

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

Vice President McDonald called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 7:33 PM in the Municipal Building.

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

Ms. Schaefer and Mr. Fuller were absent.

Mayor Davin was not at the meeting, but was in the Borough. Borough Solicitor Barry and Junior Councilperson Horner were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. O’Nan of Mifflin Avenue, a writer and formerly from Connecticut, shared an impassioned speech about support for the C. C. Mellor Library and Community House. He closed his message by asking Council to please see the Library as an investment for the future with immediate and far reaching rewards.

Ms. McDonald thanked Mr. O’Nan for his comments and stated that the Borough will continue to support the Library.

Mr. Hellett stated that fifty percent (50%) of the elected officials have been on the Library Board and share Mr. O’Nan’s passion.

Next, Mr. Evashavik of Locust Street spoke on behalf of his daughter, a student at Oakland Catholic School. For a school project, Council was asked to take a picture with Ms. Evashavik.

Ms. McDonald, liaison for the Junior Councilperson, encouraged the students in attendance.

Mr. Evashavik thanked Council for keeping Edgewood in the great shape that is in.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-1 Mr. Cook moved to approve the minutes of August 17, 2009. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-2 Mr. Cook moved to approve the minutes of September 8, 2009. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-3 Mr. Cook moved to approve the minutes of September 17, 2009. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-4 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 \$229,708.12. Second by Mr. Hellett.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald explained that the bills included a \$95,000 payment to Alcosan.

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

M-5 Mr. Reynolds moved to hire Joe Paiano as a part-time Emergency Services worker at a starting wage of \$10.00 per hour. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald mentioned that this is a position created by the departure of Mr. Beitel.

Following conversation by Ms. McDonald regarding Personnel Manual requirements with regard to a background check and physical, the motion and second were withdrawn and the motion was then restated as follows.

M-6 Mr. Reynolds moved to hire Joe Paiano as a part-time Emergency Services worker at a starting wage of \$10.00 per hour pending successful completion of a background check and physical examination. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-7 Mr. Reynolds offered Resolution 2009-28 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Hellett.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2009-28

MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADOPTION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (Act of 1968, P.L. 805, No. 247, as reenacted and amended) (MPC) empowers boroughs, individually or jointly, to plan for their development and govern the same by zoning, subdivision and land development ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Edgewood Borough, Rankin Borough, and Swissvale Borough, Allegheny County, can each be characterized as first-ring or first-tier suburbs that are all situated along Braddock Avenue and share common issues; and

WHEREAS, the three neighboring boroughs have joined together for the purpose of mutual cooperation through multi-municipal planning; and

WHEREAS, a joint steering committee comprised of leadership of each of the three boroughs was formed to oversee the development of the multi-municipal comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the steering committee met monthly during the planning process to develop the multi-municipal comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the steering committee undertook a public involvement process by conducting five (5) public meetings and a questionnaire; and

WHEREAS, the multi-municipal comprehensive plan identifies key priorities for land use, economic development and revitalization, historic preservation, community services and infrastructure, transportation, and housing per the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC); and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County, surrounding municipalities, and the Woodland Hills School District have reviewed or been given the opportunity to review the multi-municipal plan per the MPC; and

WHEREAS, said plan has been subject of a public hearing per the MPC.

WHEREAS, that the undersigned do hereby adopt the multi-municipal comprehensive plan titled "Partnerships" as the official comprehensive plan of the Borough of Edgewood.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 21st day of September 2009.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

Warren Cecconi, Borough Manager

Patricia M. Schaefer, President of Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 21st day of September 2009.

Jean O. Davin, Mayor

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald gave the background for this Resolution, stating that she wanted to officially recognize Mr. Szefi for his efforts.

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

M-8 Mr. Reynolds offered Resolution 2009-29 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Hellett.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

**RESOLUTION 2009-29
(SEE NEXT PAGE FOR FULL RESOLUTION)**

DISCUSSION: The Tot Lot was the reason this grant was applied for, according to Mr. Cecconi.

Mr. Barry had questions regarding local funding.

Mr. Reynolds thanked Mr. Cecconi, stating that this is something he has wanted since moving to Edgewood.

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

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Speaking to the resolutions concerning EIT tax collection, Ms. McDonald's questions were responded to by Mr. Barry, who gave a background stating that is being done to centralize tax collection.

Because of the number of seats open for the upcoming election, Ms. McDonald did not feel comfortable appointing a delegate at this time.

Mr. Cecconi stated that the names were due by November 10, 2009.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Reynolds noted that the Department helped Edgewood Foundation with its sleepover.

DISCUSSION: None.

RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Cecconi noted that the soccer programming continues. He mentioned that both a children's and adult basketball league will be available.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald mentioned that she has seen people bring their dogs to the Field two weeks in a row. She asked that the "No Dogs Allowed" sign be placed somewhere lower on the Field.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

No report was given.

DISCUSSION: None.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Ms. McDonald stated that a determination is needed as to who will be appointed.

DISCUSSION: None.

COG REPORT

No report was given.

DISCUSSION: None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Barry had no separate report.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cecconi expressed his desire to speak with the General Government Committee regarding the streamlining of the parking program.

Mr. Cecconi, Chief Payne and Mr. Guerriero met regarding the G-20 Summit and Mr. Cecconi noted that the Chief has controls in place. He stated that the problem will be the traffic.

Mr. O'Connor is working with Mr. Cecconi to get National Flood Insurance Program help.

Mr. Cecconi said that he and Ms. Schaefer met with the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority and Mr. Schombert.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald said that she, Ms. Schaefer and Mr. Cook had a positive meeting with the residents of Greendale Avenue. She noted that Mr. Cecconi presented a detailed timeline with steps of what has been done to minimize the frustration.

Regarding Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, Mr. Barry gave historical information, stating that the Borough reached tentative agreement with them, stating that the issue was not with the authority, but with the city of Pittsburgh.

Everything, according to Mr. Barry, was approved by PWSA and then they reversed their feelings, saying they were not going to approve abandonment of the line. He then gave a brief history of how this line got to be where it is currently.

Continuing with his report, Manager Cecconi informed Council that he and Ms. Lewis met with Mr. Noel who monitors the Borough's website in an effort to get some of our routinely-used forms online.

M-9 Mr. Cook offered Resolution 2009-30 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

**EDGEWOOD BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2009-30**

WHEREAS, this fall, on September 26th, the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf (WPSD) will celebrate its 140th Anniversary and 125th year on the Edgewood campus.

WHEREAS, the story begins in the summer of 1868 at the Third United Presbyterian Church. A young African-American boy named Henry Bell showed up at the Mission Sabbath School class. He was bright and active, but no one knew how to communicate with him. He was deaf; and

WHEREAS, the needs of this boy served as the catalyst that resulted in the establishment of the first day school for deaf children in the United States. The school opened on September 4, 1869, with nine deaf pupils at the First Ward Public School in Pittsburgh. It would be known as the Western Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. Ten years later, in 1879, there were 98 deaf children from 17 counties attending WPID and when school started at the Edgewood location on October 4, 1884 there were 120 pupils enrolled; and

WHEREAS, today, WPSD is still a tuition-free school with high academic expectations. Over 250 children from birth through twelfth grade are served through the campus in Edgewood. And, beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, WPSD will administer the education and extra-curricular programs for the Scranton School for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children (SSDHHC) with over 90 children enrolled from preschool through twelfth grade. WPSD and SSDHHC offer an all inclusive language environment. communications needs are met on an individual basis with the goal of fluency in both English and American Sign Language; and

WHEREAS, one thing has remained unchanged since 1869, and that is the school's commitment to educational excellence in addition to the physical and social wellbeing of deaf and hard-of-hearing children. From the very beginning the mission of the school has been to offer these children every opportunity to succeed in life; and

WHEREAS, for 140 years, WPSD has continued to grow and improve, thriving on the diversity of our students and recognizing that all children are special in their own way. It is our responsibility as educators to continue to raise the standards and expectations we have for our children. Each year, student achievement improves and we continue to seek better ways to provide teaching and learning to our students; and

WHEREAS, WPSD/SSDHHC is many things to many people. We honor the school, its students, staff, parents and alumni on their 140th anniversary and their continued dedication and success with Pennsylvania's deaf and hard of hearing children; and

NOW THEREFORE the Council of Edgewood Borough proclaims September 26, 2009 as **WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF DAY** in the Borough of Edgewood.

ADOPTED this 21st day of September 2009.

ATTEST

Warren Cecconi, Borough Secretary

Patricia M. Schaefer, Council President

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 21st day of September 2009.

Jean O. Davin, Mayor

DISCUSSION: None.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. McDonald reported a rash of car break-ins on Oakview Avenue, indicating that she was a victim, also. Ms. McDonald then noted that everyone is reminded to lock their cars. She then gave accolades to the Edgewood Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

M-10 Following an Executive Session which lasted from 8:33 PM and ended at 9:38 PM, it was moved by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Cook to adjourn this meeting at 9:43 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Warren Cecconi
Borough Manager

ALLEGHENY COUNTY
CITF Grant Application
BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
RESOLUTION 2009-29
CONCURRING RESOLUTION

The purpose of the Resolution form is to have on record a statement confirming that the applicant has formally requested a grant, has designated an official to perform the required duties between the applicant and the Allegheny County Economic Development, Community Infrastructure and Tourism Board ("CITB"), has authorized the execution and delivery of any and all agreements between the applicant and CITB, and has assured, where applicable, the provision of local matching funds. In addition, the applicant will comply with all other provisions of the application.

Resolution of the Borough of Edgewood Authorizing
Name of Applicant
the filing of an application for funds with the CITB.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood Is
Desirous of obtaining funds from the CITB in the amount of \$85,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Edgewood
does hereby formally request a grant from the CITB

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Edgewood does hereby
designate Borough Manager (the "Authorized Official") as the official to file all applications,
Warren Cecconi documents, and forms between
(Authorized Official)
the Borough of Edgewood and the CITB.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant is hereby authorized to enter into the Grant Contract between the applicant and CITB (the "Grant Contract") and any and all documents relating to the Grant Contract as may be required or necessary (said Grant Contract and other documents are collectively referred to as the "Grant Documents").


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the execution and delivery of the Grant Documents as well as all other agreements, writings and documents (and all changes, modifications and additions thereto) executed and delivered in connection with the transactions contemplated thereby be and hereby are approved and ratified and that the Authorized Official be and hereby is authorized to execute and deliver such documents.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Edgewood
assures, where applicable, the provision of the full local share of the project costs.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY
CITF Grant Application

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

Adopted this 21st day of September, 2009, by the Borough Council

ATTEST: 
Signature (Must *not* be same as Authorized Official)


Title Patricia Schaefer
Council President