

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
FEBRUARY 7, 2011**

Council President Schaefer called the Meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, February 7, 2011 at 7:35 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. Fuller, Ms. Schaefer.

Mayor Hellett, Solicitor Barry and Ms. Brouman, the Junior Councilperson were present

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

Ms. Schaefer asked Mayor Hellett to present the employee service awards. Sgt. Kaskie was unable to attend and Police Chief Payne accepted the award on her behalf.

In Recognition and Thanks To

Sgt. Susan Kaskie

**For 10 Years of Dedicated Service to the Residents Of
The Borough of Edgewood**

**Presented This 18th Day of January 2011
By The Edgewood Borough Council**

**Mayor Mal Hellett
Council President Patricia Schaefer
Council Vice President Audrey Waldock
President Pro Tem Jennifer Gleba
Jack Bright
Gregg Bowers
Jack Wilson
George Fuller**

Officer Keith Nugent then came forward for the employee service award presentation.

In Recognition and Thanks To

Officer Keith Nugent

**For 5 Years of Dedicated Service to the Residents Of
The Borough of Edgewood**

**Presented This 18th Day of January 2011
By The Edgewood Borough Council**

**Mayor Mal Hellett
Council President Patricia Schaefer
Council Vice President Audrey Waldock
President Pro Tem Jennifer Gleba
Jack Bright
Gregg Bowers
Jack Wilson
George Fuller**

Officer Nugent thanked Council for the award, stating that police work can sometimes be a thankless job, but that he plans to be around for some time.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. McGregor of Walnut Street spoke regarding her disappointment with the Edgewood Newsletter and its coverage of the former mayor. She noted that the timeframe was incorrect and the Borough is paying \$400 to have this information put out correctly.

President Schaefer stated that Ms. Davin's resignation was effective December 31, 2010.

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 \$59,361.28 from the General Fund and \$2,227.06 from the Sewer Fund. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-2 Ms. Waldock offered Resolution 2011-09 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Wilson. (Trust Agreement appended to end of minutes).

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-09

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Deed to Trustees for the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library and Edgewood Community House, dated April 15, 1916, two members of the nine member Board of Trustees for the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library are members of the Edgewood Borough Council, and Borough Council for the Borough of Edgewood has the right to appoint successors to the Board of Trustees for the Library whenever there is a vacancy in either of the two Borough Council Trustee positions; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council for the Borough of Edgewood has determined that it is in the best interest for the Borough to permanently release the Borough Council's right to appoint one or both of the Borough Council Trustee members.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council for the Borough of Edgewood and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. Borough Council for the Borough of Edgewood hereby permanently releases its right to appoint two members of the Board of Trustees of the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library pursuant to the Deed to Trustees dated April 15, 1916, a copy of which is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit "A".

SECTION 2. The Borough Solicitor is hereby authorized to join in any petition filed with the Orphan's Court Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County to effect a reformation or modification of said Deed of Trust so that the Borough Council shall permanently release it right to appoint the two Borough Council members to the Board of Trustees for the Library.

SECTION 3. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, _____.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

Warren Cecconi
Borough Manager

Patricia M. Schaefer
President of Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Mayor

DISCUSSION: In a question directed to Solicitor Barry, Ms. Waldock asked that when the resolution is passed, would letters of resignation need to be submitted from Council.

Mr. Barry stated that in order to file in Orphan's Court of Allegheny County, the letters of resignation should be attached. He also stated that if the Court will not accept the resignations, then Council will appoint someone.

President Schaefer asked if she and Ms. Waldock submit letters of resignation, can Ms. Waldock be appointed as a resident.

Mr. Barry asked for a signed copy of the resolution and stated that he will expedite the process. He also noted that Mr. Davies' office will prepare a petition.

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

M-3 Mr. Fuller moved to authorize Lennon Smith Souleret Engineering, Inc. to develop a long-term capital road improvement program for the Borough as outlined in their proposal dated January 28, 2011. The cost of the plan is \$2,960.00, plus reimbursable expenses estimated at \$250.00. Second by Ms. Waldock.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bright commented that this job would be complex for anyone else to do and that the labor costs alone would be vastly greater.

A discussion of the estimated length of time for completion of the job was led by Mr. Bowers.

Borough Manager Cecconi said the process would depend on whether the road is snow covered or not. He continued stating that the plan will need to be reviewed from time to time.

Ms. Waldock stated that it is unsafe to walk across LaCrosse and noted that the condition of the road is poor.

Ms. Schaefer said this is important because a plan for the streets is needed and this will also help with the budgeting process. She went on to state that the other piece of the puzzle is that Wilkinsburg Penn Joint Water Authority is not replacing water lines in streets that are being paved unless the line is in really bad condition.

Mr. Fuller noted that Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority has no grant money.

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

- M-4 Mr. Fuller moved to authorize Pro-Tec America to replace existing black and white cameras (7) with new color day/night cameras and to upgrade and refurbish existing DVR at a price of \$3,595.00, as quoted in their letter dated January 19, 2011. Second by Mr. Bowers.**

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi said that he noticed the need to do this in order to track people outside the building. The system operates from a mini computer. The current system's memory unit is old and this purchase definitely has security implications.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Halle said that all ambulance numbers in the newsletter should now be changed to 911.

He noted that the Volunteer Fire Department received a Pennsylvania Fire Commissioners' Grant of \$10,000.00 for an LED screen. A second grant from the Highmark Foundation will purchase six laptop computers.

Mr. Halle reported that from January 1, 2011 to the current time, the department has responded to 40 calls, one of which was in Penn Hills.

President Schaefer asked if a mutual aid agreement exists with Penn Hills. Mr. Halle was unsure and stated that he would look into this.

RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Cecconi noted that there are pick-up scrimmage games for the 12-13 year olds and 55-60 children attend the program. The coaches say the children are enjoying the play time.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Fuller noted that there was a January reorganization meeting; the officers remain the same. He also reported on a broken water line on Rodi Road, leaving customers without water.

The union contract has not been signed, according to Mr. Fuller.

COG REPORT

Mr. Wilson said that he did not attend the Council of Government meeting on January 27, 2011 and that Ms. Schaefer attended as the representative for Edgewood.

Ms. Schaefer reported that the Turtle Creek Council of Government is looking at alternate ways to work mutually with other boroughs in areas such as Civil Service testing.

Solicitor Barry felt using joint Civil Service lists was really a good idea.

Mr. Wilson reported that the Allegheny League of Municipalities will meet this coming Saturday.

LIBRARY REPORT

Ms. Waldock said that the Library has made an adjustment to its budget to reflect changes in the Borough's contribution.

Ms. Waldock reported that Mr. Herward of the Edgewood has been appointed to the Allegheny County Library Board. Further discussion ensued regarding the Deed of Trust and the Library.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Barry had no separate report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cecconi had no separate report.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Gleba asked that Council discuss their ideas with General Government regarding the newsletter meeting which will be scheduled for February 28, 2011.

Ms. Waldock said that no changes will be made until Council decides the direction that the newsletter will take.

Ms. Schaefer said the newsletter is evolving and she appreciates that the General Government Committee is taking this on.

Mayor Hellett asked a question regarding the redistricting of magistrates. Mr. Hellett said this should be done so as not to disenfranchise voters.

President Schaefer said that Mr. Caulfield stated that Edgewood will be going with Wilkinsburg.

Solicitor Barry said he would investigate this issue and report back to Council.

ADJOURNMENT

M-5 Following an Executive Session which lasted from 9:10 PM until 10:05 PM regarding litigation and personnel with no action following, it was moved by Ms. Waldock and seconded by Ms. Gleba to adjourn at 10:06 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Warren Cecconi
Borough Manager