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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 1, 2014**

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, Mr. Wainright, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer. Dr. Petrolla arrived at 7:35 pm.

Mayor Cook and Solicitor Barry were also present.

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**           None

**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 \$57,252.72 from the General Fund and \$13,082.85 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$70,335.57. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION:   Mr. Wainright said the bills included payments of fire call stipends to the volunteer fire fighters.

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

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

**M-2**    Mr. Wainright moved to have the 2015 Proposed Budget available for Public Review starting December 2, 2014. It will be available on our website, the Library and the Borough office. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION:   Mr. Wilson asked if there was a specific millage for road paving. Ms. Schaefer said there was not a specific millage.

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

**M-3**    Mr. Wainright moved to hold a public hearing on the Proposed 2015 Budget on December 15, 2014 starting at 7:00 pm in council Chambers. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer said there would be time for public comment at this meeting. She said the budget is a lean budget and that the Borough's assessed value went down \$1.3 million in 2014 and that the Borough's expenses did not decrease. She explained that the Borough's departments and staff are being good stewards of the tax payer dollars. She said the main roles of government are infrastructure and public safety and that Council took this responsibility seriously.

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

**M-4**    Mr. Wainright made the first reading of Ordinance 1047:

**ORDINANCE 1047**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015**

**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 2015 as follows:

Tax rate for general Borough purposes, the total of seven and one hundred fifty thousandths (7.15) mills on each thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

1 mill = \$1.00 for every \$1,000 assessment  
7.15 mills = \$7.15 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.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED** into law this 15th day of December, 2014.

Second by Mr. Wilson.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Schaefer said that Borough Council did not take the 5% windfall increase that it was able to take in 2013 due to County property value reassessments. She said as a result of this and ongoing appeals, the Borough did not collect the \$1.47 million budgeted but instead collected \$1.38 million, meaning the Borough has lost revenue due to appeals. She said in 2014 Borough Council again set a millage to be revenue neutral but ended up collecting less due to appeals. She said the Borough still needs to take care of public safety, wet weather issues and road paving, and said the Borough staff did an excellent job considering the items that are necessities.

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

**M-5** Mr. Wainright moved to advertise the 2015 proposed tax ordinance. Second by Mr. Fuller

**DISCUSSION:** None

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

**M-6** Mr. Fuller moved to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department. Second by Mr. Wilson.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Fuller asked about the effective date of the agreement. Ms. Bastianini said it would be effective when signed by both the Borough and the fire department. Ms. Schaefer said the agreement laid out the communication, responsibility and support between the Borough and volunteer fire department.

She said it had been reviewed by the Borough's solicitor and thanked volunteer fire department President Mr. Reynolds for his work on the agreement.

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

**M-7** Mr. Fuller moved to enter into an agreement with CW Breitsman Associates to provide administrative services for the operation of the Borough's COBRA requirements under its dental and vision plan. Second by Dr. Petrolla.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bastianini stated that CW Breitsman previously administered COBRA for the Borough, but now required a signed agreement. The agreement had been reviewed by the solicitor.

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

**M-8** Mr. Fuller moved to hire Jessica Kaushansky as a part-time administrative assistant pending a background check. Her pay will be \$10 per hour with no other benefits. Her start day will be December 10, 2014. Second by Mr. Wainright.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bastianini explained the hiring process and Ms. Kaushansky's previous work experience.

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

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** Mr. Reynolds thanked Council for their work on the memorandum of understanding. He reviewed the structure fire at 133 Pennwood and the department's response. He said the department would be sharing its 2015 budget with the Public Safety Committee, as well as plans for the squad garage renovation. He said the department's holiday party would be on December 12<sup>th</sup> and that the station would be taken out of commission for the night and a mutual aid department would respond if needed.

**RECREATION REPORT** Ms. Bastianini said youth basketball sign ups were now due.

**WATER AUTHORITY REPORT** Mr. Fuller said the authority took place in a reverse auction for chemicals. He said the WPJWA would not increase water charges in 2015, but that ALCOSAN increased their rate by 11%.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Mayor Cook said the commission met to discuss the County's comments on the draft zoning and SALDO ordinances.

**COG REPORT** Mr. Wilson had nothing to report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** Solicitor Barry had nothing to report.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT** Ms. Bastianini said Light Up Edgewood Night would take place on Friday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Memorial Park. She said leaf collection would wrap up this week, and discussed the PennDOT planned resurfacing work on Brinton Avenue.

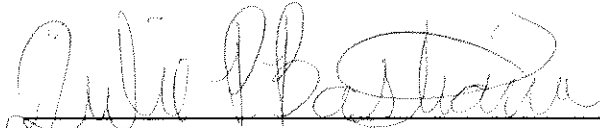
**NEW BUSINESS**

A public safety committee meeting was called for December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**M-9** It was moved by Mr. Wainright and seconded by Mr. Fuller to adjourn at 8:02 pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

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



Julie P. Bastianini, Borough Manager