

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 6, 2014

President Schaefer called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:33 pm in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Bright, Dr. Wallace, Mr. Wainright, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer. Dr. Petrolla arrived at 7:40 pm.

Solicitor Barry was also present.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Dan Hall - 412 Locust Street

Mr. Hall spoke about an unopened paper alley that borders his property on Locust Street. The paper alley, Oak Alley, was never opened by the Borough, and Mr. Hall and his neighbors were trying to have their deeds rewritten in order to incorporate their share of the unopened paper alley. Mr. Hall was told at the Allegheny County Real Estate office that a letter from the Borough was required before they could change his deed. President Schaefer asked Mr. Hall to please provide the Borough Manager with all the documentation he had on this matter, and that the Borough would research the issue.

Debbie Rosen - 1406 East End Ext.

Ms. Rosen spoke in support of the Borough joining the Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority's Vacant Property Recovery Program, as she was interested in purchasing a parcel of land across from her home that has been vacant for over 50 years.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 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, in the amount of \$539,266.24 from the General Fund and \$8,539.01 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$547,805.25. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Wainright said this included a \$350,000 check for road paving, the 2014 MMO payments, and the foreign fire insurance payment to the Volunteer Fire Department.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Dr. Wallace read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 2014-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD (THE "BOROUGH") AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE BOROUGH IN THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY'S VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (the "Authority") is a body public and corporate existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, formed pursuant to the Redevelopment Law, Act of May 24, 1945, No. 125 P.L. 991, 35 P.S. Section 1701 et seq., as amended (the "Act"); and WHEREAS, Section 1712.1 of the Act requires, in order for the Authority to acquire a blighted property thereunder, a certification of blight from a "blighted property review committee" established by the applicable municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has established a "vacant property committee" (the "Committee"), operating as a committee of the Authority, for those municipalities in the County of Allegheny (the "County") which desire not to have, or use, their own "blighted property review committee," with the activities conducted under the auspices of the Committee known as the "vacant property recovery program" (the "Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires not to have, or use, its own "blighted property review committee"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough, for the benefit of its citizens, wishes to authorize the participation of the Borough in the Program, subject to the Borough complying with all necessary pre-requisites to said participation, including, but not limited to, passing of all necessary resolutions, execution of the standard municipality cooperation agreement, and the contribution of funding toward the costs of said participation as determined to be appropriate and necessary by the staff of the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood as follows:

1. The participation of the Borough in the Program, subject to the Borough having complied with all necessary pre-requisites to said participation, is hereby in all respect approved.
2. The Borough hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Committee shall act and serve as the "blighted property review committee" for the Borough, and shall continue to serve as the Borough's "blighted property review committee" until such time as the Borough or the Authority gives notice to the other that the Committee shall no longer serve as the Borough's "blighted property review committee."
3. The Borough hereby acknowledges and agrees that it does not now, and shall not at any time during its participation in the Program, operate or utilize its own, or any other, vacant property recovery program.
4. The Borough Manager is hereby authorized to enter into discussions with the staff of the Authority with regard to the allocation of funding to be required for the Borough's participation in the Program.
5. The Borough hereby acknowledges and agrees that at all times during its participation in the Program the Borough and any and all of its agents and employees shall fully cooperate with the Authority and fulfill all required obligations.
6. The Borough Council President or his designee is hereby authorized to, with the advice of the Borough Solicitor, in the name of and for and on behalf of the Borough, execute and to deliver any and all agreements, certificates, affidavits, and other instruments or documents of any kind or nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to the Cooperation Agreement as required by the Authority, and to take from time to time any other actions which are necessary or appropriate to facilitate the Borough's participation in the Program.
7. Any and all other actions heretofore taken by any Borough Official, agent, or employee to execute and deliver any of the agreements and documents authorized by this Resolution, or to take any of the actions authorized by this Resolution are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed in all respects.
8. The effective date of this Resolution is the 6th day of October, 2014.
Second by Mr. Wainright.

DISCUSSION: A discussion followed about the program and the County's process of clearing title on the vacant properties.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Mr. Reynolds thanked Council for their support of the fire department during Community Day. He said the department had seven new members as a result of recruitment, and the new members were receiving training through a FEMA grant.

RECREATION REPORT Ms. Bastianini said soccer was underway, and that basketball sign ups would begin next month.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller reported on the transition to monthly billing, and said Edgewood would switch to monthly billing around February.

PLANNING COMMISSION Ms. Bastianini said the comments from the committee of the whole meeting had been incorporated in the draft zoning and SALDO ordinances, and that the drafts had been sent to Allegheny County and Rankin and Swissvale Boroughs for review. This began the 30 day comment period.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Barry reported on the change order for the roadway improvement project.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT Ms. Bastianini said flu shots will be available for free at the Borough Building on October 15th from 6-8 pm thanks to Eastern Area Prehospital Services. She said the fall festival hayrides will take place on October 18th from 6-10 pm at Koenig Field, with the Borough sponsoring crafts. She reviewed the emergency repairs needed on the McKay Street retaining wall.

NEW BUSINESS

M-3 Mr. Wainright moved to approve Change Order #1, to the Borough's Contract with Facchiano Contracting, Inc. for the 2014 Roadway Improvement Program, in the amount of \$63,875, for the construction of seven ADA Ramps. Second by Mr. Fuller

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

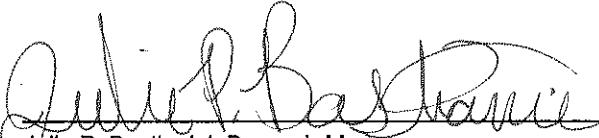
A public safety meeting was scheduled for October 15th at 7 pm.

Executive session was called at 8:50 pm to discuss real estate. The session ended at 9:09 pm.

M-4 It was moved by Dr. Wallace and seconded by Mr. Wainright to adjourn at 9:09 pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

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


Julie P. Bastianini, Borough Manager