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Council President Schaefer called the Meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, March 7, 2011 at 7:36 PM in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Borough Manager Warren Cecconi called the roll and the following responded: 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.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Dr. Andrews-Hooks gave the Edgewood Foundation Annual Report, with copies distributed to each Council member.

Following the report, Ms. Schaefer gave thanks to the Foundation for all they do for community building.

Ms. Hoots, Wilksburg District Magistrate, introduced herself to Council and thanked Mr. Wilson for inviting her. She also introduced her husband, Robert.

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 \$55,108.40 from the General Fund and \$7,075.26 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$62,183.66. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Halle informed Council that a total of 83 calls have been taken this year, up by 35 calls for the year. An extrication occurred on W. Swissvale which involved both police and fire. From this extrication, approximately 200 empty bags of heroin were discovered. The vehicle was at a 50° angle on a tree.

Some misinformation from the news was also given during this time with regard to a pregnant female and the accident. Officer Nugent was able to find the woman and cleared a way for her to get by the traffic snarl.

Mr. Halle reported that the department recently received six computers through a grant. Through another grant, and after speaking with Chief Payne, Mr. Halle will apply for four desktop and six laptop computers. The operating system will have to be loaded onto the computers.

Additional members are being trained in Basic Rescue and Fire Essentials. No other members have applied, but a junior firefighter, aged 14, will be applying, according to Mr. Halle.

A response is expected from the Emergency Medical Institute regarding licensure as first responders.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Waldock said that it seems that the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department spends most of its efforts on the Parkway. She asked if there is any course to get funding for this.

Mr. Halle indicated that the Parkway is a state highway and that the Fire Department services everyone. He said that some form of reimbursement may be available.

Solicitor Barry said that since the Parkway, designated an interstate, is considered as being in the Borough, some funding may exist. He further stated that there might be some benefit to providing the service.

To Mr. Halle's inquiry regarding the method to find out if funding is available, Mr. Barry said to check with fire agencies. He said this idea should be suggested to state legislators.

Mr. Fuller then spoke regarding firefighters billing insurance companies after accidents.

Ms. Waldock reported that bills for transport are billed in accidents.

Mr. Halle informed Council that all supplies are provided by Eastern Area Pre-Hospital Services.

Ms. Waldock said that they are struggling financially, also.

President Schaefer said that Council appreciates what the Volunteer Fire Department does.

RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Cecconi said that basketball is in its last two weeks and has 55 children who play. The new season will be baseball and registrations will be due by April 11. Mr. Cecconi said that the children love the gym and that crowds attend the games.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Fuller said that the stock and pension values went up. He also reported that the work on the 12" line being replaced in the Trafford Bridge continues. Contaminated soil is a problem with the project.

It was also reported by Mr. Fuller that the Authority is planning to roll out pay-by-phone on April 1.

As far as the union contract, Mr. Fuller reported that it has gone to mediation.

A meeting will be held March 16 at 10:00 AM with Mr. Cecconi to discuss sewage billing by the Water Authority.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Ms. Waldock said that the Commission has not met.

COG REPORT

Mr. Wilson said that there was no meeting.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer did report that the COG had their annual meeting and they distributed a report about the COG's activity. Ms. Schaefer then asked Mr. Cecconi to supply a copy to each Councilperson.

Ms. Schaefer answered in the affirmative when Mr. Wilson asked if Wilkinsburg has joined the COG.

LIBRARY REPORT

Ms. Waldock informed Council of a Library Board meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 7:00 PM. She stated that there are a number of new trustees and the agenda will deal with this and the Borough resolution.

Ms. Waldock also answered a question posed by Ms. Schaefer regarding book donations and Ms. Waldock said the Library will accept books all year long.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Barry said that he has not heard anything regarding the library board resolution.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cecconi reported that the televising of the sewer on East Hutchinson Avenue has occurred and revealed broken lines. The engineers are inspecting the line, which revealed two small repairs which are needed. At the upper end of the pipe, there is a drop tank and a manhole may be put over this for future cleaning.

Mr. Cecconi related that benefit letters were sent to employees and Ms. Schaefer asked for a sample letter.

Review of a lease/purchase agreement is being done for the street sweeper, according to Mr. Cecconi. The lease is expected to be paid off over a period of six years.

Mr. Cecconi reported that the Borough will aggressively pursue delinquent sewage accounts and letters will be sent out for water shut off. This process will be done twice per year.

Bids are being solicited for replacement of some of the exterior doors, including the Tax Collector's door. Mr. Cecconi said he is working with the firefighters in regard to the purchase of the rear door leading up to the firemen's area.

DISCUSSION: Solicitor Barry said he has talked with the General Government Committee about doing delinquent real estate taxes. As well, Mr. Barry said he talked with Mr. Cecconi and will draft a sample letter to send to property owners. He said an ordinance has not been established setting the fees.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the agreement currently in place with Pennsylvania Municipal Services (PAMS). Mr. Cecconi said he has talked with Mr. Lear of PAMS and Mr. Lear is willing to work out a suitable arrangement.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

He also spoke of an auditor letter he had not received which asked his opinion. Mr. Cecconi said he will be meeting with the auditors on Thursday.

Mr. Barry had no separate report.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Hellett asked Chief Payne to update Council on recent happenings.

Chief Payne reported on several items, including a news report of a pregnant woman being involved in the accident on the Parkway. Officer Nugent was able to find the woman and guide her around the wreck.

There was also an incident in the City of Pittsburgh at Lexington Avenue of a shooting in the 911 Center parking lot. After a description of the suspect was given, the search area was concentrated on Wilksburg. The actor was eventually found in Penn Hills following a high speed vehicle and a foot chase on McNary Boulevard.

The actor chose to fight with four officers. He was positively identified as the shooter and the gun used in the incident was recovered.

The Chief stressed that this scenario occurred because of mutual aid agreements between the departments. This apparently started as a road range incident.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

ADJOURNMENT

M-2 Following an Executive Session which lasted from 8:18 PM until 10:05 PM regarding 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. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Fuller, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carries.**

Warren Cecconi
Borough Manager