

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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October 3, 2011**

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Council President Schaefer called the Meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 7:35 PM in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Borough Manager Warren Cecconi called the roll and the following responded: Mr. Bright, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, Ms. Schaefer.

Solicitor Barry was also present.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None

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 \$203,544.18 from the General Fund and \$2,337.85 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$205,882.03. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1038

Ms. Gleba read the following ordinance into the record

ORDINANCE] NO. 1038

A ORDINANCE] OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE EARNED INCOME TAX ORDINANCE NO. 787 TO REFLECT THE CHANGES OF ACT 32 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012.

Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None

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

M-3 Third Reading of Ordinance No. 1038

Ms. Gleba read the following ordinance into the record

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Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-4 Ms. Schaefer made a motion to enact Ordinance No. 1037.

DISCUSSION: None

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

M-5 Ms. Gleba moved to appoint Julie Bastianini as the Open Records Officer for Edgewood Borough. Second by Ms. Waldock.

DISCUSSION: President Schaefer asked Solicitor Barry if there was any training Ms. Bastianini needed in order to act as the open records officer.

Solicitor Barry stated that training would be a good idea, and that he would forward any materials his office had on open records.

President Schaefer said that open records policies were to be discussed at the Local Government Academy's newly elected officers sessions, and that perhaps Ms. Bastianini could attend these courses.

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

M-6 Mr. Fuller moved to authorize the Planning Commission to contact Rankin Borough to discuss adoption of the Joint Comprehensive Plan. Second by Ms. Waldock.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Waldock explained that the Planning Commission questioned whether the joint comprehensive plan had been adopted by all the Boroughs in the plan, and would like authority from Council to contact these municipalities about adoption of the plan.

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

Solicitor Barry stated that he had conducted preliminary research on Parcel D that he would like to discuss with Councilmembers in executive session.

- M-7 Mr. Fuller moved to have the Borough Engineers prepare a bid specification for spot repairs to the Belgium Block on La Crosse Street and to advertise for repairs. Second by Mr. Bright.**

DISCUSSION: President Schaefer stated that these repairs were greatly needed, and that the Borough would like to reach out to Swissvale Borough, who owns one side of La Crosse Street, on this project, and that the bid specifications would allow them to approach Swissvale with the needed information.

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

- M-8 Ms. Gleba moved to appoint Tucker Arensberg, P.C. as legal counsel for the Borough's delinquent tax collections. Second by Mr. Wilson.**

DISCUSSION: Ms. Waldock stated that she would be abstaining from this vote, as she is an employee at Tucker Arensberg.

Manager Cecconi stated that when Council approved the Act 20 fee schedule and contract with Pennsylvania Municipal Services, the authority for Tucker Arensberg to act as legal counsel was already established, but this motion would make it clear Tucker Arensberg was to work with Pennsylvania Municipal Services.

Solicitor Barry clarified that the intent of this motion was to establish that the Borough had an agreement with Pennsylvania Municipal Services, and that the Borough established Tucker Arensberg to act as the legal counsel for Pennsylvania Municipal Services. Solicitor Barry gave his legal opinion that the wording of the motion should be changed.

Mr. Wilson removed his second of the motion.

Ms. Gleba amended her motion and moved to appoint Tucker Arensberg, P.C., to work in conjunction with Pennsylvania Municipal Services, the Borough's delinquent real estate tax collector, as legal counsel. Second by Mr. Wilson

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

President Schaefer thanked the fire department for being a helpful participant of the Edgewood Foundation's first Oktoberfest by cooking bratwursts.

RECREATION REPORT

Manager Cecconi stated that 100 children were participating in the youth soccer program now underway. He reported that basketball registration would begin soon, with the season starting in December.

Manager Cecconi said that a meeting of the Recreation Board would be held on Wednesday October 5th at 7:30 PM at the Koenig Field House.

Manager Cecconi said a Fall Festival would be held on October 22nd and 29th at Koenig Field.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Fuller reported that the water authority had a tentative agreement on the union contract, which included a two percent raise and a five percent employee contribution to health insurance.

Mr. Fuller reported that the water authority board discussed landlord/tenant relations when a bill is in a tenant's name and not paid. Mr. Fuller also said that the board ratified the agreement to collect sewage charges for Edgewood Borough.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Ms. Waldock reported that the Planning Commission would meet on Tuesday October 25th.

COG REPORT

Mr. Wilson reported that the COG had its first meeting since its summer break, and spent the majority of its time discussing bids, particularly the salt bid.

Mr. Wilson reported that Forest Hills was looking to share a code officer, as they cannot employ one full time.

Mr. Wilson said that Representative Costa would hold a meeting on October 10th at 6:30 PM at the Westinghouse Rec Center to talk with constituents.

LIBRARY REPORT

Ms. Waldock had nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Barry stated that he had personnel litigation and real estate matters to discuss in executive session.

Solicitor Barry introduced to Council his firm's new associate, Kara O'Bryon.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Cecconi said that a scope of work for the Koenig Field improvements had been prepared and would be approved in the next two to three weeks. He said the work included improvements to the larger field, including adding a warning track and foul posts, as well as reseeding the grass, improving the pitcher's mound, and getting the right mixture of dirt for the infield to help with drainage.

Manager Cecconi stated that materials for the Borough's energy grant would be delivered this week.

Manager Cecconi explained that tree trimming and removal of dead and/or diseased trees on East End Avenue was occurring in a two phase process. He said the Borough was working in conjunction with Duquesne Light, as the Borough cannot trim above Duquesne Light's power lines. Duquesne Light's bid for this project was \$44,485.50, which includes cutting new switches so that power will not be cut off to more homes than necessary. Manager Cecconi stated the funding for this would come from the savings the Borough received due to one-time state aid to the pension fund. Manager Cecconi stated that while some trees will be removed, he was in the process of applying for a grant through Nine Mile Run for ten new trees.

Solicitor Barry explained that this agreement with Duquesne Light was not normal maintenance. Solicitor Barry explained that the Borough was facing an emergency situation, as four insurance claims had recently been filed due to damage from falling tree limbs. Solicitor Barry said the Borough had actual damage to property and potential damage to persons. Solicitor Barry stated that the project would not be bid, as the Borough did not legally need a bid process since 1.) The situation constituted an emergency and 2.) The only entity who could and would do the work was Duquesne Light, as it involved their power lines. Solicitor Barry said he had gathered the insurance claims, and Duquesne Light was sending a letter saying no one else could work with their power lines. Solicitor Barry stated that it was appropriate for Council to authorize this expenditure.

President Schaefer stated that Manager Cecconi had talked with residents in the area, and was pleased the Borough was applying for grant money for tree replacement. She stated that last year Nine Mile Run and the Borough had partnered together for a tree assessment. President Schaefer stated that the urban forest was an important asset for the Borough. She stated the need for trees without expensive or invasive root systems. President Schaefer said it is important to be aware that there is a cost to maintaining the Borough's trees, and that it is taken seriously.

NEW BUSINESS

M-9 Ms. Gleba moved to authorize the payment of \$44,485.50 to Duquesne Light for emergency tree removal on East End Avenue. Second by Mr. Fuller

DISCUSSION: None

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called at 8:15 PM to discuss personnel and real estate matters.
The session ended at 8:49 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

M-10 It was moved by Ms. Waldock and seconded by Mr. Fuller to adjourn at 8:49 pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

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



Warren Cecconi
Borough Manager