

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

President Schaefer called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:32 pm in the Municipal Building.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer. Dr. Petrolla arrived at 7:48 pm.

Mayor Cook and Solicitor Barry were also present.

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

**Jean Sink -14 Love Place**

Ms. Sink thanked Council for paving Love Place, and suggested that in the future, residents who live on streets being repaved should not have to purchase an on-street parking pass. She also commended Council on putting together a wonderful Community Day.

**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 \$37,129.11 from the General Fund and \$134,877.82 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$172,006.93. Second by Mr. Fuller.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Wainright said the sewer fund contained an ALCOSAN payment, and that the rest of the expenses were routine.

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

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

**M-2** Mr. Fuller made the second reading of the following Ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1054**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING A NO PARKING ZONE ON MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 7 AM TO 6 PM EXCEPT FOR DESIGNATED CHURCH ACTIVITIES ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF EAST SWISSVALE AVENUE, BEGINNING AT THE NORTHERN PROPERTY LINE OF 112 EAST SWISSVALE AVENUE AND CONTINUING IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION 165 FEET TO THE CORNER OF SCHOOL STREET, AND CREATING A NO PARKING ZONE ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF EAST SWISSVALE AVENUE IN FRONT OF MEMORIAL PARK CONTINUING 210 FEET.**

Second by Mr. Wainright

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Bastianini said this ordinance came from a recommendation of the public safety committee, and that the nearby businesses had been made aware of the ordinance and were supportive of the no parking zone.

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

**M-3** Mr. Fuller made the third and final reading of the following Ordinance:

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING A NO PARKING ZONE ON MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 7 AM TO 6 PM EXCEPT FOR DESIGNATED CHURCH ACTIVITIES ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF EAST SWISSVALE AVENUE, BEGINNING AT THE NORTHERN PROPERTY LINE OF 112 EAST SWISSVALE AVENUE AND CONTINUING IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION 165 FEET TO THE CORNER OF SCHOOL STREET, AND CREATING A NO PARKING ZONE ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF EAST SWISSVALE AVENUE IN FRONT OF MEMORIAL PARK CONTINUING 210 FEET.**

Second by Mr. Wainright

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-4** Ms. Schaefer then asked "Shall this ordinance pass?" Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Dr. Petrolia, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried.**

**M-5** Mr. Fuller moved to accept Christopher Lewandowski's letter of resignation from his position of part time police officer effective September 1, 2015. Second by Mr. Wainright.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Fuller said that Officer Lewandowski accepted a position as a full time police officer in Churchill Borough, and that the department was sad to see him go. Mayor Cook spoke highly of Officer Lewandowski's work ethic.

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

**M-6** Mr. Fuller moved to hire Rich Nye as a part time emergency service worker pending the passage of a drug screen and physical examination. His pay will be \$10.61/hour. Second by Dr. Petrolia.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bastianini said that Mr. Nye had previously worked with the department, and that she and Chief Payne were pleased to have him back on the staff.

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

**M-7** Mr. Wainright moved to engage Cohen Law Group to assist in cable franchise renewal negotiations with Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc., pursuant to the Proposal to the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bastianini said the general government committee reviewed the proposal, and that Cohen Law Group helped the Borough set up its initial franchise agreement with Verizon. Mr. Wainright

said the Cohen proposal included a five year look-back to ensure Verizon has been paying Edgewood Borough the agreed upon amounts.

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

- M-8** Dr. Petrolla moved to sell one Ford F-350 to the highest bidder, Ed Colosimo for \$5,378.00. The vehicle will be sold in "as-is" condition. Second by Mr. Wainright.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Bastianini said the truck is a public works vehicle and was replaced by the new 2015 Ford F-350 purchased earlier this year.

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

- M-9** Dr. Petrolla read the following Resolution:

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
RESOLUTION 2015-07  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
APPROVING CREATION OF HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE**

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 Garland Street in front of 302 Garland 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

Second by Mr. Fuller

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Wainright said he read the resident's letter requesting the handicap spot, and said as a reminder, any person with a valid handicap placard would be allowed to park in the spot, it is not designated for one particular vehicle. Ms. Bastianini said she would send a letter to the resident reinforcing this.

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

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** Mr. Reynolds said the department had between 40 and 50 calls in August. He said the department had a very successful Community Day, and that with college back in session the department would have 24-hour coverage at the station again. He said the department would begin its annual recruitment, and that they were hosting a vehicle rescue class.

**RECREATION REPORT** Ms. Bastianini said 154 children were signed up for Edgewood Soccer this year. She said the staff was preparing for Fall Festival. Ms. Schaefer said this year's Community Day was a success and had something for every age group, and Ms. Bastianini thanked Council for their support of this growing event.

**WATER AUTHORITY REPORT** Mr. Fuller said the Authority planned to replace the water lines on Garland and Harlow Streets next year. They had 30 breaks in August, and Mr. Fuller described an arbitration hearing with the authority's union about health care contributions, in which the arbitrator sided with the union.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Mayor Cook said the commission met to review the Dickson Park plan, which they did recommend Council adopt. Their minutes and a few recommendations would be distributed to Council.

**COG REPORT** Ms. Bastianini said the COG was working on the Cable Franchise Renewal agreements.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** Solicitor Barry said he had a report for executive session.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT** Ms. Bastianini said the public works department was repainting all the yellow and white street markings and curbs. She said the first phase of road paving was complete, and that Peoples Natural Gas had two more weeks of work on W. Swissvale Avenue, after which the paving company would be back to mill and pave the road. She discussed planting trees on the street by Koenig Field. She also discussed the bids that were received for solid waste and recycling collection, removal and disposal. Republic Services was the low bidder, and Mr. Barry discussed their bid and that collection for the Borough would be moved to Fridays. Council discussed with Mr. McGoran of Republic Services their e-waste and household hazardous waste collections. A discussion followed.

**M-10** Mr. Wainright moved to award the bid for solid waste and recycling collection to Republic Services, Inc. for calendar years 2016, 2017 and 2018, including bid alternate #1 for the collection of Household Hazardous Waste and e-waste. This award is subject to the execution of an agreement between the Borough and Republic Services, Inc. for the three years in question, with appropriate bonds and certificates of insurance, all of which shall be approved by the Borough Solicitor. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: None

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** was called at 8:40 pm to discuss real estate and potential litigation. The session ended at 9:19 pm.

**M-11** It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Mr. Wainright to adjourn at 9:20 pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

  
Julie P. Bastianini, Borough Manager

