

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Common Pleas Court Senior Judge Anthony Mariani said he received a call from the Honorable Judge James R. McGregor, a long-time resident of Edgewood, to participate in the Edgewood Citizens' Police Academy. Judge Mariani said that several judges and attorneys, including Attorney Thomassy (who was also in attendance), President Judge McCandless, Judge Clark, Judge Cashman and Judge Manning wanted to do something to honor Judge McGregor's memory. Judge Mariani then asked Council to consider including the name of Judge James R. McGregor as part of the title for the Edgewood Citizens' Police Academy. The Judge noted that Judge McGregor had lived in Edgewood for many years and was a wonderful man whose spirit never aged.

Attorney Thomassy thanked Council for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the renaming of the Edgewood Citizens' Police Academy. He asked that Judge Mariani's proposition be considered and informed Council that he knew Judge McGregor from the time he was ten years old. Attorney Thomassy shared that in criminal court, Judge McGregor was mainly concerned with the safety of the police officers.

Council President Schaefer shared that she had the opportunity of getting to know the Judge near the end in her capacity at the Hillman Cancer Center. She stated that his "Cancer Sucks" buttons are still being seen.

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 \$15,496.20 from the General Fund and \$15,579.95 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$31,076.15. 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.**

An extensive discussion ensued, led by Ms. Waldock, regarding the Nixle system and the parameters surrounding its use. The Public Safety Committee is recommending that Council put this into place for use by the Fire Chief, Police Chief and the Borough Manager.

Ms. Schaefer requested that guidelines be put into place.

Ms. Waldock continued by stating that a discussion in the Public Safety meeting covered the issue of posting addresses and personal information. She stated the Nixle system could be used to post Community Day activities or information or anything that might be placed on the reader board.

Responding to Mr. Hellett's request for Solicitor comments, and after further discussion of the system and its use, Mr. Barry stated that this discussion could be readdressed once the due diligence work is completed regarding the Borough's ownership of the Borough's site on Nixle.

The Mayor felt that a backup to the Fire Chief to post information was important as he was not always available at the same time others may need to use the system, or in an emergency.

Ms. Waldock felt that Mr. Cecconi or Chief Payne are always available during an emergency and further expressed that it is important to be sure that there is accountability for things which go out.

Mr. Cecconi responded to Ms. Waldock that he is registered with the Nixle system and is currently ready to go.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

No representative was available for comment.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Fuller updated Council on the 61 water main breaks during the past month. Wilkesburg did not have any major breaks, according to Mr. Fuller. He also reported on new technology which will enable the Wilkesburg Penn Joint Water Authority employees to read water meters on both sides of the street at the same time. He said that it will take six weeks to do the whole system.

Responding to Mayor Davin's question, Mr. Fuller noted that the system will take five months to install using summer help, to avoid paying full-time electrician salaries.

RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Cecconi reported that boys' baseball is winding down and that T-ball and girls softball will be starting soon. He noted that the Youth Camp did not do well in its first attempt.

Mr. Cecconi noted that he met with Foundation members and they will run programming for Community Day from 12 to 4 with children's' games and activities. He noted that WTAE will be there and a local band, Iconic George, as well as the Edgewood Symphony, will be playing prior to the fireworks.

A Police Department raffle will take place and water and soft drinks will be sold by our Recreation staff. Mr. Cecconi said that the Green Mango restaurant will most likely be there again.

The Foundation will be serving brownies and Rice Krispie treats, according to the Mayor.

COG REPORT

Mr. Hellett reported that the COG is on hiatus for the summer.

LIBRARY REPORT

Ms. Waldock reported that the Library Board elected officers and committees and approved their audit. A \$3,000 Dollar General grant and a \$5,000 grant have been received by the Library.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Barry had no separate report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Cecconi reported that he has spoken with Mr. Bailey of the Teamsters and Mr. Barry is working up a draft recognizing the union. The union requested that the contract include a section titled maintenance or membership.

Mr. Barry reported that the first meeting with the Teamsters was good and he mentioned that Council has already approved the contract and will not be required to resign the document.

Continuing his report, Mr. Cecconi noted that the stop signs on Maple Avenue and West Hutchinson had reflectors placed on them.

Other items which Mr. Cecconi reported on were FEMA/PEMA, noting that nothing new has been reported; Nine Mile Run work has been given to our engineer, Mr. Stanton; and the Edgewood/Swissvale/Wilkinsburg lines and how closely they are located together.

Ms. Schaefer thanked Mr. Cecconi for the email he sent to the Greendale residents to update them on where the Borough is with regard to their lines.

Mr. Cecconi opened up a major discussion regarding his conversation with Ms. Honeck of Phillips Edison, the owners of Edgewood Towne Centre. Mr. Cecconi received complaints about the island on South Braddock Avenue and its lack of care.

According to Mr. Cecconi, the conversation of the gate, owned and maintained by the Towne Centre, came up and a metal fence is now being ordered. Ms. Honeck offered to work with the Borough to address this issue. Mr. Cecconi questioned whether the Borough wanted to sign an agreement and wondered about the liability in connection with this.

Continuing, Mr. Cecconi expressed that there are various issues to be addressed regarding easements as part of the subdivision. He also alluded to the fact that there are restrictions and covenants which apply with Parcels A, B, C and D.

To the extent that the Borough can work with the Towne Centre to utilize the space for residents is a good thing, according to Solicitor Barry.

Mr. Bright said that pedestrian access allows people who may drive parking access to Lincoln and Laurel Streets.

A rather extensive discussion ensued and Mr. Cecconi noted that Mr. Eddy, COO of Phillips Edison, will be visiting within the next month.

Ms. Schaefer asked Solicitor Barry to work with Community Development with respect to what things might be changed in the original agreement with the Towne Centre.

Mr. Bright asked about repair of the tennis courts.

Mr. Bowers presented a proposed temporary banner for Koenig Field and asked if there were any objections from Council.

Speaking to the rules surrounding Act 32 regarding the earned income tax, Ms. Waldock mentioned that this had not been budgeted for in the current budget.

Meetings were set as follows for July 12, 2010: Pension – 6:30 PM and Community Development – 7:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

M-2 At 9:35 PM, it was moved by Ms. Waldock and seconded by Ms. Gleba 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