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CALL TO ORDER

President Schaefer called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:39 PM in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Hellett , Solicitor Representative Womer and the Junior Councilperson were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Messina, a resident of 1401 Walnut St. for the past 28 years, and President of the Woodland Hills School Board, reacquainted herself with Council. She explained that the School District is facing a \$7.5 million dollar deficit due to state and federal cuts. Even in light of this, Ms. Messina informed Council that there will be a balanced budget with no increase in taxes. She stated that the district budget will be presented May 4, 2011, followed by adopting a draft budget on the second Wednesday of May. A 30 day public viewing period will follow.

Ms. Messina said that she will represent the communities of Swissvale, Edgewood, Rankin and Braddock .

President Schaefer asked whether Edgewood Primary will be changed to include seventh grade students. Ms. Schaefer told Ms. Messina that the Borough's Public Safety Committee would like to meet with the School Board members to discuss changes which may occur and their implications.

Ms. Pickering McGregor of 1420 Walnut Street asked about a rumor that Get Go will be coming to the Edgewood Towne Centre Giant Eagle. Ms. Schaefer said that nothing regarding this has come before Council so for now, it appears to be a rumor.

Ms. Pickering McGregor also asked about the status of Parcel D and asked have any efforts been made to sell this.

Ms. Schaefer noted that uses for Parcel D are continuously being looked at, but noted that there are constraints and problems with how this might be accomplished.

Mr. Belmonte of Forest Hills spoke regarding his run to become a school board member. He shared his view that educating children is the most important thing he does. Mr. Belmonte stated that his goal is to get the 12 municipalities of the Woodland Hills School District moving in the same direction. He talked of the Plus 1 Program, a program to get students involved in extracurricular activities.

Mr. Belmont was adamant that a customer service approach should be taken with Board involvement and that every effort should be made to answer questions posed by residents. He noted that his children are graduates of the Woodland Hills School District and attend Duquesne, Pitt and CMU. As well, Mr. Belmonte said that he has a junior high student.

Ms. Beck of 135 Oakview and a 56 year resident of Edgewood, spoke regarding parking issues which occur when more than one person visits. She also raised the issue of someone parking in her lot spot.

Ms. Waldock said that 911 should be called when this occurs.

Ms. Schaefer gave Ms. Beck alternatives such as talking with her neighbors when visitors are in town, or purchasing another pass.

Mr. Felter, representing the Edgewood Foundation, informed Council that the Senior Bruch will be held May 22, 2011 with RSVP's due by May 2, 2011.

Ms. Schaefer said that the Senior Bruch is in its 27th year and involves seniors coming together from various groups. The students are presented with a rose and are given a wonderful CD set to music.

Ms. Waldock asked how the Foundation's Facebook page was doing. Mr. Felter said that the site is attracting younger families and is the best way to communicate for lots of people. The site will be tailored to people with families and indicated that events might be scheduled at times other than at night for families with children.

Ms. Schaefer noted that the Foundation also provides the Newcomers' meeting, which is a wonderful way for people moving into the area to get to know their neighbors. She also said that Facebook is a way for new residents to get into volunteering.

DISCUSSION: MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2011.

Ms. Waldock had the following changes: page 6, under Personnel – Ms. Waldock indicated that she is not on the Committee and believes this should be Mr. Wilson.

M-1 Ms. Gleba moved to approve the minutes of March 21, 2011, as amended. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

DISCUSSION: MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2011.

Ms. Waldock had the following changes: page 4, under Planning – Ms. Waldock said that the meeting time was 7:00 PM instead of 7:30 PM.

Ms. Gleba had the following changes: page 2 has the phrase *was been*. The word *been* should be deleted. Also, on page 4 under the Council of Government report, the date should be 2011 instead of 2010.

Ms. Schaefer, referring to the donation of the Commonwealth and United States flag donation, stated that Ms. McGregor was acknowledged and thanked during the meeting. Also, on page 4 under Volunteer Fire Department, Ms. Schaefer noted that they were one of only six volunteer departments presented grants in Pennsylvania.

M-2 Ms. Gleba moved to approve the minutes of April 4, 2011, as amended. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, Ms. Schaefer. **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 \$32,175.30 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$10.24 for a total of \$32,185.54. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi explained that the checks for the street sweeper lease/ purchase were voided.

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Ms. Gleba said that the audit is currently being reviewed and discussed. She said there are a few minor areas that Finance Director Kezmarsky has addressed. As well, Ms. Gleba said that pension numbers are being reviewed and a meeting will be held prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Other issues discussed were the newsletter articles and reallocation of funds from lower than expected health care premiums.

Ms. Gleba had no information to report on the delinquent real estate letters which were sent out.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Hellett read the highlights of the report and explained the categories and statistics on the report.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Ms. Waldock said there was conversation about the hats that officers do not want to wear and hats that they are willing to wear. She also talked of a Police Department Awards Committee being established with the presentations taking place on Community Day.

The other topics which Ms. Waldock touched on included the crossing guards, Movie Night, the need for a Civil Service meeting and computer needs for both the police cars and the office.

Chief Payne was present and said that two laptops and two desktop computers have been received. One is in the sergeant's office and one is in the squad room. The laptops are in the police cars and the cost to upgrade is between \$60-\$100 each. Chief Payne said these computers will be able to be used by the new County system. The funds come from money left over from the District Attorney's office.

The Chief said that he has researched 15 candidates for part-time positions and has reduced that number to four applicants who seem to be the kind of people the Borough is looking for.

Ms. Schaefer verified with the Chief that there is nothing to be done with CALEA this year.

The Chief reiterated that this is correct and indicated that he is keeping time-sensitive information up to date. He made it clear that the bill he has received has nothing to do with the Borough's certification.

Ms. Schaefer said an Executive Session will be held regarding personnel and action may follow.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Fuller said the Committee did not meet.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Fuller spoke about a road study and a tree survey. Many of the worst trees were taken care of by Arboreal Tree Service and Edgewood's Public Works Department.

Mr. Fuller also said there is a personnel issue to be discussed later.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Fuller said that the Committee did not meet.

PENSION

Mr. Bright said that the meeting with Mr. D'Alessandro can be held on April 25, 2011.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

INTERCOUNCIL

Mr. Wilson said that he attended the ALOM Conference. He noted that the County Executive and County Executive candidates, as well as the District Attorney attended the event.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mr. Wilson said that the meeting has been rescheduled to April 27, 2011.

3 RIVERS WET WEATHER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT/CONNECT

Ms. Schaefer informed Council that a CONNECT board meeting is planned for this coming Thursday in Penn Hills. The nominating committee is running a slate of officers.

Ms. Schaefer spoke about grant distribution being worked on and looking at the impact of the state budget with respect to grant availability. According to Ms. Schaefer, the state is working with CONNECT with regard to municipal grants and cooperation agreements.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Worner had nothing at this time.

Ms. Waldock asked the Solicitor if he had an opportunity to check on the records retention policy and Mr. Worner said that the firm's associate will be working on this project.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cecconi reported that cameras have been installed and the base unit has been sent away for upgrade. As well, all hallway doors are now locked and appropriate signage has been placed on doors.

With regard to the East Hutchinson emergency sewer line repairs, the two damaged Y's have been repaired and the brick street will be restored within the next two weeks.

The delinquent sewer account collection notices have been distributed and May 6, 2011 is the scheduled shutoff date.

The Borough Building exterior doors will have their exterior wood skins removed and replaced with new 5/16" oak boards. The two front doors will be done, but the Tax Office door will be completed first. Work is being done by a local contractor, Mr. Lesko, at a cost of \$3275.00.

Mr. Cecconi reported that he received two checks from MRM Trust, one a \$21,483.86 Workers Compensation Pooled Trust and one in the amount of \$1,551.82 from the MRM Property and Liability Trust. Mr. Cecconi reported that these amounts were lower than what had been estimated in the 2011 budget.

Mr. Cecconi reported that street sweeping started Wednesday, April 6, 2011. He reported that the new sweeper is scheduled to be delivered April 18, 2011.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt had to be rescheduled due to rain.

Mr. Cecconi reported that the Borough Building gutter and downspout replacement work is scheduled to begin late next week. This work will replace the gutters damaged in the winter storm of 2009-2010 and is covered by the Borough's insurance.

Mr. Cecconi informed Council that a Community Day meeting will be held April 27, 2011 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Ms. Schaefer asked who is invited to this meeting and suggested that the Foundation, Boy Scouts, Garden Club and Community Service Committee be included.

Mr. Cecconi said he hoped to have meetings in May, June and July, also.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Waldock said that Council needs to keep the Library issue moving forward for completion by the time the new Council comes in January. She said that Mr. Davies' firm seems to have done so much in this regard and Council needs to figure out if they will be hired to complete the process.

With regard to the street sweeper, Mr. Cecconi reported that the Solicitor needed to approve the lease before the final closing. The Solicitor would not approve the documents without a nonappropriation clause.

Mr. Worner explained that this was not a municipal lease in that if the lease was defaulted on, the Borough would have to pay the full lump sum including attorney's fees. This may run afoul of the Debt Collection and Credit Act, according to Mr. Worner. He said that the lease was fashioned like a private company lease.

Mr. Cecconi said that, based on that recommendation, everything was sent back. He reported that Dollar Bank will give a lease with a nonappropriation clause at a rate of \$31,514.30 per year. This will still be a six year lease. The checks which had already been written were voided. Mr. Cecconi said that a new motion needed to be made.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Mr. Fuller moved to rescind the prior motion to enter into a lease /purchase agreement for a new street sweeper. Second by Mr. Bowers.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-5 Mr. Fuller moved to enter into a lease-purchase agreement for our new TYMCO Street Sweeper with Leasing Specialists, Inc., following approval by the Solicitor. It is a six year lease with annual payments in advance. Yearly payment amount is \$31,145.55. Second by Ms. Waldock.

DISCUSSION: None

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

- M-6 Following an Executive Session which lasted from 9:05 PM to 10:10 PM, it was moved by Ms. Waldock and seconded by Mr. Bowers to adjourn at 10:13 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

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



Warren Cecconi, Borough Manager