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CALL TO ORDER

President Schaefer called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:06 PM in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Hellett was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Adam Zelenko –Eagle Scouts

Mr. Zelenko informed Council that his installation of a recording system for Council meetings was complete. Mr. Zelenko then gave Council an introduction to the system and its use. Mr. Zelenko said he would attend council meetings for the next three months in order to monitor the system and troubleshoot if necessary.

Ms. Waldock asked how the Borough's record retention would work for the recorded minutes that would be placed on the Borough website.

President Schaefer thanked Mr. Zelenko for his hard work, and said this system was needed and would benefit the residents of Edgewood.

WILKINSBURG PENN JOINT WATER AUTHORITY

Ms. Waldock said she had reviewed the new contract, and the partial payments section was still included. She said that while this is not a deal breaker, she wondered how lien letters would be handled when preparing municipal lien letters.

Manager Cecconi said that the Borough would have to check with both the water authority and the PAMS.

Ms. Waldock stated that the WPJWA contract states that they do not bill for penalties and late fees. She said if the Borough wanted to assess penalties and late fees they would not be collected by WPJWA. She

added that not many penalties or late fees would occur, as the water would be shut off on unpaid accounts.

Ms. Gleba said that if WPJWA switched to monthly billing, residents would pay approximately \$18.00 per year, which is more than they currently pay.

Manager Cecconi stated that while it would cost more, monthly billing is attractive because it bills residents for their current consumption.

Ms. Waldock stated that residents also have one less bill, as their sewer and water would be billed together.

Mr. Fuller stated that every two weeks WPJWA would write a check to the Borough for the money they collected.

Mr. Wilson was concerned about the double bill residents would receive in April.

Manager Cecconi agreed, saying residents might not be aware they are billed three months after the use for their sewage bill. He said that a letter would be sent to residents, and the Borough office would field phone calls about the matter. He believed the issue would go away in three months.

Mr. Fuller said that other communities with much higher billing rates, such as Penn Hills, have also had the double bill issue and transitioned without much trouble.

M-1 Mr. Fuller moved to enter into a 3 year agreement with WPJWA for the billing and collection of waste water per the terms of the agreement dated September 26, 2011. 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-2 Mr. Fuller moved to terminate the billing and collection of current sewage by Pennsylvania Municipal Services as of December 31, 2011. 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.**

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Waldock asked if the Borough needed to authorize a tax collection for the Act 20 ordinance.

Manager Cecconi stated that since PAMS was already approved to collect fees, all the ordinance did was establish fees. Manager Cecconi said that he would clear up any confusion about this with the collection firms.

Ms. Gleba said that at the beginning of 2011, the newsletter editor did not receive a two percent raise, but that a \$500.00 stipend was budgeted for the editor. Based upon the good performance of the employee, Ms. Gleba thought Council should award this stipend.

M-3 Ms. Gleba moved to award a \$500.00 stipend to the newsletter editor. 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.**

Ms. Gleba discussed the possibility of hiring a graphic designer to perform the newsletter page layout, and still have Lion Works perform the actual printing.

Manager Cecconi stated that due to the post office consolidating routes, the past newsletter was mailed to 2,090 addresses in order to reach 1,400 Edgewood households.

ADJOURNMENT

M-4 It was moved by Ms. Waldock and seconded by Ms. Gleba to adjourn at 8:50 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