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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2010**

President Patricia Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:36 PM in the Municipal Building.

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

Mayor Davin was in town and available by phone; Borough Solicitor Barry and Junior Councilperson Horner were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Catherine Wreath of Love Place spoke of the problems on Love Place with regard to public safety.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi explained that a fire truck was able to get down the lane and turn around.

Mr. Wilson said that he saw the tight parking area and recommended that more space be left for each vehicle.

Ms. Luokkala of Love Place expressed her opinion that she moved to Edgewood from the city because of a feeling of safety. She stated that the fire truck was unable to get down to the area where it was needed. She indicated that she does not have a desire to live in an area where a fire truck cannot reach them.

Ms. Schaefer explained that the Borough takes safety very seriously and that the difference with the city of Pittsburgh and Edgewood is the response time.

Ms. Luokkala further stated that a child lives on the street and she is speaking up for her safety, also.

Ms. Schaefer asked Borough Manager Cecconi to get an assessment of the situation at hand. Ms. Schaefer then thanked the residents of Love Place for coming.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-1 Ms. Gleba moved to approve the minutes of February 16, 2010. 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.**

M-2 Ms. Gleba moved to approve the amended minutes of March 1, 2010. Second by Mr. Wilson.

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-3 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 \$89,819.21. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION:

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 REPORTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT

Ms. Gleba said that the Committee is working very hard with Mr. Cecconi and Finance Director Kezmarsky on next year's budget. She said that the Committee is developing a list of ideas which would be given to various committees for their opinions.

Ms. Gleba said there will be a meeting with the auditor and the results of that meeting will be reported to Council. She also said there may be significant changes in expenses and that details will follow.

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE REPORT

Mr. Hellett commended Chief Payne for the nice report which he generated. Mr. Hellett then read the various categories of the report.

Mr. Hellett reported that the Public Safety Committee met. The Police Department is interested in getting patrol rifles and Mr. Hellett said that the checks and balances are in place for officers to begin using the rifles. According to Mr. Hellett, the Police Chief and the Mayor agreed that the Borough should offer the officers more tools, specifically the patrol rifles, for their safety, depending on the nature of the call. The officers currently carry 40 caliber handguns.

The officers are trained in the use of shotguns, which they carry in their cruisers. The officers will be properly trained in the use of the patrol rifles.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bowers felt that carrying the patrol rifles would be more effective if an incident such as Columbine were to happen.

Ms. Waldock noted that a discussion of Movie Night also occurred, along with talk of showing more family-friendly movies. A discussion of getting tickets to residents also occurred, and discussion was had regarding the Police Open House and Community Day being rolled into one event. The Committee also discussed the Citizen's Police Academy program being offered by the Edgewood Police Department.

Mr. Hellett felt that the participation for Open House has gone down.

Ms. Schaefer offered to members of Council that if they are interested in doing a ride-along with one of the officers, this could be done through Chief Payne.

Mr. Hellett shared his ride-along experience and stated that the most frightening part was to pull up to a car with blacked-out windows.

Mr. Bowers spoke about the deaf culture from the standpoint of giving those persons information they would need upon arrest, including a right to an attorney and Miranda rights.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Waldock said that the Committee has not met. She said that two proposals have been received for the Train Station and the Committee will meet for a discussion of the financial implications.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi, responding to Mr. Hellett's question regarding taxes on the Train Station building, stated that it is assessed at \$119,000. He stated that for years the Norfolk Southern Railroad paid taxes on it as Port Authority had never recorded the deed. Mr. Cecconi stated that once the Port Authority accepts the deed, it will be tax exempt then depending on the use of the building, it may be taxable.

Solicitor Barry said that this property will still be assessed even though it is tax exempt.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Bowers said that the Committee did not meet and scheduled a meeting for March 22, 2010 at 6:30 PM.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer asked if the culvert tour might be done at that time and Mr. Cecconi expressed that he would rather do a Saturday when more people might be available to come.

Mr. Bowers noted that the Public Works Department had 431 hours of snow removal.

Ms. Schaefer commended the Borough's preparedness via Borough Manager Cecconi meeting with the Public Works, Public Safety and Communications Departments, as well as with the residents of Greendale Avenue.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Mr. Wilson said that the Committee met and talked about the increase which is needed in the fees for baseball. The Committee talked about having sponsors to support the teams.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi said he had contacted Dr. Andrews to sponsor a team.

Ms. Waldock noted that all of the places mentioned donated to the Library Book Preview Sale refreshments last year, but did not do so this year.

Mr. Cecconi stated that Nied's Funeral Home will more than likely sponsor a team. The sponsorship for each team is \$300, according to Mr. Cecconi.

Ms. Schaefer offered that Mr. Cecconi did a cost analysis comparing the Borough to other municipalities.

Ms. Waldock mentioned that other communities have people who sponsor the teams, but the participants come up with the rest of the fee.

Mr. Bowers suggested that Kefalos and Drew's Restaurant might be asked.

Mr. Wilson said he would be happy to approach these places.

A discussion of placing advertisements on the walls was opened by Ms. Schaefer. She noted that the community respects its aesthetics.

Referring to the date for Community Day, Ms. Schaefer said there was talk of moving the date to coincide with the Race Around the Square.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Hellett stated that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

PENSION COMMITTEE

Mr. Bright noted that the Committee met March 8, 2010 with two representatives from Prime Solution Advisors who provided an investment policy, which was a tremendous improvement over previous policies. The policy was more broadly diversified into some of the higher growth areas, according to Mr. Bright, and he noted that there are pretty high rankings on the funds. It was Mr. Bright's opinion that the policy should be adopted.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hellett stated that Mr. Bright and Ms. Gleba questioned the advisors extensively and they felt that there were a lot of safeguards built into this particular model.

Solicitor Barry said he is very pleased with the policy and stated that he has reviewed this and it is a big improvement. He went on to say that the same law that legitimized the DROP pension and different

valuation of the pension assets provides a strict policy for conflict of interest for people who are managing and somehow benefitting from mutual funds the Borough is investing.

Mr. Barry noted that the new law requires Conflict of Interest Disclosure, which is stricter than the Statement of Financial Interest form.

Mr. Cecconi asked how long the Borough can maintain the same advisors without going out for bids. He said that the Disclosure comes out at the end of the year.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN/PORT AUTHORITY AGREEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Wilson said the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

INTERCOUNCIL COMMITTEE

Mr. Hellett stated that the Committee did not meet.

3 RIVERS WET WEATHER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Ms. Schaefer informed Council that the Bylaws were changed and the number of members for the Board was expanded. As well, Ms. Schaefer noted that an Advisory Committee has been created and they will work with CONNECT to provide guidelines for municipalities should flooding occur.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Barry said there are two matters on tonight's agenda, the first being invoices for the pension fund services. This is being paid from pension funds, according to Mr. Barry, and Council wants the pension fund bills to be approved separately.

Mr. Barry gave the new Council members background regarding the second item, approval for purchase of a police cruiser. He then explained the purchasing agreement with the South Hills Council of Governments. The normal way to purchase this cruiser, since it was over \$10,000 would be to solicit bids. However, the Borough was able to go through the COG since a cooperative agreement is in place.

Regarding the patrol rifle approval on tonight's agenda, Mr. Barry said that he has reviewed the policy and it is in good order.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Cecconi informed Council that the County, the Police Department and the Fire Department are involved in the flood preparedness effort.

A discussion of PRINT, a public relations tool, ensued and Mr. Cecconi shared with Council the brochure which was presented to him.

It was reported by Mr. Cecconi that for the Towne Centre appeal, the appraisal process is underway.

The water garden project is underway and the Request for Proposals for the Train Station have been received.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer said that on the Nine Mile Run website, there is an opportunity to get rain barrels.

Ms. Waldock asked if the large amounts of downed branches could be removed.

Mr. Bright noted that Public Works has picked the branches up from the street.

The following meetings were set for March 22, 2010: Public Works – 6:30 PM and Personnel – 8:00 PM. The following meetings were set for March 29, 2010: Community Development at 6:30 PM and Community Service at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Bowers opened a discussion of the Public Works Department personnel receiving a personal day to reward their efforts during the snow storms giving of their time, coming out in the middle of the night and the great work effort shown during this period. Mr. Bowers stated that this personal day would be given to each worker, not to be taken by the employees on the same day. Mr. Bowers said this would not cost the Borough anything and would show the Borough's appreciation for what the workers did.

Mr. Bowers did note that Mr. Cecconi had concerns about this.

Mr. Cecconi noted that his only concern is that in the past, certain departments have been picked out for such a reward causing other departments to feel left out.

With respect to other departments, Ms. Schaefer noted that the Police Department and Fire Departments routinely get awards. For this reason, Ms. Schaefer felt comfortable drawing on how this reward was done in other departments.

Ms. Waldock, understanding that this reward might have issues, felt that giving the days off would cost little, but is probably something the Borough could do. She felt a day off, time for spending with family, is probably much more important. Ms. Waldock felt this should be taken by the end of the year and should not be considered a buy-back item.

M-4 Mr. Bowers moved to approve a personal day off for each Public Works employee as approved by Mr. Cecconi to be used by the end of the year for their hard work for recent snow days. Second by Mr. Hellett.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi asked if Public Works Director Guerriero would be included in this.

Ms. Schaefer affirmed that Mr. Cecconi was out driving the trucks during the storm and wanted to publicly acknowledge that he, also, took time from his family.

Mr. Bright said that Mr. Cecconi ensured that the plows would be running around the clock.

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-5 Ms. Waldock offered Resolution 2010-23 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Hellett.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2010-23

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, Linda Kelly has exhibited the desire, knowledge and ability to contribute positively to the Planning Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Edgewood Borough Council will hereby reappoint Linda Kelly to the Planning Commission to a term which will expire December 31, 2011.

ADOPTED THIS THE 15th day of March 2010.

Borough Secretary

Council President

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi said that Ms. Kelly's term expired in 2008. He said the terms are now staggered.

Mr. Barry noted that with Commissions of less than eight, the terms cannot expire in the same year.

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

M-6 Ms. Waldock read Resolution 2010-24 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Bowers.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2010-24

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, Dr. James Segedy has exhibited the desire, knowledge and ability to contribute positively to the Planning Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Edgewood Borough Council will hereby appoint Dr. Segedy to the Planning Commission to a term which will expire December 31, 2013.

ADOPTED THIS THE 15th day of March 2010.

Borough Secretary

Council President

DISCUSSION: Mr. Barry and Mr. Cecconi exchanged views on the Planning Commission rules.

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

M-7 Mr. Bright moved to approve the Borough's Investment Policy Statement dated March 12, 2010. 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.**

- M-8 Ms. Gleba moved to approve the two invoices for Pension Fund Services and forward the same to Charles Schwab Trust Company for payment. Second by Mr. Wilson.**

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hellett asked Mr. Cecconi to elaborate on this motion and Mr. Cecconi said that this normally would just be passed onto the pension fund for payment, but was included on the bill list so a record of the transaction was in the minutes.

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-9 Mr. Hellett moved to purchase a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruiser (720A Pep Package) from Day Fleet in the amount of \$23,089.00 under the South Hills Area Council of Government's Joint Purchasing Program. Second by Mr. Bowers.**

DISCUSSION: Ms. Gleba was answered in the negative to her question regarding whether the Borough maintains five police cars.

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 Mr. Hellett moved to adopt the Patrol Rifle Policy dated March 15, 2010. Second by Mr. Wilson.**

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi noted that the Solicitor reviewed the policy.

Ms. Waldock explained that the rifles will have limited use.

Mr. Hellett stated that the officers will be properly trained in the use of the rifles.

Ms. Schaefer said that any policy added to the current manual needs to be signed off by each officer.

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.**

ADJOURNMENT

- M-11 Following an Executive Session regarding Personnel and Public Works which lasted from 9:08 PM to 10:35 PM, Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:36. Second by Mr. Bowers.**

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.**