

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 5, 2015

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

Mayor Cook and Solicitor Barry were also present.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Stephanie Ulmer - 427 Elmer Street

Ms. Ulmer said she was very concerned about Churchill Borough residents leasing their mineral rights to oil and gas companies, and that she supported a ban on fracking in Edgewood Borough. She distributed materials to Council supporting her position.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Dr. Wallace 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 \$231,746.24 from the General Fund and \$2,524.20 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$234,270.44. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Wallace explained that this contained the Borough's 2015 minimum municipal obligation for the police and non-uniform pension plan, as well as the 2015 state foreign fire insurance payment.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Dr. Wallace read the following resolution:

EDGEWOOD BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2015-08

RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD APPROVING THAT THE ACQUISITION AND SUBSEQUENT DISPOSITION OF NUMEROUS PARCELS OF VACANT PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK AND LOT NUMBERS 233-J-65 WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY

WHEREAS, the BOROUGH of EDGEWOOD, hereinafter referred to as "Municipality", in cooperation with the County of Allegheny and the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County are participating in the Allegheny County Vacant Property Program (Program); and

WHEREAS, certain properties have been submitted to the County for consideration under the Program known and identified as Block and Lot Numbers: 233-J-65 and;

WHEREAS, under the Program the Municipality is required to review the property acquisition and propose disposition, and submit its approval to the County that said acquisition and proposal resale is in accordance with the Municipality's comprehensive plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the EDGEWOOD BOROUGH Council as follows:

1. That the above listed properties have been reviewed by the Municipality and it approves that its acquisition and subsequent disposition under the Program would be in accordance with the comprehensive plan of the Municipality.
2. That a certified copy of this Resolution should be forwarded to the County of Allegheny and the Redevelopment Authority.

RESOLVED this 5th day of October, 2015.

Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bastianini explained that this parcel has been tax delinquent since 2008. Ms. Schaefer explained the details of the application.

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

M-3 Dr. Wallace moved to accept the three year contract with Maher Duessel per the terms and conditions in their proposal dated September 30, 2015. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bastianini said that this would be an extension of the current agreement with Maher Duessel, who has been conducting the Borough's financial and tax collector's audit. She said pricing for the 2015 audit would remain the same as it was for 2014.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Mr. Reynolds said the department had 50 calls in the month of September, and that it was working toward the renewal of the heavy rescue certification, and that plans were underway for the fall festival hayrides.

RECREATION REPORT Ms. Bastianini discussed the Borough's planned craft for the fall festival hayrides, which will take place at 6pm on Saturday, October 17th.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller said the authority had 80 water breaks in June and July, and another 80 in August, which was unusual. He also explained that the authority was appealing an arbitrator's decision.

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Cook said the commission did not meet.

COG REPORT Mr. Wilson said he attended the fall ALOM conference, and the sessions included much discussion about body cameras for police officers.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Barry had nothing to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT Ms. Bastianini said Eastern Area Prehospital Services would be giving out free flu shots at the Borough building on Wednesday, October 14th from 3-4 pm and 6-8 pm on a first come, first serve basis. She said the minimum municipal obligation for 2016 that was certified at the previous Council meeting contained a mistake made by the actuary. \$19,276 was incorrectly counted as a charge to the non-uniform plan, rather than a advanced funding credit. This makes the 2016 MMO payment \$183,118.

NEW BUSINESS A public safety committee meeting was scheduled for October 20th at 6:30 pm. A public works committee meeting was scheduled for October 20th at 6:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION was called at 8:03 pm to discuss potential litigation. The session ended at 8:12 pm.

M-4 It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Mr. Wilson to adjourn at 8:13 pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

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


Julie P. Bastianini, Borough Manager