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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

Council President Schaefer opened the Meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:37 PM in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Borough Manager Warren Cecconi called the roll and the following responded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett (arrived at 6:40 PM, prior to all votes taken), Ms. Schaefer.

Mayor Jean O. Davin was not in attendance and Solicitor W. Timothy Barry was present, as was Junior Councilperson Horner.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Ms. Schaefer asked the audience to observe a moment of silence for Chief Heller of the Forest Hills Fire Department, who recently passed away. She noted that he dedicated his life to fire service.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Ms. Gleba 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 \$52,179.53. Second by Ms. Waldock.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Ms. Gleba moved to approve the amended budget for 2010 with General Revenues of \$2,760,237.21 and General Expenditures of \$2,760,237.21. Second by Ms. Waldock.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer thanked Council for their due diligence in finalizing the budget by working a six-hour meeting on a Saturday and reviewing what might be done with regard to the millage rate. No street paving will occur this year, according to Ms. Schaefer, and there is not enough revenue to apply for matching grants, but this is a balanced budget.

Ms. Schaefer then gave an explanation to the newly elected Council people of how the reading of the Ordinance would take place.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Solicitor Barry agreed with Ms. Schaefer completely, but, because the Ordinance was not being read at separate meetings, he recommended that Council preliminarily waive their rules.

M-3 Ms. Waldock moved to waive the rules of Council regarding reading of Ordinance 1031 at two separate meetings. Second by Mr. Hellett.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

M-4 Ms. Gleba offered Ordinance 1031 on First Reading and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Hellett.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

ORDINANCE 1031

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

SECTION 1: That a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all real property, within said Borough subject to taxation for Borough purposes for the fiscal year 2010 as follows:

Tax rate for general Borough purposes, the total of eight and six hundred sixty-one thousandths (8.161) mills on each thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

1 mill = \$1.00 for every \$1,000 assessment
8.161 mills = \$8.161 for every \$1,000 assessment

SECTION 2: That any ordinance, or part thereof, conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same is affected by this Ordinance.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law this 1st day of February 2010.

ATTEST

Warren Cecconi
Borough Secretary

Patricia M. Schaefer
Council President

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 1st day of February 2010.

Jean O. Davin, Mayor

DISCUSSION: Ms. Waldock corrected the wording error in the total amount of millage on each thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **First Reading Passes.**

Following this vote, Ms. Gleba withdrew her motion and Mr. Hellett withdrew his second. The Ordinance was then read again, as follows.

M-5 Ms. Gleba offered Ordinance 1031 on First Reading and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Hellett.

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Patricia M. Schaefer
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Jean O. Davin, Mayor

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **First Reading Passes.**

- M-6 Ms. Gleba offered Ordinance 1031 on Second Reading (by Title Only) and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Hellett.

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ORDINANCE 1031

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Second Reading Passes.**

- M-7 Ms. Gleba offered Ordinance 1031 on Third Reading (by Title Only) and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Hellett.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

ORDINANCE 1031

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Third Reading Passes.**

- M-8 The Chair asks, "Shall the Ordinance Pass?"

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Ordinance 1031 Passes.**

- M-9 Mr. Bowers moved to authorize Jason Stanton of Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc. to prepare specifications and to advertise for bids for sewer line repairs with regard to the Nine Mile Run Interceptor. Second by Mr. Hellett.**

DISCUSSION: Ms. Waldock asked if this is for Option #2 for \$355,000 and was answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Bowers said this was the most practical and wise use of the money, going on to say that Option #1 costs less, but may not last.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

- M-10 Ms. Waldock moved to solicit Requests for Proposals for use of the Train Station. Second by Mr. Bowers.**

DISCUSSION: Ms. Waldock felt that a short letter should be sent to local real estate agents and that the square footage needed to be included. As well, she felt that this should be posted on the website and sent to the Regent Square Civic Association.

Mr. Hellett felt that a floor plan of the Train Station will save unnecessary explanation.

Ms. Waldock stated that perhaps a packet should be put together of the floor plan and the restrictions.

Ms. Schaefer then gave an explanation that the Historical Society made the original designation.

Borough Manager Cecconi stated that the wood trim cannot be changed. He also talked about what makes the building historic.

Ms. Schaefer stated that inquiries can go to the Borough Manager.

Solicitor Barry noted that the Borough is not required to go through a bidding process with this because this is a lease and not a sale. He then spoke to the fact that real estate agents might expect a commission and this must be considered. Mr. Barry then said that the Borough needs to make it clear that it will not pay any commission as part of this transaction.

Ms. Schaefer asked that a letter be put together for review.

Ms. Waldock asked if Council is just approving the proposal at this point and was answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Barry said that documentation should include that the Borough reserves the right to negotiate.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

M-11 Ms. Gleba read Resolution 2010-19 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Hellett.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2010-19

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood recognizes the importance of aesthetics and maintaining the character of the borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood has an active and involved Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Audrey Waldock has exhibited the desire, knowledge and ability to contribute positively to the Planning Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Edgewood Borough Council appoints Audrey Waldock to the Edgewood Borough Planning Commission to a term which will expire December 31, 2013.

ADOPTED THIS THE 1st day of February 2010 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

ATTEST:

Borough Secretary

Council President

DISCUSSION: None.

Mr. Hellett thanked Ms. Waldock for volunteering.

Solicitor Barry spoke of the expiration dates for Planning Commission members and said this should be done when the commission is formed. He went on to say that the term is for four years or until a successor is named. The Commission, according to Mr. Barry, is eight members or less and no more than two should be replaced in one year.

Ms. Waldock questioned whether she was the only member and Ms. Schaefer assured her that advertising will occur for more members.

Mr. Hellett asked about age restrictions for participation on the Commission.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Ms. Waldock abstained. **Resolution Passes.**

M-12 Ms. Waldock read Resolution 2010-20 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Hellett.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2010-20

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood recognizes the importance of aesthetics and maintaining the character of the borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood has an active and involved Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Robert Grubb has exhibited the desire, knowledge and ability to contribute positively to the Planning Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Edgewood Borough Council appoints Robert Grubb to the Edgewood Borough Planning Commission to a term which will expire December 31, 2013.

ADOPTED THIS THE 1st day of February 2010 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

ATTEST:

Borough Secretary

Council President

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Waldock, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Resolution Passes.**

M-13 Mr. Hellett moved to authorize the Civil Service Commission to develop an eligibility list for the position of Police Officer in the Borough. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer, Ms. Waldock voted yes. **Motion carried.**

- M-14 Mr. Hellett moved to resume testing and establish an eligibility list for the position of Sergeant in the Police Department. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer asked if Council should authorize for the Civil Service Commission to resume testing and was answered in the affirmative. **Motion Amended and Restated.**

- M-15 Mr. Hellett moved to authorize the Civil Service Commission to resume testing and establish an eligibility list for the position of Sergeant in the Police Department. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer, Ms. Waldock voted yes. **Motion carried.**

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Halle reported that fire calls were up by 25 for 2009, giving a total for the year of 250 calls. This increase is due to the fact that the Department now backs up Braddock Hills.

The luminaria sales for Christmas went well, but could have been better.

One new member has joined the Department and he is currently at the University of Pittsburgh. He is planning to move in August or September of next year.

Regarding the live-in program, Mr. Halle said that the Department has chosen not to take the offer for the apartment on Greendale Avenue.

During a recent ice storm, there were thirty accidents between the Parkway and Greendale, according to Mr. Halle.

A Port Authority bus and dump truck collided in Wilkinsburg recently and Edgewood and Swissvale were asked to respond. Mr. Halle stated that it took about twenty minutes to cut the driver out of the vehicle. He went on to say that 75% of their calls are motor vehicle accidents.

Mr. Halle reported on those in the Department who have completed Firefighter I. He said that a grant was received to go to VHF frequency so that they do not have to listen to all the chatter from other stations in the eastern corridor.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Barry asked if the Department is in compliance with 911 or is more equipment needed. Mr. Halle replied that the Department is good if the County does not change their mind. He said all officers have both UHF and VHF radios.

Mr. Hellett said that a lot of the new vehicles use high tensile strength steel and the blades were actually scraping. He said cutters and jaws of life are up to date and there are four sets of everything on the truck.

Ms. Schaefer asked Mr. Halle to speak about the Junior Firefighter Program.

Mr. Halle said that the program is for youth from 14-18 who have an interest in firefighting and rescue. The restrictions include that the youth cannot operate power tools, ladders, and the child labor laws must be followed, including having work permits. The number of hours that these youth work is limited, but they must be committed to complete the Fire Essentials, three in number, and at age 18 they can take Fire Essentials IV. Also, they must keep their GPA at a certain level.

Ms. Schaefer said this is a wonderful program and is well thought out. She said it is nice to see young people volunteer and be committed to public service.

Mr. Halle shared that he started this service at 13 in the South Hills.

Ms. Schaefer thanked the Department for the work that they do.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Fuller said that in November, there were 95 breaks, one being a 20" line.

The UCC Code states that any development needs a fire system, according to Mr. Fuller.

There is no major work scheduled in Edgewood for 2010.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer noted that former Councilperson Reynolds said that many apartments do not have alarm systems because of age.

RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Cecconi reported that basketball is going well and that he will meet with Ms. Mysels, Recreation Coordinator, and Mr. Kezmarsky, Finance Director, this week. The Borough Manager will also meet soon with former members of the Recreation Commission.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer said that Community Service members might want to stop in.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Ms. Schaefer noted that the Commission has not yet met.

DISCUSSION: None.

COG REPORT

Mr. Hellett reported that the COG dinner will be held February 4, 2010 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM at their new facility in Monroeville. The annual dinner meeting will be held February 26, 2010 at Olympia Hall on Electric Avenue and Mayor Ravenstahl will be the keynote speaker. He stated that Mr. Bond had negotiated a 10-year lease for the property.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer explained to the newly elected Council people that this is an opportunity to meet with representatives and magistrates from our district. She mentioned that Mr. Ravenstahl is Chairman of the CONNECT group. The group is looking to work together to bid out services.

Mr. Hellett said it is good to talk with these people to see how they want to work within our community.

The vactor program is now gone, according to Mr. Hellett.

Police Chief meetings are also done through the COG, and included is Edgewood's Chief Payne. The Chief has been asked to identify how sister communities can work together. A mutual aid agreement is needed and Chief Payne was asked for sample documents. The group is trying to pool resources to train other departments. Mr. Hellett said it is comforting to know that they are asking Chief Payne for help and then mentioned that Mayor Davin is 100% behind this effort.

Mr. Bowers questioned whether Wilkinsburg is part of the COG.

Mr. Cecconi stated that the South Hills COG is a great resource.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Barry had no separate report.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cecconi reported that the oldest police car in the fleet has been damaged, saying that the car is probably totaled from an accident at Swissvale Avenue and Walnut Street last evening. Regarding the current accident, the person driving did not have a license and Wilkinsburg Police said that, by the angle of the collision, it is evident that the man was in the wrong.

Solicitor Barry said he is a proponent of putting the accident report on the other driver's liability carrier. He stated that the Borough is limited to the depreciation value on their insurance and that it costs a great deal to customize the police cars.

Mr. Barry went on to say that he always tries to go against the other carrier since, even if it is not his driver's fault, it will affect the rates if they need to subrogate.

Mr. Bright mentioned that, as an agent, he talks with the other company first.

Mr. Cecconi said that the lights and other equipment are figured into the estimate.

Mr. Foreman has been approved to do the peer-to-peer study for Public Works and this will be brought before Council once it has been completed.

Mr. Cecconi reported that free H1N1 shots will be given for those six months and older.

The Edgewood Avenue Revitalization Project with Ms. Showers requires a closeout of the project.

DISCUSSION: None.

The Borough Manager then mentioned that the CONNECT luncheon had approximately 35 people in attendance from different communities. He said that the numbers of people will now allow them to do something substantial, and to ensure that they are a credible organization.

LIBRARY BOARD

Ms. Waldock said that she and Ms. Schaefer attended the Board Meeting on Thursday. They expressed to the Library Board that they hoped the Board would consider not having two members of Council and the Mayor on the Board, but to instead try and get more citizens involved.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer stated that a good exchange of information took place at the Library meeting.

Mr. Hellett informed Council that when books are picked up at the C. C. Mellor Library, funds are credited to the library.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Gleba reported that the work on capital improvement plan has begun. She also noted that policies for expenditures, gifts, parties, flower funding and the like will be reviewed.

Meetings were set for February 8, 2010: Community Development at 6:30 PM, Personnel – 7:30 PM and Pension – 8:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

M-16 Following an Executive Session which lasted from 9:00 to 9:55, it was moved by Mr. Hellett and seconded by Mr. Wilson to adjourn this meeting at 9:56 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Ms. Waldock abstained. **Motion carried.**

Warren Cecconi
Borough Manager

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING HELD
FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

Council President Schaefer opened the Public Meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 6:30 PM in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Borough Manager Warren Cecconi called the roll and the following responded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Ms. Schaefer.

Mr. Hellett arrived at 6:40 PM, prior to all votes taken.

Mayor Jean O. Davin was not in attendance and Solicitor W. Timothy Barry was present, as was Junior Councilperson Horner.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Pickering of Locust Street inquired about how the budget might be impacted following the vehicle crashing into the unmarked police car the evening prior.

Ms. Schaefer indicated that this would not affect the current budget, but that the accident would be addressed at tonight's meeting by Mr. Cecconi.

Ms. Gleba asked if the officer is all right and was answered in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further conversation from the audience, Ms. Schaefer closed the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Borough Secretary

Council President