

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

President Patricia Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, November 16, 2009 at 7:31 PM in the Municipal Building.

Borough Manager Warren Cecconi called the roll and the following responded: Ms. McDonald, Mr. Reynolds (left at 7:44 PM prior to any vote), Mr. Fuller, Mr. Cook, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer.

Mr. Shultz was absent.

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

Mr. Reynolds left the meeting at 7:44 due to a family emergency.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

Ruth Pickering of 1420 Walnut Street spoke regarding her write-in campaign for Mayor, stating that she unfortunately did not win by three votes from absentee ballots. She expressed that Edgewood currently has the best Chief of Police in Allegheny County and advised Council to do all they can to keep the Chief in place.

Ms. Schaefer thanked Ms. Pickering for her comments, assuring her that due diligence is used in hiring staff.

**PRESENTATION BY DR. WALLACE**

Dr. Wallace, Assistant Superintendent of the Woodland Hills School District echoed the sentiments of Ms. Pickering regarding Chief Payne and stated that the Chief offers well beyond what is required of him.

Dr. Wallace then gave a presentation as a representative of the Woodland Hills School District, stating that it is a unique district in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Speaking of the Woodland Hills Academy, Dr. Wallace stated that this pilot program offers longer days and a longer school year. He explained new programming in the district, including College Now, offered in conjunction with Point Park and Community College. Another program which Dr. Wallace talked about was the Wolverine Promise, which assists all children who were expelled. A 7-7 program allows students to make up lost credits and is considered a transition program or a way to raise a student's GPA.

Dr. Wallace also reported on the retaining wall at the Edgewood Primary School which is being repaired. The second phase is scheduled to begin next year.

The number one item of importance for the schools is a safe environment, according to Dr. Wallace. He also expressed his strong sentiment that the school district is here to work together with the Borough.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald, speaking as a parent, thanked Dr. Wallace for doing a great job, stating that the journey has been enjoyable so far.

Ms. Schaefer shared that the arts and music departments of the school district are extraordinary and that the concert, jazz and marching bands are not recognized as widely as they should be.

Ms. Schaefer noted that an Executive Session will be held regarding personnel and potential litigation, but no action will be taken.

### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

**M-1 Ms. McDonald moved to approve the minutes of October 19, 2009. Second by Mr. Cook.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-2 Ms. McDonald moved to approve the minutes of November 2, 2009. Second by Mr. Cook.**

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Cook, Mr. Hellett, 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 \$96,116.49. Second by Mr. Hellett.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT**

Ms. McDonald said that the Committee met this evening to review and sign bills. She proceeded to read the highlights of the report.

DISCUSSION: None.

**POLICE REPORT**

Ms. McDonald stated that the Committee has not met, but will meet to interview applicants for part-time police officers, since the department is down by one officer at this time.

Ms. McDonald noted that the Police Department was honored for their outstanding performance. Also, Chief Payne will be traveling to Utah for a Committee on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) meeting where it is hoped that Edgewood Borough will receive accreditation.

Ms. McDonald also shared with Council that the Edgewood Borough Police Department has received one of the twenty two (22) Platinum Awards given by Automobile Association of America (AAA).

DISCUSSION: Mr. Fuller asked that an explanation of CALEA be given to the audience and Ms. McDonald complied.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Ms. McDonald stated that the Committee has not met.

DISCUSSION: None.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Fuller said that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Ms. McDonald noted that the Committee has not met.

DISCUSSION: None.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT**

Mr. Cook said that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Hellett stated that the Committee did not meet, and reported that revisions to the performance review form are being made.

DISCUSSION: None.

**PENSION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Fuller said that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

#### **AD HOC**

#### **PORT AUTHORITY AGREEMENT COMMITTEE**

Ms. Schaefer noted that a positive meeting took place with Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf about the use of the Train Station. Other discussions have occurred, mainly with people interested in food-related businesses.

DISCUSSION: None.

#### **INTERCOUNCIL COMMITTEE**

Ms. McDonald reported that the Committee has not met.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Ms. Schaefer noted that there was no October meeting, and the next meeting will be held in January 2010. The Local Government Academy has classes on wet weather issues, according to Ms. Schaefer. A reorganization meeting of the Basin groups will take place to update the newly-elected Council people.

DISCUSSION: None.

#### **BOROUGH SOLICITOR REPORT**

Mr. Worner had no separate report for the public portion of the meeting.

DISCUSSION: None.

#### **BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Cecconi updated Council on his attendance at a traffic signal workshop.

According to Mr. Cecconi, the next meeting of the existing Recreation Board will take place December 3, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Lennon Smith and Souleret is reviewing options for the Greendale Avenue issues. The cost is estimated to be \$360,000.

Mr. Cecconi noted that the Borough paving has been completed and that the Train Station work is coming along. An extension of time has been applied for, according to Mr. Cecconi. He also noted that a couple stopped in recently regarding their interest in the Train Station.

Mr. Cecconi noted that Emergency Services worker applicants are being interviewed for part-time employment.

As for the newsletter, meetings are still being conducted with the Post Office to find a suitable solution to the carrier route distribution issue.

Mr. Cecconi told Council that by 2012, the eastern suburbs will be under the Act 32 tax collection policy. Another Act 32 workshop is being held in Monroeville on Saturday and Mr. Cecconi will attend.

Mr. Cecconi related information which the City of Pittsburgh shared about their Joint Purchasing Program.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Worner noted that the term of this Memorandum of Understanding is for a period of two years and will be terminated upon mutual consent of the parties. The price does not include switching costs.

Further discussion ensued.

Mr. Cook had information regarding nurseries and prices and types of trees to share with Mr. Cecconi. He also had information for Ms. Sidonio regarding the Edgewood Club and use of its name.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Schaefer set another working budget session for November 23, 2009 at 7:30 PM.

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

**M-4 Ms. McDonald moved to advertise the 2010 proposed budget for the Borough of Edgewood. Second by Mr. Cook.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-5 Ms. McDonald moved to prepare and advertise a tax ordinance with a 2.0 mill increase. Second by Mr. Cook.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-6 Ms. McDonald moved to hire Michael Sloan as a part-time Public Works employee in the Public Works Department effective immediately at a pay of \$10.00 an hour, contingent on passing background and physical checks. Second by Mr. Cook.**

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi noted that this position is a replacement for Mr. Kunkle who took a full-time position in the Department.

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

The following motion was made, withdrawn and remade as follows:

- M-7 Ms. McDonald moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Pittsburgh and to authorize the Borough Manager to sign all documents. Second by Mr. Hellett.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

- M-8 Following an Executive Session which lasted from 8:43 PM to 9:30 PM, Ms. McDonald moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 PM. Second by Mr. Hellett.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

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Warren Cecconi  
Borough Manager