

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD  
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Council President Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, June 4, 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. Cook, Mr. Szefi, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer.

Mayor Jean O. Davin and Solicitor W. Timothy Barry were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Davin called Junior Councilperson Emily Bush forward and read the following Proclamation in her honor.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**

**PROCLAMATION 2007-05**

**WHEREAS**, in April 2006 the Edgewood Borough Council established a Junior Councilperson Program in Partnership with the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs (PSAB), and in August 2006 selected Emily Bush as the first ever Junior Councilperson in the Borough of Edgewood; and

**WHEREAS**, Emily Bush has spent nine months devoting volunteer service to the Borough of Edgewood in matters including:

1. Faithfully attending Council meetings for approximately thirty (30) hours, taking notes, and asking questions of Council members pursuant to meetings attended;
2. Acting as a goodwill ambassador for the Borough of Edgewood for approximately ten (10) hours, attending official functions including Council of Governments meetings, Mayoral dinners, and the Community Day Parade;
3. Brining forward issues and concerns to Council addressed to her by youth in the community;
4. Making thoughtful suggestions as to improvements that might be undertaken in the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, Emily has performed her duties as Edgewood's first Junior Councilperson diligently, reliably, and in a spirit of optimism and community friendship.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Friday, June 8, 2007 is proclaimed **EMILY BUSH DAY** in recognition of her service to the youth of this community and to the Borough at large.

**PROCLAIMED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2007 by the Mayor of the Borough of Edgewood.

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Jean O. Davin, Mayor

Ms. Schaefer read the inscription from a plaque which was then presented to Ms. Bush. Ms. Schaefer stated that Ms. Bush's commitment energized everyone on Council.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**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 \$36,872.73. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

M-2 Ms. McDonald moved to hire Richard Jessell as a temporary part-time laborer in the Edgewood Borough Public Works Department, pending a successful medical examination at a pay rate of \$7.25 an hour, effective June 6, 2007. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-3 Ms. McDonald read Resolution 2007-22 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Cook.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**

**RESOLUTION 2007-22**

**WHEREAS**, the Edgewood Borough Council recognizes the importance of a full-time police force; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Edgewood Civil Service Commission properly conducted the appropriate testing and qualification process for candidates for the position of patrol officer in accordance with the Borough of Edgewood Civil Service Rules and Regulations; and,

**WHEREAS**, Michael Ferguson has successfully completed the Edgewood Borough Civil Service hiring process and exhibited the qualifications and desire to be considered for the position of patrol officer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood that Michael Ferguson is hereby appointed to the position of patrol officer in the Edgewood Borough Police Department at an annual salary of \$39,036.28 effective June 18, 2007 with a 12-month probationary period beginning the same date.

**ADOPTED THIS THE** 4<sup>th</sup> day of June by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

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Borough Secretary

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Council President

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Mayor

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald mentioned that Officer Ferguson has worked part-time in the Police Department for some months. She stated that in getting opinions on Mr. Ferguson, everything said about him speaks to him being an asset. Chief Wood appreciates Officer Ferguson's work, according to Ms. McDonald, and it will be a pleasure to have him on the force full-time.

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

**SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

**OATH OF OFFICE**

I, Michael Ferguson, 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 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2007 }

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Mayor Jean O. Davin

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Mr. Laird reported that the volunteers are continuing their work with the Girl and Boy Scouts by training them in first aid so that in the event of a natural disaster, both groups will be ready to work with them. The volunteers are also researching other ways that the youth of the Borough can support the fire department in the future. There has been talk, according to Mr. Laird, of having a junior membership program, starting at age 15. The hope would be that the youth would learn the ropes and join the department at age 18. Forest Hills, North Braddock and Chalfant are sharing their experiences with the Edgewood Department as regards having junior members.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin requested information about the welcome party for the new rescue truck and when this would happen. Mr. Laird stated that more equipment needed to be installed. Mayor Davin offered that the Police Open House will be held in July and the Volunteer Fire Department celebration might be held at that time also.

Ms. Schaefer told Mr. Laird that the work the firemen do is very much appreciated.

**RECREATION REPORT**

Mr. Ferguson reported that he has given the Community Services Committee a new job description for the Recreation Coordinator position. Mr. Ferguson hoped that he could hire four to six adults to oversee programming.

Movie night will begin next Monday, according to Mr. Ferguson, and the scoreboard is operational. Mr. Ferguson stated that work has been ongoing for Community Day and indicated that he has been working on a three-year staffing, programming and facilities plan for the Recreation Department. This will be presented at the next meeting of the Recreation Commission.

DISCUSSION: None.

**WATER AUTHORITY REPORT**

Mr. Fuller said that the West Swissvale water line replacement will be put out for bid in June. The 15,000' line in Turtle Creek which was mentioned with regard to the transmission study had 158 breaks, 154 of which were joint breaks. The line, according to Mr. Fuller, needs to be replaced.

Mr. Fuller mentioned that there will be an AWA meeting in Toronto during the last week of June.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer thanked Mr. Fuller for his work with the Borough.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Mr. Szefi stated that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

**COG REPORT**

Mr. Hellett gave information from the COG meeting regarding the MRM Trust as well as the CDBG program and elaborated on some of this information at Mr. McNally's request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ferguson talked about speaking with Verizon regarding finalization of a deal with them.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Barry spoke at length regarding how to handle add-ons with the street paving program.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin had questions about the \$90,000 allocated by the DEP for the project and whether the funds are transferable if not totally used on one project.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Ferguson discussed pricing for street paving and stated that, after milling, it has been determined that there are no base repairs needed, saving an estimated \$25,000. Mr. Ferguson felt that this could be applied to other areas, as identified by Public Works Director Guerriero, where street repairs are needed.

Mr. Ferguson requested guidance for work to be done on Edgewood Avenue.

DISCUSSION: Solicitor Barry stated that he requests all change orders in writing and signing off for them by Mr. Ferguson.

Mayor Davin expressed her support for Mr. Ferguson and asked if the work on Hawthorne could be delayed until school is out. Further conversation ensued and Mr. Ferguson stated that he will talk with the company regarding when the work will be done.

The Mayor had questions about flowers being planted on Pennwood Avenue.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. McNally set a General Government meeting with the auditor for Monday, June 11, 2007.

For the press, Ms. McDonald indicated that letters of interest are now being accepted for the Junior Councilperson position until June 15, 2007. Ms. McDonald stated that she assists boroughs with starting this program and the program and its enhancements were showcased at the conference in Seven Springs.

According to Ms. McDonald, a 40 year old woman had a heart attack and had no pulse. Three Edgewood officers went to her aid with a defibrillator and this saved her life.

Ms. McDonald said that she will be out of town from June 15-24, 2007 and will not attend the next Council meeting.

Ms. Schaefer gave an update regarding the increase in crime in the Center Street/Walnut Street area and stated that Council Chambers has been offered for meetings to take place regarding this issue. Mayor Davin, according to Ms. Schaefer, has communicated with the Mayor of Wilkesburg and Ms. Schaefer has communicated with members of Wilkesburg Council. Ms. Schaefer felt that good things would come of these meetings and stated that the Public Safety Committee would be involved as the meetings move ahead.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

M-4 Following an Executive Session which lasted from 8:27 PM to 8:50 PM, it was moved and seconded to adjourn this meeting at 8:51 PM.

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Kurt M. Ferguson  
Borough Manager