

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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Vice President Fuller called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:32 PM in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Cook and Solicitor Barry were also present.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

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 \$39,647.21 from the General Fund and \$14,026.24 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$53,673.45. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None.

The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Ms. Gleba read the following Resolution into the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-29

WHEREAS, the Borough Code has been reenacted and amended by Act No. 2012-43; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Code had not previously addressed whether Council members may attend Council meetings by telecommunication device; and

WHEREAS, Section 1001 of the Borough Code, 53 P.S. § 46001, as amended by Act No. 2012-43, permits Borough Council members to attend Council meetings by telecommunication device and to be counted in establishing a quorum under certain circumstances outlined therein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Council for the Borough of Edgewood and it is hereby Resolved by the authority of the same that:

SECTION 1. Council Members of the Borough of Edgewood may participate in Council meetings by use of telecommunication devices and may be counted to maintain a quorum consistent with the requirements of Section 1001 of the Borough Code, 53 P.S. § 46001, and as outlined below:

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), only Council members physically present at a meeting place within the Borough shall be counted in establishing a quorum.

(b) Council members may participate in Council meetings by means of telecommunication devices, such as telephones or computers, which permit, at a minimum, audio communication between locations, provided that:

(1) A majority of the membership of Council then in office is physically present at the advertised meeting place within the Borough and a quorum is established at the convening or reconvening of the meeting. If after the convening or reconvening of a meeting a Council member has been disqualified from

voting as a matter of law, but is still physically present, Council members participating by telecommunication device in accordance with this section shall be counted to maintain a quorum.

(2) The telecommunication device used permits the member or members of council not physically present at the meeting to:

(i) Speak to and hear the comments and votes, if any, of the members of Council who are physically present as well as other members of Council who may not be physically present and who are also using a telecommunication device to participate in the meeting; and

(ii) Speak to and hear the comments of the public who are physically present at the meeting.

(3) The telecommunication device used permits the members of Council and the members of the public who are physically present at the meeting to speak to and hear the comments and the vote, if any, of the member or members of Council who are not physically present at the meeting.

(4) Council may only authorize participation by telecommunication device for one or more of the following reasons for physical absence:

(i) Illness or disability of the member of Council;

(ii) Care for the ill or newborn in the member's immediate family;

(iii) Emergency; and

(iv) Family or business travel.

(5) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the protections and prohibitions contained in any law or regulation relating to the rights of the disabled.

SECTION 2. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

RESOLVED the 6th day of August, 2012.

Second by Mr. Bright.

DISCUSSION: Solicitor Barry explained the legality of the Ordinance under the newly adopted Borough Code. A discussion followed about the merits of the ordinance.

M-3 Mr. Wilson made a motion to table Resolution 2012-29. Second by Ms. Gleba.

Upon roll call vote the following voted yes: Mr. Wainright, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Fuller. The following voted no: Mr. Bright. **Motion carried: Resolution 2012-29 tabled.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called at 7:55 PM to discuss the sale of real estate.
The session ended at 8:20 PM.

M-4 Mr. Bright moved to accept the bid of Cendéco, Inc. for purchase of Parcel D in the amount of \$500,000. Second by Ms. Gleba.

DISCUSSION: None

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, and Mr. Fuller. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Wilson reported that the Fire Department had its busiest month to date in July.

RECREATION REPORT

Manager Cecconi said the T-Ball and Softball seasons were successful, and Community Day plans were underway.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Fuller said the Water Authority would be replacing the line on Vine Street, and would be meeting on August 14th.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Manager Cecconi said the Commission met and discussed zoning updates and the joint plan.

COG REPORT

Mr. Wilson said the COG did not meet.

LIBRARY REPORT

Mayor Cook said the Library Board would be holding an informal meeting this month.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Barry said that negotiations of the police contract were underway with the Union, and the next meeting would be held on August 16th. He requested a committee of the whole meeting on August 13th to discuss the progress of the negotiations with Council.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Cecconi explained the changes to the volunteer firefighters' Workers' Compensation, and that these changes would be covered in the State's SWIFT Workers' Compensation program.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Cook said the Police Department would be advertising for the civil service test scheduled for September 5th.

A Public Safety Committee meeting was scheduled for August 13th after the Committee of the Whole meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

M-5 It was moved by Mr. Wainright and seconded by Mr. Wilson to adjourn at 9:07 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Warren Cecconi
Borough Manager