

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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MAY 6, 2013**

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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 6, 2013

President Schaefer called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Bright, Dr. Wallace, 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 read the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood recognizes exceptional service and commitment to its community,
and

WHEREAS, Officer Frederick Livingston has worked with the Edgewood Police Department since 1996,
and

WHEREAS, Officer Livingston has been an outstanding and dedicated officer: serving our schools by receiving additional training to act the Juvenile Officer, serving our community by organizing the Citizen's Police Academy to educate the public about our justice system, and serving our citizens as a police officer; and

WHEREAS, Officer Livingston has received the prestigious award of "Friend of Education" from the Pennsylvania State Education Association for his outstanding contribution to public education;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor of the Borough of Edgewood recognizes and thanks Officer Livingston for his service and commitment to the community, and proclaims May 8, 2013 as "**Officer Frederick Livingston Day.**"

PROCLAIMED this 6th day of May, 2013.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Ruth McGregor - 416 Locust Street

Ms. McGregor asked that the Zoning Hearing Board meeting notices be removed from Locust Street, and also stated that she believed the pictures of past mayors of Edgewood should be placed on the walls in the Council Chambers.

Sharon Danovich - 336 Locust Street

Ms. Danovich asked that Council complete the process to have Edgewood added to the National Registry of Historic Places. She stated five buildings in the Borough are eligible for inclusion on the registry. President Schaefer said the Community Services Committee would look at the different designations and restrictions associated with inclusion on the registry.

Bruce Rosenthal - 156 W. Hutchinson Avenue

Mr. Rosenthal stated that he believed Dickson Park was underutilized and asked that Council consider turning it into an off-leash dog park. President Schaefer thanked Mr. Rosenthal for his suggestion, and said Council had been considering this option, and had heard both positive and negative reactions from the community. She said Council would revisit the Comprehensive Plan for Parks and Open Spaces regarding Dickson Park.

Andrew Miller - 1026 Savannah Avenue

Mr. Miller said the Regent Square Civic Association was sponsoring a clean-up of the parkway ramps on Saturday, May 11th at 9 am. They would be meeting at the UCP Class building. He also said they would sponsor a yard sale on May 18th.

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 \$55,025.00 from the General Fund and \$6,216.21 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$61,241.21. Second by Mr. Wilson

DISCUSSION: None.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Fuller moved to hire Brandon Sulley as a full time Police Officer contingent upon passing physical and psychological examinations and a background check. His date of hire will be June 3, 2013. He will serve a one year probation period. Brandon was number one on the eligibility list and he is a Veteran. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: Chief Payne thanked Council for the hire, which will fill the position left vacant when Officer Lawrence resigned.

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

M-3 Mr. Wilson moved to advertise for bids to replace windows in the Borough Building. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Manager Cecconi said the architects had identified which windows need to be replaced, and that bids will be due on June 14th and opened that day.

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

M-4 Mr. Wilson moved to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare bid documents and to advertise the proposed sewer repair project. Second by Mr. Wainright.

DISCUSSION: Manager Cecconi stated that this project was part of the Consent Order, and would complete repairs on the northern hillside of the Borough.

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

M-5 Mr. Fuller moved to request the Civil Service Commission to hold internal testing for the position of Sergeant. Second by Mr. Wilson

DISCUSSION: Mr. Fuller said this was discussed at the committee of the whole meeting, and Chief Payne believed having another sergeant would increase accountability and provide opportunities for advancement within the department.

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

M-6 Mr. Fuller read the following:

RESOLUTION 2013-03

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood recognizes the need for handicapped parking for its handicapped residents, and

WHEREAS, one handicapped parking space shall be created at the curb line of Dewey Street in front of 112 Dewey Street in the Borough of Edgewood to be marked and used for a handicapped parking space; and

WHEREAS, the handicapped parking space shall be permitted for a period of one year and upon the expiration of one year to be submitted and reevaluated by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood for approval for an additional year with the process to continue from year to year until the handicapped need is removed or the premises are sold; and

WHEREAS, in the event that there is no longer a need for a handicapped space or in the event that the property has been sold, the handicapped parking permit shall be removed and all signs indicating space shall be removed.

ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2013.

Second by Mr. Wainright.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Mr. Halle stated that the department was now running mutual aid to Homestead and West Homestead. He said the annual fund drive was ongoing, and that the department had new officers.

RECREATION REPORT Manager Cecconi said applications were being accepted for T-Ball and softball, and that 14th Ward baseball was using Koenig Field for practices.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller said the Authority was discussing the possibility of charging customers a fee to pay their bills with credit cards, as it cost the authority over \$30,000 last year to offer this service. He said there were 16 water main breaks in the month of April.

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Cook said the Commission did not meet, and that the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf had a groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of their new dormitory.

COG REPORT Mr. Wilson said the COG did not meet.

LIBRARY REPORT Mayor Cook said the library board met and was working with the Edgewood Club to jointly apply for grants to improve the community house.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Barry had nothing to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT Manager Cecconi said the DCNR contract for the playground grant was finalized, and the engineers were putting together bid documents for the project.

NEW BUSINESS

A Community Services Committee meeting was scheduled for May 13th at 7:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

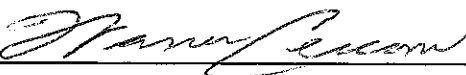
Executive Session was called at 8:14 pm to discuss potential litigation.

The session ended at 8:24 PM.

M-7 It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Mr. Wainright to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

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



Warren Cecconi
Borough Manager