

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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Council President Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, February 5, 2007 at 7:34 P.M. in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Borough Manager Kurt Ferguson called the roll and the following responded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer.

Mr. Love and Mr. Szefi were absent.

Mayor Jean O. Davin, Solicitor W. Timothy Barry and Junior Councilperson Emily Bush were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Edgewood Police Officer Tim Quinn thanked Borough Manager Ferguson, Borough Council and the Borough Solicitor for the professional atmosphere during the recent negotiations with the Police Officers' Association. He stated that these negotiations saved both time and money.

Ms. Schaefer thanked all members of the Police Department for keeping the residents safe, stating that this is very much appreciated.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Mr. McNally 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 \$57,708.39. Second by Ms. McDonald.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. McNally read Ordinance 1018 on Third and Final Reading and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Ms. Nogrady.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

ORDINANCE 1018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR 2007

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 2007 as follows:

Tax rate for general Borough purposes, the total of six and six hundred sixty-one thousandths (6.661) mills on each thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

1 mill = \$1.00 for every \$1,000 assessment
6.661 mills = \$6.661 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2: That any ordinance, or part thereof, conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same is affected by this Ordinance.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 5th day of February 2007.

ATTEST

Kurt M. Ferguson
Borough Secretary

Patricia M. Schaefer
Council President

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 5th day of February 2007.

Jean O. Davin
Mayor

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Third Reading Passes.

M-3 The Chair asks, "Shall the Ordinance Pass?"

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Ordinance 1018 Passes.

M-4 Ms. McDonald moved to hire Jason Hall as a part-time police officer pending the successful completion of a medical and psychological evaluation, effective February 5, 2007 at a pay of \$10.75 an hour. Second by Ms. Nogrady.

DISCUSSION: Prior to reading the motion, Ms. McDonald stated that a total of four candidates were interviewed for this position.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carried.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Mayor Davin called Jason Hall forward, along with Chief Paul Wood for the Swearing In Ceremony. She then administered the Oath of Office.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

ALLEGHENY COUNTY

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Jason Hall, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and that I will discharge the duties of Police Officer for the Borough of Edgewood with fidelity.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED }
BEFORE ME THIS 5th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2007 }

Mayor Jean O. Davin

M-5 Mr. McNally moved to accept the resignation of Council Member Derek-Jan Love. Second by Mr. Hellett.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer read the resignation letter submitted by Mr. Love. This will be added to the minutes.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carried.

M-6 Mr. McNally moved to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for the position of Councilperson to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Derek-Jan Love from Council. Second by Ms. McDonald.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer led a discussion of the timeline for filling the position. It was decided that applications should be received by February 15, 2007.

Solicitor Barry was quite sure that the deadline for vacancies under the election code is February 13, 2007. He stated that the vacancy form, which has already been submitted to the Elections Bureau, needs to be amended.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carried.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Andrews introduced James Sims, Sales Representative for Glick Apparatus. Mr. Sims presented a plaque to Chief Andrews, including a letter from the President of Pierce Manufacturing, expressing thanks for the recent fire rescue truck purchase.

Mr. Sims also presented a thank-you plaque from Glick Apparatus. He said that the Borough should applaud itself for the efforts which took place to secure the rescue truck. He indicated that very few boroughs work in concert with their volunteer firemen. Mr. Sims said that many boroughs depend on hoagie sales, fish dinner sales and the like to raise funds, and that the commitment made by Edgewood Borough is not often seen.

DISCUSSION: Chief Andrews informed Council that Senator Costa has given a \$15,000 grant to cover outfitting the rescue truck.

The Fire Chief indicated that the Department assisted Swissvale with a fire the previous night.

On behalf of the Borough, Ms. Schaefer thanked Chief Andrews and Mr. Sims.

To Mayor Davin's questioning, Chief Andrews indicated that the celebratory party for the rescue truck will take place when the weather breaks.

RECREATION REPORT

Ms. Barrante reported on the adult basketball program, the basketball program for the older children, and the Easter egg hunt. She also informed Council that the baseball registrations have been sent out and that the Field House is getting a makeover, with the floors being sanded and new paint being applied. She said she will begin different programming and will have extra room in which to work.

DISCUSSION: Regarding Ms. Barrante's report on the basketball program, Mr. McNally inquired about "...working with Edgewood Primary School and Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf" and "...benefits all parties." Ms. Barrante stated that all previous issues have been worked out.

Ms. McDonald thanked Ms. Barrante for including art classes as a part of the recreation program.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Fuller mentioned that, at their last meeting, the previous officers have been reelected to the Water Authority Board.

A mapping of the water lines of the county GIS maps will occur, according to Mr. Fuller. He also stated that Rankin and Penn Hills have expressed interest in Wilkesburg-Penn Joint Water Authority collecting sewer bills for them. This would bring the total number of communities being collected by the Authority to fifteen (15).

Mr. Fuller also said that there have been a lot of breaks in lines. He referred to Pennsylvania American Water, mentioning that they have been taking a hit by the media. He also mentioned that their headquarters is located in Ohio. As well, Mr. Fuller indicated that Pennsylvania American Water does not put much of their for-profit business back into their system.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer thanked Mr. Fuller for all he does for the Borough of Edgewood.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Ferguson informed Council that he had spoken with Mr. Grubb today regarding the Edgewood Primary School. He also mentioned the meeting he attended with the Woodland Hills School District Superintendent, the school district architect and school board members regarding the governor's drive. Mr. Ferguson then shared for review by Council the preliminary drawings put forth by the school district.

Mr. Grubb, according to Mr. Ferguson, will be talking with the architect and the architect will be making a presentation to the Planning Commission in order to receive feedback on concerns that the Commission might want to have addressed. Mr. Ferguson said that he has spoken with Chief Wood and Sgt. Hockenberry regarding the public safety aspect of this project.

Mr. Ferguson indicated that he informed the school officials that prior to going to the Planning Commission, a plan for buses in the governor's drive, issues regarding existing parking and removal of an existing mature tree would need to be outlined. Continuing the governor's drive discussion, Mr. Ferguson indicated the dimensions of the driveway being 20' wide and further explained the uses for the drive.

DISCUSSION: Further discussion ensued, followed by Mr. McNally stating that the information is appreciated, but this will still need to go before the Planning Commission and the school board. He urged Council to consider this information as background only.

COG REPORT

Mr. Hellett stated that the Committee met on January 25, 2007. He informed Council that the February 23, 2007 meeting would be held at the Churchill Country Club and would be a membership meeting, at which County Executive Dan Onorato will be the guest speaker.

It was also reported by Mr. Hellett that the Community Development Block Grant program is communicating with various engineering firms and scheduling bid ads and opening dates for various grants totaling \$1,210,348. He also said that the Local Government Academy will be holding various classes in the near future.

Mr. Hellett mentioned three-year grants of \$4,395, each sponsored by the PA Council of Arts to support cultural events, which are given to diverse communities. He stated that the Council is looking forward to working with communities who have not yet participated.

The yearly Seven Springs conference will take place April 12-15, 2007, and Mr. Hellett indicated that the organizers are looking for people to assist with the hospitality portion.

DISCUSSION: None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Barry said that he had a personnel issue for Executive Session and no action would be taken.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer stated that for Executive Session there would be personnel, contract and legal matters and that there may or may not be action taken.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Ferguson planned for a Public Works meeting, stating that the engineer will need to be present.

According to Mr. Ferguson, 250 tons of rock salt was utilized in nine days and the supply has since been replenished.

Speaking about recycling, as well as an anticipated increase in collection, Mr. Ferguson said that the grant amount will go from \$7,000 to \$15,000. Two new recycling bins are on site and are being filled every five days and a total of eight tons of recycling is collected per week, according to Mr. Ferguson.

Mr. Ferguson stated that preliminary meetings with engineering firms for the tennis courts at Koenig Field are being scheduled.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Nogrady asked what types of items are recyclable and Mr. Ferguson said he would again do an article on this.

NEW BUSINESS

Meetings were set as follows: Port Authority Cooperation Agreement meeting – February 12 at 7:30 PM; Public Safety – February 12 at 8:30 PM. Regarding the Public Works meeting, Ms. Nogrady will contact Mr. Ferguson with her availability.

Ms. Schaefer said that, until an appointee is named for the open Council seat, she will fill in to make a quorum for meetings of the Community Services, Public Works, Library and Edgewood School Committees.

Mr. Hellett handed out a copy of the boards and commissions list to each member of Council and asked them to make corrections and give them back to either Mr. Ferguson or Ms. Lewis. He also stated that he has spoken with some people who are interested in the Recreation Commission opening.

Mayor Davin reported on several items, including a request from Woodland Hills High School to advertise in their playbill. As well, she mentioned that she and Borough Manager Ferguson met with Mr. Swenson of Pittsburgh Filmmakers. Mr. Swenson informed them that the group has been given \$75,000 in Regional Asset District matching grant funds, and that between \$30,000 and \$50,000 will go to the Regent Square Theater. A capital campaign has been undertaken and various Edgewood groups will be approached for funding, according to the Mayor. She stated that she and Mr. Ferguson steered the group in the right direction to seek funding.

The Mayor also informed Council of County Executive Onorato's request to program radios to a certain frequency to be connected to certain emergency channels.

Finally, Mayor Davin stated that Ms. Mulholland asked her about Verizon placing various items on telephone poles. Mr. Ferguson stated that he would work with Verizon's senior engineer, to get this straightened out.

Mayor Davin stated that an appeal should also be made to Duquesne Light for help with this issue.

The Mayor went on to discuss a property she recently purchased on Maple Avenue. She also spoke about the private road off of Maple Avenue, which neighbors are worried about regarding emergency vehicles entering, and would like to turn the road over to the Borough.

Solicitor Barry stated that the issue would be one to refer to the engineer, and that the subdivision ordinance could tell the width of the street for use by emergency vehicles.

ADJOURNMENT

M-7 Following an Executive Session which lasted from 8:40 PM to 9:10 PM, it was moved by Ms. McDonald and seconded by Mr. Hellett to adjourn this meeting at 9:12 PM.

Kurt Ferguson
Borough Manager