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President Schaefer called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:37 pm in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Cook and Solicitor Barry were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Cook read the following Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION 2014-02

WHEREAS, the Edgewood Borough Council has a commitment to provide and to promote good governance to the residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Warren Cecconi has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to working with local governments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cecconi began serving the Borough of Edgewood as manager in April 2009, and he has served in this position with dedication and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cecconi will be retiring from employment with the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE on this the 16th day of June, 2014, the Office of the Mayor of the Borough of Edgewood, in partnership with Borough Council, recognizes and thanks Warren Cecconi for his years of dedicated, loyal and positive service to the Borough and its residents and proclaims June 30, 2014 as "**WARREN CECCONI DAY.**"

PROCLAIMED at the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood the 16TH day of June, 2014.

Ms. Schaefer presented Mr. Cecconi with a gift from Council and thanked him for his dedicated service throughout the years.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Heather Evans - 318 Garland Street

Ms. Evans presented Council with a petition of signatures from residents in support of allowing backyard chickens in Edgewood. She also provided Council with information on the benefits of backyard chickens, and spoke about her own experience raising chickens. She asked that Council consider changing Edgewood's ordinance to allow chickens.

Donna Stineman - 315 Garland Street

Ms. Stineman said she lives across the street from Ms. Evans, and also supports a change in the ordinance to allow chickens in the Borough. She believes young people will move out of the Borough to communities that welcome chickens.

Robin Price - 232 W. Swissvale

Ms. Price spoke on behalf of the Edgewood Foundation, and thanked Council for partnering with the Foundation for the Playground ribbon cutting ceremony.

Nick Bianchi – Wilkinsburg Penn Joint Water Authority

Mr. Bianchi explained to Council the latest Tier Two technical violation by the WPJWA. He said in the future, the authority will change their notification process so that municipalities are notified before customers, so that the municipalities can direct concerns to the Water Authority. Mark Lerch, Director of Supply at the WPJWA, spoke with Council about the violation, stating that the Authority believes a technician at the third party independent lab transposed figures during a water sample test, which lead to the Tier Two violation. Mr. Bianchi said a Tier Two violation means a technical violation, whereas a Tier One violation is a water safety violation. He said that water was safe for consumption at all times. Ms. Schaefer said if the Council can be of any assistance in holding the independent lab responsible for the confusion to please let them know.

Moshe Sherman - 416 Morris Street.

Mr. Sherman said he supported the reclassification of chickens from farm animals to pets, and asked Council to consider changing the Borough's ordinances. He said this has been a movement nationwide, and he doesn't believe chickens cause any more disturbance than dogs. He asked that Ms. Evans be given an exemption to continue to raise chickens while Council considers the change.

Ms. Bastianini introduced Council to Janet Gerber, the Borough's new finance administrator.

M-1 Mr. Wainright moved to approve the minutes of May 19, 2014. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: None

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

M-2 Mr. Wainright moved to approve the minutes of June 2, 2014. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None

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

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-3 Mr. Wainright 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, from the General Fund, in the

amount of \$67,803.82 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$112,372.99 for a total of \$180,176.81.
Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Wainright said the amounts included a quarterly payment to ALCOSAN.

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT Mr. Wainright had nothing to report.

POLICE REPORT Mayor Cook said the written civil service examination was administered, and those who passed would take the physical agility test.

PUBLIC SAFETY Mr. Fuller said the committee met with the Volunteer Fire Department to discuss a possible sign for the Borough Building.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT The committee did not meet.

PUBLIC WORKS Mr. Wilson had nothing to report.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Mr. Wainright spoke of the successful playground opening party, and said community day plans were underway.

PERSONNEL Mr. Fuller said the committee discussed allowing Mr. Cecconi to cash out half of his unused sick days upon retirement, as this had been the past practice of the borough and did not have an impact on the budget.

PENSION Mr. Bright had nothing to report.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

3 RIVERS WET WEATHER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT/CONNECT Ms. Schaefer discussed the upcoming meeting with the EPA sponsored by 3 Rivers Wet Weather, and encouraged all to attend. Ms. Bastianini said the CONNECT executive committee would meet on June 19th.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Mr. Barry had nothing to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT Mr. Cecconi said the final DCNR inspection of the playground would take place on Friday. He said the air conditioning units had been installed in the administrative offices, and that the paving project was out to bid. Mr. Cecconi thanked Council and the residents of Edgewood for a wonderful five years as manager.

NEW BUSINESS None

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Mr. Wainright moved to pay off the 2014 tax anticipation note in the amount of \$352,550.63. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-5 It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Mr. Wainright to adjourn at 8:32 pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

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


Julie Bastianini, Acting Borough Secretary