

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
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Council President Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

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 and the Junior Councilperson were absent.

Mayor Jean O. Davin was available by telephone; Solicitor W. Timothy Barry was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Romanelli of Greendale Avenue requested information on progress from the June 17, 2009 storm.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer outlined a meeting with the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority on September 21, 2009, during which she shared her historic documents with them and indicated that the Authority is open to discussion. She stated that there are new people at the Authority, but they are trying to do the right thing.

Ms. Schaefer also mentioned that she spoke with the Nine Mile Run staff and will be having a meeting with the Basin Group.

Mr. Cecconi indicated that the engineers have not received the sewer tapes and the next steps were discussed.

Ms. Schaefer made clear that the Borough's intention is to continue to update residents as information becomes available.

Ms. McDonald offered great news, stating that the people involved in the break-ins were caught due to good police work. She added that two policemen who were responsible for the capture will be acknowledged.

Ms. Schaefer stated that an Executive Session will be held regarding personnel, but no action will be taken.

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 \$74,066.56. 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 carries.**

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Ms. McDonald offered Resolution 2009-31 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2009-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD CERTIFYING THAT SAID MUNICIPALITY IS WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ENERGY AUDIT AS PART OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY'S ENERGY PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPALITIES FINANCED BY A BLOCK GRANT THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

WHEREAS, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (the "EECBG") was authorized to provide funds to reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions and improve energy efficiency.

WHEREAS, Allegheny County received a funding allocation from the U.S. Department of Energy and created the Allegheny County Energy Program for Municipalities to provide energy audits to participating municipalities.

WHEREAS, Allegheny County Economic Development, through the EECBG Program has funds available for a certified conservation service provider to complete an energy audit at no cost to the municipality.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Edgewood is desirous of completing an energy audit of their municipal building facility located at 2 Race Street, Edgewood, PA 15218.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 5th day of October 2009, that the Municipality of Edgewood does hereby formally authorize Allegheny County Economic Development to provide for the completion of an energy audit at the above identified facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Edgewood authorizes Allegheny County's conservation service provider access to the facility in order to perform the energy audit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Edgewood does hereby designate Warren Cecconi, Borough Manager, as the official to take any actions which are necessary or appropriate to facilitate the energy audit.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

By: _____
Warren Cecconi, Borough Manager

By: _____
Patricia Schaefer, Council President

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-3 Ms. McDonald moved to accept the resignation of Officer Dennis Hockenberry effective October 6, 2009. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-4 Mr. Shultz moved to appoint Mr. Cecconi as Delegate and Ms. Schaefer as the Alternate Delegate to the Act 32 Tax Collection Committee. 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 carries.**

M-5 Mr. Cook offered Resolution 2009-32 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

Prior to reading of the resolution, Ms. McDonald noted, as an official part of the record, that Officer Hockenberry spent thirty two years as a police officer here, a large chunk of his life. Her feeling was that Edgewood's loss is Pitcairn's gain.

Ms. Schaefer noted that a card was received from Officer Hockenberry and she proceeded to share its contents and thank him for his many years of service to the Borough.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2009-32

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood provided a Drop Pension Plan for Dennis Hockenberry; and

WHEREAS, the employee has resigned from the Borough of Edgewood effective October 6, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Edgewood Borough uniformed pension plan will refund Dennis Hockenberry the funds in his account as determined by Nancy Luttrell of Cowden & Associates.

ADOPTED THIS THE 5th day of October 2009 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

ATTEST:

Borough Secretary

Patricia Schaefer, Council President

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-6 Mr. Cook moved to advertise for a part-time employee for the Public Works Department. 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 carries-**

M-7 Ms. McDonald moved to reinstate Officer Michael Crow as a full-time police officer according to the terms of the Edgewood Police contract dated January 1, 2005 and the Borough's Civil Service Rules and Regulations, contingent upon Officer Crow passing physical and psychological examinations. He will also serve a 12-month probationary

period. Starting salary will be \$42,221.64 or 70% of base salary for a Patrolman 1. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: Solicitor Barry stated for the record that Officer Crow will be considered a new employee of the Police Department.

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

M-8 Ms. McDonald moved to advertise for a part-time officer for the Edgewood Police Department. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald explained that this position is a replacement for Officer Crow.

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

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Halle reported an accident on the Parkway the day before. He mentioned that of the thirty (30) fire calls over the last two months, half of them have been accidents on the Parkway. These accidents had no entrapment and no major injury, according to Mr. Halle.

The Firefighter I testing was then discussed by Mr. Halle. He stated that \$500 is awarded for each person passing the test. He also stated that Mr. Reynolds recently passed this test.

Mr. Halle also gave an update on the Haunted House and the hayride for Halloween.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer asked if the reflective gear is helpful when they are on the Parkway and Mr. Halle noted that he does not know as a reflective vest covers the equipment. This is a requirement of the Department of State.

Mr. Halle indicated that the department is practicing extrication and stabilization of vehicles.

RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Cecconi said that soccer games are well attended. He further indicated that there is a need to fine tune programming. As well, Recreation is gearing up for basketball, which will run from mid-December through March.

DISCUSSION: None.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Fuller noted that the budget at the last meeting of the Authority was a little off due to an extra pay period for the year.

Since 1966, according to Mr. Fuller, the Authority has lost 3,500 customers, but has picked up an additional 12 since last year. Mr. Fuller said that 26% of bills sent out are 30 days past due and 14% are 60 days past due. The expense to the Water Authority for sending out late notices is \$4.00 for the first notice and \$10.00 for the second notice.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer suggested using regular-sized envelopes to send the bills in and shared her own experience with the card-sized bill.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Cook had no report.

DISCUSSION: None.

COG REPORT

Ms. Schaefer said that the COG met last month and was well attended. She stated that Intercouncil meetings have been held following the COG meeting.

DISCUSSION: None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Barry stated that he had no separate report.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cecconi reported that the grant for Koenig was hand delivered. The energy resolution, according to Mr. Cecconi, will tell if the Borough is available for windows and other energy-saving improvements. According to Mr. Doyle's office, the application will be reviewed in the near future.

Regarding the 3 Rivers Wet sewer conference, Mr. Cecconi stated that he and Ms. Schaefer attended.

Ms. Schaefer then spoke about work being completed as a region, stating that a Kentucky man who was at the meeting gave a successful report for working this way.

DISCUSSION: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cook noted that different ways to take care of sidewalks is being looked at, including using pervious paving, possibly for use in the parking lots and sidewalks. The product's durability is being reviewed.

Mr. Fuller had questions about the freeze/thaw cycle and Mr. Cecconi said that previous users state that this product will not break up. Mr. Cecconi said this has been used in New England. He explained how the product is mixed and further stated that a sampling would be taken.

Mr. Cook said he will get information from Penn State and felt this should be made a county-wide offer.

Mr. Cecconi stated that this product helps with roots.

With the green initiative, Ms. Schaefer asked if grant money might be obtained, further stating that the Borough would make a great demonstration project.

It was Mr. Cecconi's feeling that property owner's would have to buy in to this.

Mr. Reynolds spoke regarding the Port Authority 63B Rankin Express bus and citizens being concerned about its elimination. Mr. Debone of the Port Authority stated that no one has contacted him regarding this issue, further explaining that decreased ridership is the reason for the elimination.

Ms. McDonald explained that the resident had first talked with her and she encouraged him to contact his state representative. Ms. McDonald also wrote a letter to the Post Gazette, but it was not published.

Ms. Schaefer said that this issue was brought up at the CONNECT meeting where public transportation and wet weather issues are discussed.

Ms. Schaefer said that a personnel meeting will be needed at the end of the month and evaluations will be reviewed with respect to the budget. She then commended the previous Borough Manager for his work in preparing for the 27th pay period by putting a certain percentage aside for this event in the coming years.

ADJOURNMENT

M-9 Following an Executive Session which lasted from 8:22 PM to 9:19 PM, it was moved by Ms. McDonald and seconded by Mr. Reynolds to adjourn this meeting at 9:20 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 carries.**

Warren Cecconi
Borough Manager