

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010**

Council President Schaefer called the meeting of Borough Council to order at 7:31 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 present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. McGregor of Walnut Street asked why Edgewood Police officers were being sworn in at the Mayor's residence rather than in Council Chambers.

Students from Oakland Catholic High School attended this meeting for their history class. They included Ms. Knight, Ms. Manges, Ms. Belechak and Ms. Foglia. President Schaefer welcomed them and throughout the meeting she gave very informative procedural explanations to the students.

M-1 Ms. Gleba moved to approve the minutes of September 20, 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-2 Ms. Gleba moved to approve the minutes of October 4, 2010. Second by Ms. Waldock.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Waldock made a correction regarding the Library Report and employee health care contributions.

The Mayor reported her concerns regarding Ordinance 1033 and was asked to bring the topic to the fore under New Business.

President Schaefer asked the Solicitor a procedural question regarding repeal of an ordinance.

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 \$56,665.38 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$18.90. 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.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Ms. Gleba reported that there is a great amount of budget planning taking place with the help of Mr. Cecconi and Mr. Kezmarsky. She noted that several topics are being addressed, including bringing payroll in-house and a delinquent tax collection ordinance, with a draft being done by the Solicitor.

The Solicitor then explained the aggressive approach to collecting delinquent taxes, especially being used for property owners who do not live in the area, or for repeat offenders.

Ms. Gleba continued, indicating that information regarding health care has been gathered and discussed, then noted that there is an abundance of information to compare.

President Schaefer said that the time may have come to adjust fees and felt that it would be appropriate to have a Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss health care issues and fees.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Davin spoke of the Monthly Activity Report, stating that Part I and Part II crimes are down in comparison to the past two years, as are the year-to-date totals. The Mayor then shared the remaining statistics with Council, emphasizing that a significant reduction in shoplifting was seen from the same period in the last two years.

Mayor Davin reported that, as for total calls, more were reported currently than the last year and was slightly more than 2008.

It was reported at the Public Safety meeting that a grant, which had been applied for and would have been used for computers and a speeding program similar to the one used in Monroeville, was declined, according to the Mayor. The issue surrounding the decline of the grant was that a signature page was not mailed in separately as had been required.

President Schaefer asked the Mayor had she reviewed the other pages of the grant and the Mayor indicated that she had.

Further, Ms. Schaefer said that a resident talked about swearing in officers in a public meeting and asked if there was some reason this had changed.

Mayor Davin responded that this has not really changed, as the officers are subject to passing a physical and psychological examination and Chief Payne asked if she could swear the officers in prior to the next meeting, as officers may be needed to cover shifts. The Mayor then outlined the other groups for which she has done this.

Ms. Waldock said that the last two officers were part-time and were not sure of their availability.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hellett read the highlights of the report, including its totals. He indicated that the October 11, 2010 Committee meeting with the Woodland Hills School District transportation director addressed the issue of safety at school bus stops. The director explained how the transportation system works to the group and he stated that all stops were being reviewed.

Ms. Waldock agreed that the Race/Pennwood intersection is a busy one and reported that she had observed the children at that stop in a very unsafe position. She reported that 17 buses cross that intersection two times per day, picking up and discharging 50 students.

Ms. Brouman, the Junior Councilperson, added that, if the children arrive at the bus stop early, they would have to walk through the tunnel by themselves as the crossing guard starts at a later time.

Ms. Schaefer said that at Maple and Linden Avenues, the high school bus comes at 6:30 AM and, at that hour, there is also no crossing guard.

Ms. Waldock mentioned that the transportation director said that the buses are in the Borough between 6:35 and 8:10 AM and 2:30 to 3:45 PM daily; as well, a bus from the Academy comes at 4:50 PM. She mentioned that no other borough provides crossing guards for the small number of children from the Academy buses.

Mr. Hellett said that the concerns have been duly noted and recommendations will be made appropriately.

At this point, Mayor Davin noted that the bullet-proof vest grant mentioned in the minutes is a second grant; there is already a matching grant.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Waldock said there has been no meeting and she had nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Bowers reported that a discussion of sewers and cost of their repair took place. He mentioned that the condition of the terra cotta pipes is not known. Further, Mr. Bowers said that there are concrete repair issues and he noted that Mr. Cecconi had given a list of streets in need of repair. He stated that Mr.

Cecconi informed him that over the next 3-4 years, an estimated \$400,000 would be needed for road repairs and might required floating a bond issue or making a loan.

Mr. Bowers reported that the Public Works equipment, including trucks and plows, are in pretty good shape, according to Mr. Cecconi, and a snow blower was purchased for \$1,299. One truck is currently without a plow and is currently being scrutinized for retrofitting. Mr. Cecconi felt that, even doing the work by retrofitting, the cost will still be around \$2,000.

According to Mr. Cecconi, Mr. Bowers reported that a street sweeper is needed and the cost of a new one is \$200,000. He said that Mr. Cecconi is looking at contracting services or working with other communities to use their equipment. Another idea was to reduce the number of times the streets were swept. The Borough Building itself has items which need to be repaired including the boiler, the downspouts, the windows and doors. The Volunteer Fire Department is looking for a grant to cover the doors and windows.

Mr. Bowers reported that Mr. Cecconi felt that \$40,000 was needed for tree trimming and removal of Borough trees, citing that 6-8 trees on Maple Avenue have been identified as having reached their life expectancy and will need to be taken down. Mr. Bowers reported that Mr. Cecconi is scheduling tree training and pruning classes for the Public Works employees.

A major discussion of the estimates to fix streets in need of repair was estimated by Mr. Cecconi to be between \$400,000 to \$1,000,000.

Ms. Waldock informed Council that a spring existed uphill on La Crosse Street and this created a freeze/thaw system.

Ms. Schaefer explained to the students in the audience that a tree inventory had been done cooperatively with sister communities and other organizations and a report is forthcoming.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mr. Wilson said that the Committee did not meet.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Hellett said that a review of the work which Mr. Bowers had done for the Borough was done and the consensus was that this needed to be reviewed by the entire Council. Issues of cost and working within state and federal guidelines were discussed.

PENSION

Mr. Bright said that the Committee has not met.

AD HOC

INTERCOUNCIL

Mr. Hellett deferred to Ms. Waldock to give the details of the regional police study. She stated that there was a positive meeting with a Braddock Hills Council member in attendance, as well as a Forest Hills employee. Ms. Waldock noted that demographics, budget, crime statistics, and insurance for Borough vehicles, including liability and workers' compensation are all being considered during this very complex study.

Ms. Schaefer said that the Local Government Academy and area graduate schools are being considered in the Borough's search for an intern to work on this subject. The concern with the study is that the police departments' protection will be diluted by regionalization. It was Ms. Schaefer's feeling that the opportunity to participate in the free study is an opportunity for the Police and the Borough to view the proposal clearly and decide how to best serve everyone.

3 RIVERS WET WEATHER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT/CONNECT

Ms. Schaefer reported that a sewer conference took place October 13, 2010. She then took time to explain CONNECT to the students in attendance.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Barry, in answering a question regarding Rule 11 of the Edgewood Borough Council Rules of Order, and following a brief discussion, recommended that Rule 11 be removed.

Regarding the motion for approval of the garbage contract on the current agenda, Mr. Barry assured Council that he had reviewed everything, including the bid bond and specifications. He further mentioned that the bid was based on Alternative 2 – Individual owner billed for everything.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cecconi reminded everyone that employee flu shots would be given October 21, 2010 and for residents (over 18) the date would be October 28, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

An update on the Nine Mile Run interceptor project was given by Mr. Cecconi.

He had nothing new to report on the SEIU contract and also reported that three members of the Recreation Advisory Board met. It was Mr. Cecconi's feeling that this would be a good board.

As regards Pennsylvania Municipal Services (PAMS), Mr. Cecconi said that the second round of delinquent letters has been sent out. After talking with Tax Collector Smith, Mr. Cecconi said that \$30,000 to \$40,000 will be coming in.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Following a statement that Waste Management’s low bid was reviewed by the Solicitor and approved, Mr. Bowers moved to award a three-year contract to Waste Management based on their Bid Tabulation Alternate 2- Individual Billed, and to sign contract with Waste Management.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin asked that the contract’s page 11 have verbiage added that Council would oversee violations from residents who complain. She felt this would be a mechanism by which the Borough might control early arrivals into the Borough by Waste Management.

A further discussion ensued regarding notification and citation, if necessary, to Waste Management to ensure that there would be no early start times before 6:00 AM.

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

M-5 Mr. Bowers read Resolution 2010-40 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Ms. Gleba.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2010-40

OPTIONS FOR REGIONAL MUNICIPAL SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, Aspinwall Borough, Baldwin Borough, Baldwin Township, Brentwood Borough, City of Pittsburgh, Crafton Borough, Dormont Borough, Edgewood Borough, Green Tree Borough, Ingram Borough, Mt. Lebanon Township, Mount Oliver Borough, Penn Hills Township and Reserve Township will be joining an inter-municipal initiative to evaluate **OPTIONS FOR REGIONAL MUNICIPAL SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT**, and

WHEREAS, Borough of Edgewood wishes to participate in said inter-municipality cooperative project, and

WHEREAS, 3 Rivers Wet Weather, Inc. makes available grants-in-aid for this project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Edgewood Borough Council of the Borough of Edgewood hereby authorizes CONNECT to make application for such a grant on our behalf.

ADOPTED THIS THE 18th day October 2010 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

ATTEST:

Warren Cecconi, Borough Secretary

Patricia Schaefer, Council President

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

ADJOURNMENT

M-6 Following an Executive Session which lasted from 9:15 PM to 9:41 PM, it was moved by Ms. Waldock and seconded by Mr. Bright to adjourn this meeting at 9:420 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Warren Cecconi, Borough Manager