

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD  
May 2, 2011**

Council President Schaefer called the Meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, May 2, 2011 at 7:34 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 Worner and Ms. Brouman, the Junior Councilperson were present.

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

**Paul Heckbert**

**104 Washington Street**

**Edgewood, PA**

**Mr. Heckbert requested that Council consider opening the pedestrian gate leading into the Edgewood Town Center at the end of Laurel Street. He felt the locked gate prevented many local residents from either walking or riding their bike to the center to shop. He believed that the option of using Braddock Avenue as the point to enter the Center actually caused people to shop elsewhere. Mr. Heckbert stated that once people use their automobile to go shopping they will go to other destinations such as the Waterfront. He also stated that he believed that if Edgewood Resident's had local access to the Center through Laurel Street business in the Center would increase.**

**It was explained to Mr. Heckbert that the borough didn't own the gate and that in fact the gate was owned and controlled by the owners of the Center. President Schaefer stated that the Manager will provide Mr. Heckbert with contact information for the owners and he can then contact them with this request.**

Ryan Sprake

103 McKelvey Avenue

Edgewood, Pa

Mr. Sprake said he was at the meeting tonight to support Mr. Heckbert in requesting that the gate be opened. He also would like to be able to either walk or ride his bike to the Center using Laurel Street as an access point. Mr. Sprake said he and Mr. Heckbert were members of Bike Pittsburgh and that the gate was a topic on Bike Pittsburgh's bulletin board. President Schaefer then asked about the board. Mr. Sprake explained this was used by the group to as a means of communications between members.

Ms. Waldock stated that the Borough has been working with the Town Center in drafting an agreement that would enable the Borough to gain control of the operations of the gate. However at this time based on the advice of our Solicitor the proposal wasn't acceptable.

#### 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 \$64,897.25 from the General Fund and \$19,288.77 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$84,186.02. **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.**

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

- M-2 Public Works Summer Help- Mr. Fuller made a motion to hire Jared Amos and Shane Mysels as part time student summer help for the Public Works Department. They will be paid \$8.00 per hour with no other benefits, Seconded by Mr. Bowers.

Remarks: President Schaefer state Jared was a Junior Fireman and that Shane has worked with Recreation

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 Carriers**

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT-**

In Mr. Halle's absence Manager Cecconi read the following report:

Fire Department Report for April

31 Calls

16 Medical Calls

15 Fire, MVA, Disregarded Calls

4 New Members

1 Member Completed exterior fire training at the County Fire Academy

2 New Adult/ Child AED's now on QRS and Rescue

**RECREATION REPORT**

Recreation Report- Manager Cecconi stated that the Baseball season is up and running but we are still looking for additional 7/8 year olds. The numbers for this year are down. President Schaefer then asked that a notice be placed on our marquee advertising that we are still accepting 7/8 year old registrations.

Also Manager stated that we have started taking applications for T-Ball and Girl's Softball.

**WATER AUTHORITY REPORT**

Water Authority Meeting- Mr. Fuller reported the following:

Part of Edgewood is in the Wilkinsburg billing book and when the Authority switches to monthly billing part of Edgewood could be included.

Yearly Water Report- The report was distributed through the Penny Saver to residents in the service area

Penn Dot is changing the way they reimburse utilities for relocation of their utilities during a construction project. Due to this change the Authority is facing an expense of \$100,000.00 on one of the projects

Water Meter Replacement- There is approximately 48,000 meters in the system and to date between 29,000-30,000 have been replaced with new meters capable of being read by driving down the street.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Ms. Waldock informed Council that the Commission will meet May 19, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

**COG REPORT-** Mr. Wilson had no report

### LIBRARY REPORT

Library Report – Ms. Waldock mentioned the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday Evening. She also asked the Solicitor to check on the next step needed to submit a request to the Courts to remove the Council members or their appointee from the Library Board.

### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Worner had no report

### BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Cecconi reported the following:

Exterior door Repairs will start on Friday. The Tax Office door will be refurbished first

Street Sweeper- The sweeper was delivered on Monday

Gutters and Downspouts Replacement-Work will start first week of May

Community Day Meeting was held on April 27, 2011

### NEW BUSINESS

CONNECT Grant – Council President Schaefer explained the purpose of the grant was to provide funds for CONNECT to explore possible shared services between members of CONNECT. They were looking for Communities to join in to support their request. Ms. Waldock explained that she had read the grant guidelines and didn't see how we would join in request. She also asked what benefits there were to the Borough. President Schaefer stated that this would provide CONNECT with a \$5000.00 grant to cover staffing to study shared services. Also President Schaefer said she was just presenting the information for Council's review. Ms. Gleba then asked about CONNECT and what it has been doing for its members. President Schaefer said they had been looking at joint EMS services, are involved in a joint sewer study and are reviewing several other potential shared services. President Schaefer offered to have someone come from CONNECT to speak to Council.

No action was taken on this item

### EXECUTIVE SESSION-

President Schaefer called for an Executive Session for Personnel at 8:31PM.

### ADJOURNMENT

M-3 Following an Executive Session which ended at 10:00 PM regarding a personnel issue with no action following, it was moved by Ms. Waldock and seconded by Ms. Gleba to adjourn at 10:02 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.**



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Warren Ceconi  
Borough Manager