

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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DECEMBER 2, 2013**

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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 2, 2013

President Schaefer called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:35 pm in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Cook and Solicitor Barry were also present.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Cook administered the following Oath of Office to Sergeant Michael Libell:

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Michael Libell, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and that I will discharge the duties of Sergeant for the Borough of Edgewood with fidelity.

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 \$42,660.95 from the General Fund and \$2,973.46 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$45,634.41. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Ms. Gleba moved to have the 2014 Proposed Budget available for public review starting December 4, 2013. It will be available on our website, the library and the Borough Office. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: President Schaefer thanked Council and staff for their hard work in preparing the budget.

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

M-3 Ms. Gleba moved to hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2014 Budget on December 16, 2013, starting at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: None

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

M-4 Ms. Gleba made the first reading of Ordinance 1045:

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
ORDINANCE 1045**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

SECTION 1: That a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all real property, within said Borough subject to taxation for Borough purposes for the fiscal year 2014 as follows:

Tax rate for general Borough purposes, the total of five and nine hundred thousandths (5.90) mills on each thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

1 mill = \$1.00 for every \$1,000 assessment
5.90 mills = \$5.90 for every \$1,000 assessment

SECTION 2: That any ordinance, or part thereof, conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same is affected by this Ordinance.
Second by Mr. Wilson

DISCUSSION: Solicitor Barry reviewed the tax ordinance process. Ms. Gleba stated that in December 2012, Edgewood Borough's certified taxable property was valued at \$270,813,885. Due to the appeals allowed in 2013, by November 29, 2013, this number was \$259,410,125, a loss of \$11,403,760 in taxable properties. This amounts to a \$64,431 shortfall in real estate tax revenues in the 2013 budget, or roughly ¼ mill. Ms. Gleba said the millage rate was set in order to remain revenue neutral, but did not do that, as the Borough collected less revenue. She explained this ordinance would set the millage so that revenue would be where it was prior to the reassessments.

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

M-5 Ms. Gleba moved to advertise the 2014 proposed Tax Ordinance. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None

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

M-6 Ms. Gleba moved to accept PNC's quote dated November 26, 2013, for the securing of the 2014 Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$350,000 at an interest rate of 1.59%. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bright asked what the interest rate was on the 2013 TAN. Manager Cecconi said it was 1.8%.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Mr. Halle said the department was having its busiest year to date, and that the department now had 40 members. He said luminaria were now on sale, and the VFD would be at Light Up Edgewood Night.

M-7 Mr. Wainright read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2013-10

WHEREAS the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) has funding to do a Roadway Safety Audit along the S. Braddock Avenue corridor for the owner municipalities of the City of Pittsburgh, Wilkinsburg, Swissvale and Edgewood; and

WHEREAS, according to the SPC, the Traffic Safety Audit should be completed by studying sections (i.e., both sides) of S. Braddock Avenue along the corridor, and

WHEREAS Edgewood desires that the Traffic Safety Audit be completed and have value for the communities along S. Braddock corridor; and

WHEREAS Edgewood shares *half* of S. Braddock Avenue with the Borough of Swissvale, from 1031 S. Braddock Avenue to Schoyer Avenue, an area locally known as "Regent Square,"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Edgewood agrees to participate in the SPC's Traffic Safety Audit contingent on Swissvale Borough's agreement also to participate.

ADOPTED THIS THE 2nd day of December, 2013 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Wilson said he did not like the resolution being contingent on Swissvale Borough's participation. President Schaefer said the ownership of S. Braddock Ave. is divided in half between Edgewood and Swissvale, and that the SPC stated it would not be worth their time or money unless both owners of the road participated in the study.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer. The following responded no: Mr. Wilson. **Motion carried.**

RECREATION REPORT Manager Cecconi said basketball registration was ongoing, and Light Up Edgewood Night would be December 6 at 7:00 pm.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller said the authority did not meet, and that Edgewood would be one of the last municipalities to transition to monthly billing.

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Cook said the commission would meet on December 18.

COG REPORT Mr. Wilson said he was unable to attend the COG meeting.

LIBRARY REPORT Mayor Cook reported that the library board had new members, and that he had given them a copy of the legal fees paid by the Borough for amending the board membership requirements.

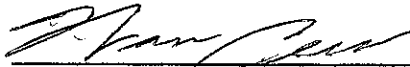
SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Barry had nothing to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT Manager Cecconi

M-8 It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Mr. Wainright to adjourn at 7:59 pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

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



Warren Cecconi
Borough Manager