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CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Waldock called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:35 PM in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Bright, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller.

President Schaefer and Mr. Bowers were absent, as well as the Junior Councilperson.

Mayor Hellett and Solicitor Representative Worner were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

Prior to the vote, Ms. Waldock asked if Council members had changes or corrections to the February 22, 2011 minutes.

Ms. Waldock then made changes to those minutes, as follows:

February 22, 2011 minutes: Page 2, under Items from the Floor, paragraph 4 – line 3 – change speakers to microphones. On Page 3, paragraph 5, line 1 – change minutes to recordings. Motion 1 – second line under Discussion – change amendments to corrections. In the same paragraph, change amendments in the last line to corrections.

On Page 4, under motions 2 and 3, change amendments to corrections in three instances.

On Page 8, under Solicitor's report, delete in question and add regarding the Library.

The following motion was then made.

- M-1 Ms. Gleba moved to approve the minutes of February 22, 2011, as amended. Second by Mr. Wilson.**

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Mr. Bright, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller. Mr. Bowers and Ms. Schaefer were not present for this vote. **Motion carried.**

Prior to the next vote, Ms. Waldock asked if Council members had changes or corrections to the March 7, 2011 minutes.

Mr. Bright informed the group that he was not present for this meeting.

Ms. Waldock had changes, outlined as follows: Page 5 – paragraph 2, line 2, should be moved to the Solicitor's Report section of the minutes. On Page 6 – under Borough Manager's Report, Line 3 – proper should be changed to property.

The following motion was then made.

- M-2 Ms. Gleba moved to approve the minutes of March 7, 2011, as amended. Second by Mr. Fuller.**

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Mr. Bright, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller. Mr. Bowers and Ms. Schaefer were not present for this vote. **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 \$23,654.29, from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$94,448.10 for a total of \$118,102.39. Second by Mr. Fuller.**

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Mr. Bright, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller. Mr. Bowers and Ms. Schaefer were not present for this vote. **Motion carried.**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Ms. Gleba said that discussions have occurred regarding delinquent real estate taxes. An initial letter will be mailed in the next few weeks by Pennsylvania Municipal Services, who will be administering the project.

Ms. Gleba noted that there is money to reappropriate from the decrease in health insurance premiums and this could possibly be used for Borough Building and street repairs.

With regard to the sewer situation, Ms. Gleba said that information will be in the newsletter. Other discussions occurred regarding Community Day sponsors and fireworks.

Contact has been made with a Pitt graduate student who will help to complete a survey of resident's opinions.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Mayor Hellett gave the highlights of the reports. He then introduced Police Chief Payne who reported the outcome of the weekend's DUI Check Point, which began with a briefing at 11:00 PM on March 19 and ended at about 3:30 AM on March 20. The Chief reported that Swissvale and the District Attorney's office were involved, with District Attorney Zappala sponsoring the Check Point.

Chief Payne said that while he was Chief of Police in Plum Borough, he conducted DUI Check Points. He expressed his shock at the number of vehicles involved in the Check Point and stated that the pamphlets which officers were passing out were in short supply by the end of the night. The Chief estimated that 600 cars passed through the Check Point.

The cars which were stopped were due to a potpourri of issues including Driving While Under the Influence, warrant for burglary and many citations with suspended or expired licenses/registrations or no insurance. One drunk driver caused a "near miss" with a Swissvale officer. The driver was already suspended with no insurance. The Chief reported that his blood alcohol level was extremely high.

It was the Chief's opinion that the majority of people stopped were very respectful. He also stated that he was proud of his officers, all of whom showed their professionalism. The Chief reported that the entire department took part in the event. As well, the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department participated, supplying lighting and placement of flares. The Chief reported that there were two medical emergencies, including a heart attack.

One car, according to the Chief, had an AR-15 and a shotgun in the back seat. A World War I trench knife was also confiscated. These people were taken into custody.

Chief Payne acknowledged that Mayor Hellett was at the DUI Check Point and informed Council that they should be proud of the police and the great job done during this event.

Mayor Hellett said this Check Point was akin to watching the Pro Bowl. He spoke of the professionalism, courtesy and ability to work together at the various departments.

It was interesting to Mayor Hellett that some of the people stopped had registration stickers which had expired two to three months previously.

Officer Nugent has been trained in a tool called the horizontal gaze pen which shows a "bouncing" effect when light is introduced into the eye.

Chief Payne noted that a field sobriety test is done, giving tasks to drivers, including standing on one foot, finger to nose, toe to toe and heel to toe. The driver is also required to blow into a small machine to check their blood alcohol level.

As well, a phlebotomist was on site to draw any blood. The blood will then be turned over to the crime lab.

Mayor Hellett then commented on Engine 137 and called it an amazing vehicle. He then summed things up by stating that from at least 12:00 midnight through 4:00 AM, Edgewood streets were safe.

Mr. Wilson, referring to Officers Livingston and Crow, mentioned that both had worked their regular shifts and then came out to the Check Point.

Ms. Waldock did not think that this was a good idea and Chief Payne explained that this is the nature of police work.

Chief Payne reported that Edgewood assisted Swissvale and Wilksburg on a murder on Westmoreland and Milligan Streets. He said that the incident drew a large crowd and there were a few problems. He was, however, pleased that witnesses came forward and the case was turned over to Homicide.

Edgewood Police assisted Wilksburg on a call.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Ms. Waldock had nothing currently, but set a meeting for March 28, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Fuller said the Committee did not meet.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Fuller said the Committee did not meet. He stated that he, Mr. Cecconi and members of the Water Authority met to discuss the Authority taking over billing of sewer charges.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mr. Wilson said that the Committee did not meet.

PERSONNEL

Ms. Waldock said that there was no meeting.

PENSION

Mr. Bright said that the Committee has not met, but Mr. Dalessandro has completed the 2010 data. Mr. Bright informed Council that Mr. Dalessandro can meet at any time to be followed by a meeting with General Government and then the rest of Council.

Ms. Waldock said that Mr. Bright and Mr. Dalessandro can meet first, followed by a meeting with the General Government Committee. Following this, the information will be presented to Council.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Worner had no separate report.

Ms. Waldock had a question regarding audio recordings at the meeting. She said that a records retention policy would need to be in place.

Mr. Worner said he will check with Mr. Barry.

Ms. Waldock also asked how long information should be maintained on the Borough's equipment.

Mr. Cecconi said typically after the minutes are passed, re-recording can occur.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cecconi reported that the Public Works employees will receive oak wilt training on March 25, 2011. He also reported that the new street sweeper will be delivered in May.

Mr. Cecconi also spoke about the delinquent sewer letters to be sent out and the exterior doors for the Borough Building being replaced.

Speaking to an updated mitigation and disaster plan for Allegheny County, Mr. Cecconi stated that the Borough could work with Allegheny County to adopt the plan. He noted that FEMA/PEMA money could dry up if the plan is not adopted.

With regard to the delinquent sewer letters to be sent out, Mr. Cecconi met with Mr. Lear and they were in agreement that the 149 sent letters should be on Borough letterhead.

Mr. Cecconi said there had been a good meeting with Wilkesburg Penn Joint Water Authority.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

INTERCOUNCIL

Mr. Wilson said that the Committee has not met.

3 RIVERS WET WEATHER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

There was no report.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

- M-4 Mr. Fuller moved to enter into a lease-purchase agreement for our new TYMCO Street Sweeper with Leasing Specialists, Inc. It is a six year lease with annual payments in advance. Yearly payment amount is \$31,145.55. Second by Mr. Wilson.**

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi said the rate for the lease was 4% and that \$31,000 is due at closing. Also, all lease documents will be reviewed by the Solicitor prior to signing.

Mayor Hellett thanked Mr. Cecconi and Public Works for acting on the street sweeper since the life cycle of the current one is over. A delivery date of May 2011 is anticipated.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Mr. Bright, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller. Mr. Bowers and Ms. Schaefer were not present for this vote. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Hellett deferred to Ms. Waldock regarding the Library Book Sale.

Ms. Waldock said that her husband and another resident organized the Preview Party and that the event was very successful and people seemed to enjoy it.

Meetings were set as follows: Committee of the Whole – April 25, 2011 at 7:30; Pension – April 25, 2011 – 6:30 PM (with Mr. Dalessandro); Public Works – April 11, 2011 at 6:30 PM; Community Service –April 11, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

The motion regarding E. Hutchinson Emergency Sewer Repairs was not presented.

M-5 It was moved by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Fuller to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Mr. Bright, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, **Motion carried.**



Warren Cecconi, Borough Manager