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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010**

Council President Schaefer called the meeting of Borough Council to order at 7:35 PM in Council Chambers.

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Price, representing the Edgewood Foundation, reported that the group is now at full strength with nine members on board. Ms. Price also reported on the following items: the Senior Brunch will be held May 2, 2010; the Pittsburgh Filmmakers movie sponsorship on May 21, 2010 at the Regent Square Theater; the Edgewood Clean-Up on Edgewood Avenue and Brinton Road on May 8, 2010; a luncheon in August; the Newcomers' Reception in September; the Sleepover in September; the Wine & Chocolate Affaire on November 6, 2010, and Light-up Night on December 3, 2010. Ms. Price also noted that the Foundation is seeking activities at Community Day for children twelve and under.

Ms. McGregor, former Mayor and a resident of Walnut Street, discussed the buses which are left running while parked alongside the First Presbyterian Church. She stated that the emergency vehicles will not be able to safely get in and out of the area.

Ms. McGregor also spoke of a truck which has been parked in front of the C. C. Mellor Library for several months. She felt that the truck is receiving free advertising by parking on the street and suggested that the truck be moved to the Borough lot, at least on weekends.

M-1 Ms. Gleba moved to approve the minutes of April 19, 2010. Second by Ms. Waldock.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Gleba confirmed that the grammatical changes had been made.

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 minutes of May 3, 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-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 from the General Fund in the amount of \$108,291.81 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$2,924.10. 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.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Ms. Gleba reported that the auditor pointed out some issues to the Committee. He indicated that the 2008 fund balance was \$89,987 and for 2009 was \$216,675, with most of this representing what will be required to pay the Sewer Fund from the General Fund. Ms. Gleba also stated that the Edgewood Towne Centre represents 14% of the Borough's revenue. The auditor also recommended that the Borough follow up with Pennsylvania Municipal Services to obtain a yearly copy of their audit.

Ms. Gleba mentioned that the auditor spoke of a physical inventory being done by the department heads. A disaster contingency plan was also recommended to insure backup of computer files.

Solicitor Barry said that the process needs to pay particular attention to joint tax collections. He stated that it is easy to collect payroll and quarterly taxes, but the emphasis regionally should also be considered.

Stating that she and Mr. Cecconi are part of the Act 32 program, Ms. Schaefer offered that Ms. Gleba could replace her as the alternate, to which Ms. Gleba agreed.

A "to do list" was put before Council by Ms. Gleba, concerning mostly with finance. She felt this was an opportunity to make changes for the better for the next budget year. Various committees were assigned to each item on the "to do" list and there is a hope to keep the list growing.

Ms. Schaefer said that some of the items are from the Council Retreat and Ms. Gleba stated that those ideas were simply put into concrete form.

Ms. Waldock explained the legend for each item on the "to do list" and said this was done as explanation for the deadlines for each item. She asked Council to feel free to fill in their desired deadlines.

Mr. Barry asked for a copy of the "to do" list and a copy of the audit and management letter and Borough Manager Cecconi said that he will supply this to the Solicitor.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Davin passed out the monthly Police Report and stated that in reviewing the monthly report, the greatest crime is shoplifting. She then read the highlights of the remainder of the report and compared year-to-date statistics for Part I and Part II crimes, stating that arrests are down this year showing a call amount of 4,630 to date versus almost 1,000 more last year and in 2008. The Mayor went on to say that the revenue is lower.

Mayor Davin reported that part-time Officer Kempert has resigned from the force. She stated that the Public Safety Committee has discussed a number of issues, but said she would leave that to the Chair of the Committee to give the meeting results.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hellett informed Council that a new police car has arrived and that it came in under budget. He also reported that the Citizens' Police Academy is up and running and seems to be of interest to all who attend. He thanked both Officer Livingston and Chief Payne for their involvement in the program.

The Edward Jones Company on South Braddock Avenue sponsored an Identity Theft seminar which was hosted by Deborah Jones, an investment advisor for the company. Chief Payne and Officer Livingston were the keynote speakers to a group of about 30 people, many of whom, according to the Mayor, were Edward Jones personnel.

The Mayor stated that Ms. Jones would be happy to have additional seminars later in the year. She stated that everyone seemed pleased with the information which was disseminated.

Mr. Hellett thanked the owner of the Square Café for hosting the meeting.

Mr. Hellett alerted Council that Officer Palermo, hired in a part-time capacity by the Borough, is scheduled to start soon and noted that departing Officer Kempert has accepted a full-time position with another force.

Discussion by Mr. Hellett then turned to the legal issues regarding state citations vs. Edgewood's Borough ordinances. It is apparent, according to Mr. Hellett, that the state citation takes precedent over any of the Borough ordinances. He continued by noting that a review of the parking citation process is being done by Chief Payne, including issues such as whether the Borough should charge more or less for tickets.

Mr. Hellett also shared that the officers are being trained and updated in the use of their patrol rifles.

Mr. Hellett stated that everyone has good ideas for Movie Night and a time schedule for the movies is being discussed, possibly beginning in the third or fourth week of June. The Borough wants to make sure that everyone enjoys and appreciates the activity and, according to Mr. Hellett, an effort is being made to ensure public safety.

As far as the school crossing guard issue, Mr. Hellett said that further information is being gathered before a decision is made as to how to proceed.

Ms. Waldock questioned whether a motion was need to hire Police Officer Kelly and was answered in the affirmative, but that the motion would be made after Committee Reports.

Regarding the Nixle system, Ms. Waldock asked how text messages on street closings and crime worked on this system and asked if a presentation will be made regarding the same.

Mr. Cecconi stated that the Fire Department has their system up and running and Ms. Waldock stated that she did not know the system was currently being used by the Department. Mr. Cecconi offered, a review of the Fire Department's system; if Council liked what they saw, he said that the Borough could begin using it.

A discussion then ensued and Ms. Waldock said that parameters for use needed to be established.

Mr. Bowers asked whether Council knew what the Fire Chief is using this system for and Mr. Cecconi said that the Chief can send out messages relating to emergencies.

President Schaefer asked if the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department is doing this as representatives for the Borough. She continued by saying that, if they are acting on behalf of the Borough, the Council needs to make sure that representative guidelines are fully explained.

Mr. Hellett advised that the Fire Chief should be invited to the next meeting for an explanation of the Nixle system.

Ms. Waldock asked whether the responsibility for this was with the Fire or Police Chief.

It was Ms. Schaefer's strong feeling that the Chief Andrews should be invited to the next Public Safety meeting.

Ms. Waldock felt that the Fire Chief needed to attend a full Council meeting.

Mr. Cecconi said that he had a conversation with the Fire Department regarding their use of the system and whether the Borough wants to be involved with the same.

Ms. Schaefer noted that Public Safety Committee will have a list of questions after the information on the system has been reviewed.

Mr. Hellett agreed that not nearly enough information is available regarding the different system and further stated that the move to this arena should be at no cost to the Borough.

Mayor Davin mentioned to Mr. Cecconi that she thought the School would be talking at Council today and Mr. Cecconi informed her that this will take place at the June 7, 2010 meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Waldock stated that there was no meeting, but did indicate that on a recent walk, she noted the condition of the Koenig Field steps and indicated that this will be a budget item. She also spoke to the fact that Movie Night is another issue up for discussion.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Bowers had nothing to report.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mr. Wilson had nothing to report.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Hellett had items for discussion for tonight's Executive Session.

PENSION

Mr. Bright said that the Committee did not meet, but there is a plan to meet in the next two weeks.

AD HOC

INTERCOUNCIL

Ms. Schaefer reported that Mr. Caufield of Churchill Borough updated her tonight by mentioning that their borough has opted out of the regional police study by a 4-3 vote. One of their two concerns was that they do not want to be saddled with something they have no control over.

Forest Hills Borough Council will be talking with North Braddock to discuss the issue through Mr. Belmont.

Ms. Schaefer noted that a water seminar will be held on June 3, 2010.

At 8:20 PM, the audience left the room for Council to begin an Executive Session which lasted until 9:30 PM and returned to public session.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Barry reported that in looking at ongoing projects, he has thoughts about some of them and will speak with the various committees.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cecconi said that the Train Station is coming along; the plastering is now done and the occupants should be in by June 1, 2010.

Regarding the peer-to-peer study, a meeting was held with the Public Works Department this past Tuesday. The review will be completed in September.

Mr. Cecconi reported that the Nine Mile Run sewer bid came in at over \$700,000, an expense for which the Borough had allocated a maximum of \$360,000. Alternatives are now being reviewed and rejection of all bids will be done at the next meeting. According to Mr. Cecconi, Mr. Shomberg of the 3 Rivers Wet Weather Demonstration Project knows of no other funding.

A problem, according to Mr. Cecconi, is that no one actually knows where the 30' deep lines actually are and the "what if" factors make the final numbers higher than expected.

Ms. Waldock questioned whether the engineers have considered doing sonar and Mr. Cecconi said that the problem is if the pipes are close together, there is no guarantee to sort the situation out since the lines are side by side. This may blow out the Wilkesburg line and the alternative is to fill the area with foam and try to clear the roots to make the pipes clearer.

Mr. Bright asked the diameter of the pipes.

Mr. Cecconi, speaking about the filming of the pipes, said some pipes are solid with roots and removing them may cause the pipes to collapse.

John Besseck of the Woodland Hills School District will attend the first meeting in June, according to Mr. Cecconi.

Solicitor Barry said that he received another letter from the attorney for the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA), which Ms. Schaefer noted was regarding maintenance and per gallon fees.

Mr. Barry informed Council that there were no changes with the receipt of this letter.

Mr. Cecconi said that he is waiting to see what Greentree Borough's final agreement is with PWSA.

NEW BUSINESS

The following meetings were set for May 24, 2010: 6:00 PM – Pension; 6:30 PM – Community Service; 7:15 PM – Public Safety.

Mayor Davin noted that she attended a meeting at Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. She informed Council that the School will hold a golf outing on June 24, 2010 and a few slots for scheduling play remain open if anyone wishes to attend. The Mayor also mentioned that there will be an Annual Block Party on October 2, 2010 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Referring to the earlier comments of Ms. McGregor during Items From the Floor, Mr. Bowers said that the vans are lined up where they are asked and that a number of vans were ticketed for blocking the intersection. Additionally, Mr. Bowers reported that the administrators are present at every dismissal. The vans are able to be moved if a fire existed, according to Mr. Bowers. He mentioned also that the School works closely with Ms. Stagon of the Edgewood Day Care Center.

A law exists, according to Mr. Bowers that buses should not idle and both the School and the Church have informed the bus drivers of this.

Mr. Bowers commented that the crossing guard situation was discussed at length and the various committees are meeting with regard to this ongoing problem.

Ms. Schaefer asked that all committees communicate with each other.

Mr. Hellett mentioned that Mr. Thomas and Ms. Ott, recent residents to the Borough mentioned the fact that our website reflected the transparency of Edgewood's governmental structure.

Ms. Waldock questioned how an audience member knew of the crossing guard situation at a previous meeting. Ms. Waldock continued by stating that committee meetings are public as communication second or third hand is not good.

A discussion of procedure followed and Ms. Schaefer mentioned that a certain amount of things get filtered out during committee, but the rest of Council is not required to take the word of others on various items.

A discussion of the obligation for everyone to be aware of what information is available was led by Ms. Waldock.

Ms. Waldock has sent a Right to Know request to the Woodland Hills School District regarding the crossing guards.

Mr. Hellett said that most of the information will be gleaned by Chief Payne and Mr. Cecconi.

More discussion followed and Mr. Bowers asked if the Police Department is reimbursed for their time at the crossing guard posts. He was answered in the negative.

Mayor Davin said the police officers are being paid by the Borough.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Ms. Waldock moved to authorize the hiring of Chris Kelly as a part-time police officer, pending the passing of a background, physical and psychological evaluation at a rate of \$11.00 per hour. 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-5 Mr. Hellett moved to hire John Whalen as a part-time Emergency Services employee contingent upon him passing a physical and drug test. Starting salary will be \$10.00 per hour. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Waldock questioned whether a criminal check is done for prospective employees and Mr. Bowers felt that everyone should be subject to this.

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-6 Mr. Hellett moved to appoint Niki Augustine to the position of Newsletter Editor/Advertising Manager. The salary will be \$10,123.23 per year. Second by Mr. Wilson.**

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi explained that this will be done on a trial basis and, by the end of the year, a decision will be made. He mentioned that this salary is based on 75% of the two positions.

Ms. Schaefer said the position was originally filled by two people, but has now been combined.

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-7 Mr. Hellett moved to accept the resignation of Patrol Officer Ryan Kempert effective May 24, 2010. Second by Mr. Bowers.**

DISCUSSION: The Mayor stated that Chief Payne stated that a written letter of resignation exists; however, it was decided to withdraw the motion and the second until the letter is actually received.

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 Withdrawn.**

- M-8 Ms. Waldock moved approve the Memorandum of Agreement concerning the Representation Petition filed with the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board at Case #PF-R-10-67-W. 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.**

- M-9 Ms. Waldock read Ordinance 1032 on Third and Final Reading and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Hellett.**

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 1032

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING HANDICAPPED PARKING AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION FOR SPACE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: 115 RACE STREET

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by Council for the Borough of Edgewood, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of same as follows:

SECTION 1. One handicapped parking space shall be created at the curb line of **RACE STREET** in front of **115 RACE STREET** in the Borough of Edgewood to be marked and used for a handicapped parking space; and

SECTION 2. The handicapped parking space shall be permitted upon issuance of a permit by the police of the Borough of Edgewood for a period of one year and upon the expiration of one year to be submitted and reevaluated by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood for approval for an additional year with the process to continue from year to year until the handicapped need is removed or the premises are sold; and

SECTION 3. In the event that there is no longer a need for a handicapped space or in the event that the property has been sold, the handicapped parking permit shall be removed and all signs indicating space shall be removed; and

SECTION 4. Any person who shall violate any provision of this ordinance by parking in said handicapped space without proper handicapped identification shall upon conviction thereof be sentenced to pay a fine and costs in accordance with the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code 75 Pa. CSA Section 3354; and

SECTION 5. Any Ordinance, or any part of any Ordinance, in conflict herewith is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of Borough Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become part of the Codification of Ordinances of the Borough of Edgewood and that said Codification shall be amended and supplemented accordingly.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 17th day of May 2010.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

Warren Cecconi, Borough Manager
Council

Patricia M. Schaefer, President of

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 17th day of May 2010.

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. **Final Reading Passes.**

M-10 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 1032 Passes.**

ADJOURNMENT

M-11 At 10:17 PM, it was moved by Ms. Gleba and seconded by Mr. Wilson to adjourn this meeting.

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.**

Warren Cecconi, Borough Manager