

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009**

President Patricia Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Tuesday, October 19, 2009 at 7:31 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, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer.

Mayor Davin, Borough Solicitor Barry and Junior Councilperson Horner were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION**

Mayor Davin called Chief Payne and Officers Wyke, Libell and Crow forward and read the following Proclamation:

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**

**PROCLAMATION 2009-05**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Edgewood has a Police Department in place which truly does "protect and serve" the residents of Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, all officers of the Department are committed to maintaining safe streets and homes in the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Edgewood Police Department have individually and collectively handled investigations and arrests for issues from break-ins of homes and cars to capturing felons.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Mayor proclaims October 23, 2009 as **EDGEWOOD POLICE OFFICERS' DAY** in the Borough of Edgewood to thank them for their service to this community.

**PROCLAIMED THIS** the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2009.

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Jean O. Davin, Mayor

M-1 Ms. McDonald offered Resolution 2009-34 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Hellett.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**

**RESOLUTION 2009-34**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE  
EDGEWOOD BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT  
AND PROMOTING PUBLIC SAFETY**

**WHEREAS**, the Edgewood Police Department is committed to protecting the Public Safety of our residents;  
and

**WHEREAS**, Edgewood Borough Council feels it important to publicly recognize outstanding works by its employees; and

**WHEREAS**, Edgewood Borough Council wishes to reinforce its own commitment to public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Edgewood Police Department has responded well to our neighborhood's needs and stepped up their performance in recent months, and deserves to have this publicly recognized; and

**WHEREAS**, during difficult periods in the American economy, crime tends to go up, but the Edgewood Police Department has minimized these effects to our residents through their hard work and determination in recently solving several major crimes including but not limited to the following:

- Thefts from residents' garages during the aftermath of the flood on June 17, 2009
- A drug bust involving thirteen (13) bags of heroin in July, 2009
- A juvenile who was breaking and entering, and causing thefts to several homes in Swissvale in August, 2009
- A set of several car break-ins in August, 2009
- Chase and apprehension of a robbery suspect who had held up a business on Edgewood Avenue in August, 2009
- A set of eight burglaries in Edgewood and Swissvale boroughs in September, 2009
- An automobile theft in September, 2009
- A set of several car break-ins in Edgewood in September, 2009.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Borough of Edgewood does officially recognize and commend the **EDGEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT** in its entirety for outstanding and meritorious service to the Borough of Edgewood.

**ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2009.

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Warren Cecconi, Borough Manager

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Patricia M. Schaefer, Council President

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Ms. Schaefer then read the inscription on a plaque which was given to Chief Payne with thanks for the job that the officers do in the Borough.

Chief Payne then made some brief comments.

### **ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mr. Davies of 130 Beech Street, a former member of Council who also served as Council President, made comments regarding a funding increase from the Borough to the Library from \$45,000 to \$50,000. He gave statistics showing the value of the services provided to readers who use the Library.

Mr. Davies also spoke to the third-party match through the Pittsburgh Foundation.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer emphasized that the Borough will continue to support the Library and promised that the information will be sent to our website as well as being placed on the marquee.

Ms. Schano, representing the Edgewood Foundation, reviewed the Sleepover held on September 12, 2009 and the Newcomers' Reception held September 17. She also said that the Pittsburgh Filmmakers reception will be held October 28, 2009.

For their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and in lieu of a fundraiser, the Foundation will allocate funding for the area around the "welcome" sign at the Parkway exit. There are plans to build a retaining wall and add a butterfly garden. Ms. Schano stated that this project is the focus of the Foundation's annual appeal letter, which will be going out next week.

Light-Up Night will be held on December 4, 2009, according to Ms. Schano.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin, speaking about the Pittsburgh Filmmakers, reported that a successful meeting was held in Mt. Lebanon with the residents. She stated that the Filmmakers would like to redo the theater building to a state-of-the-art facility and asked for Council's support, noting that this is part of our community.

Mr. Hellett inquired as to whether there is adequate funding for a digital projector and Mayor Davin said she did not believe there was complete funding available.

### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

**M-2 Ms. McDonald moved to approve the minutes of September 21, 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, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

**M-3 Ms. McDonald moved to approve the minutes of October 5, 2009. Second by Mr. Cook.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Mayor Davin then read Proclamation 2009-04 to be entered into the record:

**EDGEWOOD BOROUGH**

**PROCLAMATION 2009-04**

**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 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary and their continued dedication and success with Pennsylvania's deaf and hard of hearing children; and

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

**PROCLAIMED THIS** the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2009.

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Jean O. Davin, Mayor

**M-4** 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 \$25,515.10. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

## **POLICE REPORT**

Mayor Davin read the highlights of both the monthly and the quarterly Significant Events Report and gave comparisons on the Part I and Part II crimes as compared to previous months and years. She also gave a report of the successful programming done by the Edgewood Police Department, including a "Thunder in the Borough" car cruise.

The Mayor also reported that there will be a Halloween Parade at the Library and a safety talk will follow. She stated also that the officers will be out en masse.

DISCUSSION: None.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Ms. McDonald said that the Committee did not meet and read the highlights of the report. She thanked the Police and Fire Departments for being alert during the G-20 summit.

She reported that 67 hours were devoted by the firefighters in September.

Ms. McDonald reminded Council that the date of the sergeant's examination is October 31, 2009.

DISCUSSION: None.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Fuller said that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Ms. McDonald noted that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer shared that a letter has been received from Nine Mile Run regarding the culvert.

Mr. Cecconi said that paving has been completed. The Department of Public Works will be putting down center yellow lines. As well, the Department has done crack sealing on the streets. Mr. Cecconi said that leaf collection has begun.

Mayor Davin was answered in the affirmative to her inquiry as to whether the leaf collection schedule has been completed.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT**

Mr. Cook read the highlights of the report. He informed Council that the Library meets every other month and their committees meet during the in-between months.

Mr. Cook requested that Mr. Cecconi contact the Borough's sister communities to help promote the "Match Day" on October 28, 2009.

A meeting was held with the residents of Lincoln Avenue regarding trees, according to Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: In response to Mayor Davin's query about moving Community Day next year, Mr. Cook stated that there will be a meeting with reference to the Recreation Commission. He said that the level of commitment is being reviewed, but stated that there are many pros and cons regarding the move.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Hellett stated that the Committee did not meet and scheduled a meeting for October 26, 2009 at 8:00 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

**PENSION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Shultz stated that the Committee did not meet and scheduled a meeting for October 26, 2009 at 7:30 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

**AD HOC**

**PORT AUTHORITY AGREEMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Reynolds said that the Committee did not meet. He stated that the work at the Train Station is coming along nicely.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi stated that the painting at the Train Station will be starting and there are efforts to prepare for winter.

**EDGEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Ms. McDonald stated that the Committee has not met.

DISCUSSION: None.

#### **INTERCOUNCIL COMMITTEE**

Ms. Schaefer stated that the Committee will meet this Thursday. She said that Dr. Calinger would like to speak to Council about activities in the school district. Ms. Schaefer would like this to happen during the second meeting in November following the election so that the newly-elected officials can attend the meeting.

DISCUSSION: None.

#### **PARCEL D**

Mr. Fuller had no report.

#### **3 RIVERS WET WEATHER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

Ms. Schaefer said that the bylaws were changed, increasing the number of members to seven. Ms. Schaefer was reappointed to her seat on the Board. Ms. Schaefer stated that there will be no further meetings until after the elections.

DISCUSSION: None.

#### **BOROUGH SOLICITOR REPORT**

Mr. Barry said he had a report for Executive Session.

DISCUSSION: None.

#### **BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Cecconi noted that the Recreation Commission will meet November 5, 2009 at 7:30 PM to see what the level of interest is in getting the board up and running.

Mr. Cecconi reported on the status of a property in the Borough and updated Council on the energy grant, stating that he is waiting for an answer to the request. As for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), Mr. Cecconi said that the Borough is approved, but is still waiting for word from FEMA. This allows residents to purchase flood insurance.

Regarding manhole 20-14, Mr. Cecconi informed Council that the CD's of the area are available for reviewing. He also gave an update on the newsletter and its delivery and asked Ms. Sidonio to print something explaining how the current delivery situation occurred.

Flu shots will be given October 22, 2009 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Borough Building. These shots are for those eighteen years old and older.

Speaking about a letter received from Nine Mile Run regarding the entrance to Frick Park, Mr. Cecconi stated that the mouth of the culvert needs to have work done. He stated that he spoke with Ms. Smith and told her that the Borough would be taking part in the discussions of the situation, but the mouth is located either in Swissvale or the City of Pittsburgh.

The Borough Manager also reported that the COG is sponsoring a program called "Gifts in Kind" and is interested in anyone who might be able to donate time.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald asked that Mr. Cecconi supply Ms. Sidonio with a copy of the document which he shared with Council.

Ms. Schaefer stated that the program is available until at least 2010. She asked that the information be placed on the website as well.

## ADJOURNMENT

M-5 Following an Executive Session which lasted from 9:03 PM to 10:00, Ms. McDonald moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

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Warren Cecconi  
Borough Manager