

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
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Council President Schaefer called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 PM. She introduced Paul Gilbert of Pashek Associates who was present to answer any questions.

Ms. Schaefer asked for audience comments, of which there were none, and the meeting was left open until 7:26 PM at which time it closed to begin the Regular Meeting.

Ms. Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, September 8, 2009 at 7:31 PM in the Municipal Building.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Ms. McDonald, Mr. Shultz and Mr. Hellett were absent.

Mayor Jean O. Davin and Solicitor Representative Worner were present. The Junior Councilperson was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**EDGEWOOD FOUNDATION**

Mayor Davin gave an update for the Edgewood Foundation clean-up on Brinton Road which took place August 29, 2009. A sleepover will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at Koenig Field. Another event mentioned by Mayor Davin was the Newcomers' Reception which will be held at the King home on Hawthorne St. on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

According to the Mayor, the Foundation is in the process of finishing bids to redo the Edgewood sign off of the Parkway. The Mayor indicated that this current endeavor would be about \$6,000 and efforts to complete the other ramp would be made during the 2010 budget year. The Mayor noted that a lot of plant material has been donated.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cook then opened a conversation regarding versa loc which prevents soil erosion and stabilizes areas where dirt has been lost around signposts. According to Mayor Davin, the work will start in October.

Ms. Schaefer noted that an Alcosan Open House will take place on September 19, 2009 and is free and open to the public.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

**M-1 Mr. Cook 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 \$75,598.19. Second by Mr. Reynolds.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

**M-2 Mr. Fuller offered Resolution 2009-27 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Reynolds.**

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2009-27

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 Bruce Beitel his personal contributions made during his employment in the amount of \$6,773.11.

ADOPTED THIS THE 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2009 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

ATTEST:

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Borough Secretary

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Council President

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-3 Mr. Cook moved to authorize the 2009 Road Paving. Second by Mr. Fuller.**

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin was answered in the affirmative when she asked if the work will be performed this fall.

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

**M-4 Mr. Fuller moved to adopt the Joint Comprehensive Plan between Edgewood, Swissvale and Rankin. Second by Mr. Cook.**

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer was answered in the affirmative after questioning Mr. Worner regarding whether this could be done by motion instead of resolution.

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

Ms. Schaefer thanked everyone who participated in the neighborhood meetings at the Swissvale Borough Building and Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf where ideas were shared for developing the plan.

**M-5 Mr. Reynolds moved to hire Michael Artman as a full-time Emergency Services employee at a rate of \$12.00 per hour effective September 21, 2009 with a six-month probationary period. Second by Mr. Fuller.**

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin asked about Mr. Artman's status previously and Mr. Cecconi said he has been part-time up to this point, but stated that Mr. Artman is very knowledgeable regarding the desk and is trained in police procedure, as well.

Mr. Reynolds asked if the six-month probationary period included the part-time position which Mr. Artman held and was answered in the negative.

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

**M-6 Mr. Cook moved to promote Jeremy Kunkle to a full-time position in the Public Works Department. He will serve a six-month probationary period and the new rate of pay will be \$11.50 per hour. Second by Mr. Reynolds.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Ms. Schaefer said that an Executive Session concerning personnel will be held at the end of the meeting and that no action would take place after the Executive Session.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

No representative of the Volunteer Fire Department was available; however, Mr. Reynolds said that the Department will be helping with the sleepover on Saturday, September 12, 2009.

DISCUSSION: None.

**RECREATION REPORT**

Mr. Cecconi noted that the outpouring of participants for soccer continues.

DISCUSSION: None.

**WATER AUTHORITY REPORT**

Mr. Fuller reported that the Wilkesburg-Penn Joint Water Authority Board meeting covered pensions. He mentioned that fire hydrant costs increased to \$100 per hydrant.

DISCUSSION: None.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Ms. Schaefer said the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

**COG REPORT**

Ms. Schaefer had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION: None.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Worner had no separate report.

DISCUSSION: None.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Cecconi said that he has contacted Allegheny County regarding an Emergency Management meeting prior to the G-20 summit. He also noted that he is checking on the National Flood Insurance Program application. Also, according to Mr. Cecconi, the Train Station project is coming together.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer said that a meeting will be held on September 16, 2009 with the residents of Greendale Avenue to provide them with the information which Council currently has.

Mr. Cecconi indicated that he is currently working on the budget. As well, Mr. Cecconi noted that Freedom Systems will be updating their financial system.

The plans for the Edgewood Elementary School replacement retaining wall have been submitted.

Mr. Cook had a question regarding whether the green space would be kept and was answered in the affirmative by Mr. Cecconi.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Schaefer said that she and Mr. Cecconi will attend a 3 Rivers Wet Weather Demonstration Project conference. She also noted that an Upper Monongahela River Basin meeting will be held October 2, 2009 at the Brentwood Library.

Mayor Davin mentioned that a Mayors' meeting will take place October 1, 2009 at Palmieri's Restaurant with Mr. Fitzgerald as the keynote speaker.

President Schaefer asked that all Council read the patrol rifle directive which was shared with them and asked if they would come prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

Ms. Schaefer and Mr. Cecconi will attend a meeting with the Pittsburgh Sewer and Water Authority regarding manhole 25 which is relocating our connection to their line.

Mr. Cook said he will talk with Mr. Cecconi about the rubber matting for use on the tree roots.

Mayor Davin reported that Officer Lawrence has been operated on and his estimated time for return to work is unknown. Officer Ferguson will be back to work sooner than expected.

Mayor Davin noted that the sergeant's test, which four officers are eligible to take, will be held October 31, 2009.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**M-7 Following an Executive Session which lasted from 7:58 PM and ended at 8:42 PM, it was moved by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Cook to adjourn this meeting at 8:45 PM.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

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Warren Cecconi  
Borough Manager