

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
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**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 7, 2016**

President Schaefer called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:31 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.

Mayor Cook and Solicitor Barry were also present.

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

**Mike Belmonte- Woodland Hills School District**

Mr. Belmonte, a member of the Woodland Hills School Board, made a presentation to Council on the District's financial situation, and external factors impacting the budget. This included cuts in state funding and payments to charter schools. He also discussed an idea for signage in each municipality in the Woodland Hills School District for "Welcome to Edgewood, part of the Woodland Hills School District" banners. President Schaefer said the community services committee would review this request.

**Hannah Hardy -Allegheny County Health Department**

Ms. Hardy explained the Department's "Live Well Allegheny" program, which is a health and wellness program. She said Mr. Belmonte was trying to have every municipality in the Woodland Hills School District, plus the district, qualify as a Live Well Community. Ms. Hardy explained that this would require a focus on actions that emphasize healthy eating, exercising and tobacco cessation. She provided a sample resolution to Council.

**Sara Pelikan-Cato -573 Greendale Avenue**

Ms. Pelikan-Cato said that she moved to Edgewood three years ago, and has speeding and traffic concerns on her street. As Greendale is a narrow road, Ms. Pelikan-Cato said that there are issues with motorist speeding off of S. Braddock Avenue, and not stopping at the stop sign by the parkway ramp. She said this leads to issues of road rage. She hoped that she could work with Council to address these issues.

**Martha Ryle -166 Race Street**

Ms. Ryle had concerns about speeding on Race Street. She said that many people do not stop at the stop sign at the corner of Race, Vine and Greendale, and she believes it is worse in the evenings. She also said that there is a problem with the loud volume of stereos in people's cars as they drive by. She also reported problems during softball season at the park with parents of players using her driveway as a turn-around.

**Carolyn Danckaert -203 Vine Street**

Ms. Danckaert said she is concerned with the livability issues of traffic, noise and litter. She also reported problems with motorist not stopping at the stop sign at Race, Greendale and Vine. She said that for the past few days, the upper gates at Koenig Field were locked. Ms. Danckaert was concerned with the walkability of S. Braddock Avenue as well. She also wanted to work with Borough Council to address these issues.

President Schaefer thanked all the residents for attending the meeting and bringing their concerns to Council. She said Edgewood values walkable, safe streets, and that a safety study was conducted on S. Braddock Ave., which led to the Borough applying for a grant jointly with Swissvale Borough to increase pedestrian safety. She said that the Community Services Committee would set up a community meeting to discuss these and any other issues, and that together we could brainstorm solutions. Chief Payne said that the officers do watch stop signs and issue tickets when necessary. He said the residents live on one of the most highly traveled corridors in the Borough, and that police officers are on these streets constantly throughout their shifts. He does not believe there is a major problem with speeding on lower Greendale Avenue, but would be happy to further discuss these concerns with the residents, and welcomed them all to do a ride-along with the police.

#### 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 \$58,807.68 from the General Fund and \$4,857.82 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$63,665.50. Second by Mr. Fuller

DISCUSSION: None.

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

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

**M-2** Mr. Fuller moved to accept part time police officer Joe Miller's letter of resignation dated March 2, 2016 and effective March 12, 2016. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bastianini said that Officer Miller accepted a full time position with the City of Pittsburgh Police Department, and that Edgewood wished him well in the future.

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

**M-3** Mr. Wilson moved to authorize the Borough's engineer to prepare bid specifications for the 2015 sanitary sewer repair project and the source flow reduction study, and to advertise the proposed projects. Second by Dr. Wallace.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bastianini reviewed the explanation provided by the Borough's engineer, and stated that these projects were part of the Borough's sanitary sewer operation and maintenance plan, and in compliance with the Interim Consent Order Agreement.

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

#### BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT None

**RECREATION REPORT** Ms. Bastianini said the Borough's Easter Egg Hunt would be held Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at noon at Koenig Field, and it was open to children ages 2-10. She said youth basketball had one more weekend of playoff games.

**WATER AUTHORITY REPORT** Mr. Fuller said the authority was testing for lead, as is their custom to do every three years. He stated that the arbitration award in favor of the union was not overturned.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Mayor Cook said the commission did not meet.

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

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

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT** Ms. Bastianini said she attended a 3 Rivers Wet Weather Workshop on how to prepare for an MS4 DEP audit. She said Jason Stanton would be at the April 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to conduct Council's annual MS4 training. Ms. Bastianini reported on the public works department's progress on inspecting, cleaning and repairing storm sewer catch basins and inlets. She also commended Borough Council for receiving the Allegheny League of Municipalities Banner Community Designation for the second year in a row.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A community services meeting was called for March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. A public safety committee meeting was called for 6:30 pm on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** was called at 8:45 pm to discuss litigation. The session ended at 9:18 pm.

**M-4** It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Mr. Wainright to adjourn at 9:19 pm.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

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

  
Julie P. Bastianini, Borough Manager