donation of all the consumables for Community Day.

Mr. Reynolds gave a vote of thanks to Mr. Guerriero, Public Works Director, who went up to the dump and cut wood for use during the preparation of the chicken and rib dinners.

Ms. Schaefer said it was a wonderful and hot day for the festivities and said there was a steady stream of people. She expressed her appreciation for the world-class whistler who was with the Edgewood Symphony, as well as for Mr. Cecconi leading the Symphony.

Mayor Davin suggested moving Community Day to September since many older people could not come out during the heat of the day.

Mr. Reynolds said this is also the consensus of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Ms. McDonald suggested sponsoring misting tents.

Ms. Schaefer again turned the discussion to tree roots, the age of the trees and how they might affect power lines.

Mr. Cook noted that the university has its own Tree Commission. Stating that he met with the municipality, Mr. Cook said that people on the Commission are university people who teach. He said he was surprised that they were unconcerned with the sewer issues such as those in Edgewood.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Reynolds said that there are several projects in the works.

DISCUSSION: None.

PENSION COMMITTEE

Mr. Shultz said that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

AD HOC

PORT AUTHORITY AGREEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Reynolds said that the Committee did not meet, but noted that substantial headway has been made concerning the Train Station. He, Senator Costa and Ms. Schaefer met and more progress is expected by the end of the year.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi noted that a historical review from the County should be completed by the end of the year.

Ms. Schaefer explained that the Committee moved forward very swiftly on this project. She also noted that residents want a coffee shop or a gathering place, but there is a question as to the profitability of this in conjunction with the traffic flow.

According to Ms. Schaefer, Mr. Reynolds and the Committee felt it might be worth discussing a coffee shop with the School for the Deaf for operation by their students. This would be a way to integrate the students into the community and would be a local gathering place throughout the year.

Further discussion ensued regarding available monies for educational endeavors and the fact that Senator Costa would be willing to help move the project forward.

Mayor Davin referred a gentleman who was interested in putting a bookstore/coffee shop in the location to the Borough Manager. The gentleman questioned whether the Borough will pave the parking lot and Mr. Cecconi answered in the affirmative, stating that there should be money left for that.

EDGEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ms. McDonald said that the Committee has not met, but that Chief Payne talked to school officials to find out if there are differences since the school will now be K-6; specifically, will this affect student safety. Ms. McDonald also addressed the issue of the flow of students and crossing guards and the Woodland Hills Academy.

DISCUSSION: Following further discussion, Mr. Cook suggested that since the Superintendent offered to return, he might be asked to speak to the community and address the current situation.

Ms. Schaefer expressed that it is important for the Intercouncil, the Edgewood Council and the community to meet.

PARCEL D COMMITTEE

Mr. Fuller noted that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin said she was approached during the Community Day Parade regarding a Brewster's being placed on the Parcel D site.

3 RIVERS WET WEATHER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Ms. Schaefer had nothing to report, but said there will be a sewer meeting in September. She said that Borough Manager Cecconi was in touch with Mr. Shubert of the Pittsburgh Sewer and Water Authority

regarding the 9 Mile Run and relocation of the connection so that the sewer line can be abandoned and they can continue expanding their project.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Barry had no separate report at this time.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Cecconi gave his report, with items including the National Flood Insurance Program and Community Day, which Mr. Cecconi said went well and was a good day for all.

The contract documents for the Train Station have been approved, according to Mr. Cecconi.

According to Mr. Cecconi, the Borough has been working with Mr. Rosenthal of W. Hutchinson Ave. regarding his sewer problems.

DISCUSSION: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cook scheduled a Community Services meeting for Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at 7:30 PM.

Mayor Davin had several items for discussion including a Census Bureau item concerning new construction.

The Mayor asked that several messages be placed on the reader board, including the Edgewood Foundation Clean-Up on Brinton Road August 29, 2009 at 9:00 AM; the Koenig Field sleepover on September 12, 2009 at 6:00 PM and the Newcomer's meeting on September 17, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the King's home on Hawthorne St. The Mayor also mentioned that the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf will hold a Car Cruise/Community Block Party on October 10, 2009.

Mayor Davin had several other items of interest including correspondence from the Municipal Management Institute and an article from November 7, 1944 about a woman at 102 Washington Street who had five children serving in the military. The Mayor thought this would be a nice article for the newsletter. As well, the Mayor commented on the Mayor's meeting October 1, 2009 where Mr. Onorato, County Executive, would speak being held at Palmieri's Restaurant at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Cook said that he will arrange for a walk-through at the School for the Deaf for the Police and Fire Departments.

Ms. Schaefer asked that CONNECT be added as a new committee and noted that this involves the City of Pittsburgh and its 36 contiguous municipalities and how each can work together for purchasing and supporting one another.

Mr. Shultz mentioned that this is a new organization that had its initial meeting in June. He stated that there is a goodwill effort donating Public Works employees for the G-20 Summit, but he felt that this was probably not going to happen.

Ms. Schaefer stated that the impact of the G-20 Summit has been discussed regarding potential ramifications with respect to traffic and protection of tunnels and rail service. Mayor Ravenstahl was told that the vehicle to communicate with officials to discuss these types of things should be CONNECT. Ms. Schaefer said that Public Safety will be meeting with Chief Payne regarding this.

A suggestion about forming an Ad Hoc Committee was made and the impact on the budget with respect to overtime.

Mayor Davin said extra staff will be put on during the G-20 Summit as she feels this is a prudent idea.

Borough Manager Cecconi said that once borders are crossed, the County takes over as lead. He indicated that Chief Payne will share information sent by the County and this will then be filtered to the staff.

Further discussion ensued regarding the G-20 Summit and logistics concerning the same.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Ms. McDonald moved to award a contract to Cargill, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, at the cost of \$52.75 per ton. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Reynolds had a question regarding whether the price was lower or higher than last year.

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-5 Mr. Cook moved to approve the Edgewood Foundation's request to hold a sleepover in Koenig Field on September 12, 2009. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald asked the Solicitor about the liability around this event and he answered that there is always potential liability, but that this event also took place last year. He indicated that some issues were agreed upon, such as additional supervision and the fact the children must be accompanied by an adult.

Ms. Schaefer stressed that this is an Edgewood Foundation, not a Borough, event.

Ms. McDonald voiced her discomfort with this as she felt it was exclusionary.

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-6 Mr. Cook moved to approve Electronic Access Licensing Agreement with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: The Borough Manager explained that grants can be administered on-line with this system and this motion is in follow-up to the Borough's interest. PennDot will provide a code and password for use of this system. Nothing new is being done; just in a different way.

Ms. Schaefer asked about the effect of the Sunshine Law.

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

After an Executive Session which lasted from 9:22 PM until 10:11 PM, the following motion was made.

- M-7 Mr. Reynolds moved to hire Justin Naranjo as a part-time Employee Services worker at a rate of \$10.00 per hour. Second by Ms. McDonald.

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-8 Mr. Reynolds moved and it was seconded by Ms. McDonald to adjourn this meeting at 10:12 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