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NOVEMBER 5, 2007**

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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, November 5, 2007 at 7:31 PM in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Davin was not present at the meeting, but was available by phone, and Solicitor W. Timothy Barry and Junior Councilperson McArdle were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mr. Cook arrived at this point.

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 \$77,213.81. 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 read Ordinance 1021 on First Reading and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Cook.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 1021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING HANDICAPPED PARKING AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION FOR SPACE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: 536

GREENDALE AVENUE

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by Council for the Borough of Edgewood, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of same as follows:

SECTION 1. One handicapped parking space shall be created at the curb line of **GREENDALE AVENUE** in front of **536 GREENDALE AVENUE** in the Borough of Edgewood to be marked and used for a handicapped parking space; and

SECTION 2. The handicapped parking space shall be permitted upon issuance of a permit by the police of the Borough of Edgewood 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

SECTION 3. 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; and

SECTION 4. Any person who shall violate any provision of this ordinance by parking in said handicapped space without proper handicapped identification shall upon conviction thereof be sentenced to pay a fine and costs in accordance with the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code 75 Pa. CSA Section 3354; and

SECTION 5. Any Ordinance, or any part of any Ordinance, in conflict herewith is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of Borough Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become part of the Codification of Ordinances of the Borough of Edgewood and that said Codification shall be amended and supplemented accordingly.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 5th day of November 2007.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

Kurt M. Ferguson
Borough Manager

Patricia M. Schaefer
President of Council

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

Jean O. Davin
Mayor

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. First Reading Passes.

- M-3 Ms. McDonald read Ordinance 1021 on Second Reading (Title Only) and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Cook.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 1021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING HANDICAPPED PARKING AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION FOR SPACE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: 536 GREENDALE AVENUE

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. Second Reading Passes.

- M-4 Ms. McDonald moved to accept the resignation of Edgewood Borough Police Chief Wood effective January 4, 2008. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald expressed that no motion which she has ever offered has she enjoyed less.

Ms. Schaefer said that she appreciated the Chief's willingness to wait until January 4, 2008 to depart so that he may assist in the transition.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Cook, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. Szefi, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Ms. McDonald voted no. Motion carried.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Halle reported that four (4) Junior Firefighters have been accepted and three (3) more applications are pending. As well, two (2) new firefighter applications are in hand and two (2) are pending, making the total membership thirty (30). Mr. Halle stated that this is a great increase over the last few years.

According to Mr. Halle, the luminaria will be ready for sale in the next couple of weeks and the Christmas Party is being planned.

Mr. Halle also mentioned that the Department is approaching its 200th call for the year.

DISCUSSION: Concerning the Junior Firefighters, Solicitor Barry indicated that he has given his comments to both Mr. Ferguson and Ms. McDonald. He stated that the Volunteer Fire Department is an independent, non-profit entity separate from the Borough and that he had a question as to why the Borough approved the Fire Department's bylaw amendment. However, Mr. Barry said that it is clear that the bylaws do specifically provide that, with respect to certain articles, they shall become effective with approval of Council.

Mr. Halle shared that Ms. Boccio is the Department's first female Junior Firefighter. He stated participants in the program will receive gloves and safety glasses.

Ms. Schaefer said the luminaria will be promoted in the newsletter.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Fuller indicated that it is budget time for the Wilkesburg Penn Joint Water Authority and said there will be a rate increase for this year as well as for next year for myriad reasons. Two of those reasons are that Alcosan's rates are up ten percent (10%) and the price of fluoride is up. Mr. Fuller indicated that there is a move in the State House to make fluoride mandatory in the water. However, the companies that provide fluoride are not taking new orders.

A review of the Authority's pension was recently done by a consultant.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hellett had further questions regarding the State House's proposed mandate.

Mr. Fuller also stated that the price of fluoride has increased from \$209/ton to \$580/ton, with further increases expected.

RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Ferguson said that next week is the last week for soccer. Applications for basketball, he stated, are on line and 1600 applications have been distributed. Mr. Ferguson gave kudos to Ms. Mysels who is handling soccer and is working to coordinate volunteers and referees. The mailing list for basketball is not able to be found from last year, including several private schools where there were registered players.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hellett stopped by the field on Saturday and said it was wonderful and activities are being run well.

Ms. Schaefer said some coaches who are interested in the success of the program have offered to sit down to discuss issues and provide insights that may be helpful.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Szefi said the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

COG REPORT

Mr. Hellett reported that at the Council of Government (COG) meeting, he learned that Cohen Grigsby Law Group is doing work regarding Verizon's franchise agreement. He offered a copy of the in-depth report to interested Council members. According to Mr. Hellett, the Turnpike Commission presented its work plan and hopes to reconvene during November.

DISCUSSION: None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Barry had no separate report.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Ferguson said that he spoke with Mr. Russo of the Wilkinsburg Penn Joint Water Authority today and the work of repaving W. Swissvale Avenue curb-to-curb is being completed. The work on Pennwood Avenue will take place next year.

DISCUSSION: None.

Ms. Schaefer said that she attended a very informative intercouncil meeting regarding Woodland Hills School District with Senator Costa, Judge Evashavik and nine to 12 community representatives. President Schaefer indicated that this was an opportunity to express concerns and hear input about reporting to police if there are altercations.

It was found to be interesting by Ms. Schaefer that thirty eight percent (38%) of the area is eligible for the free lunch program and in 2005 that number was fifty eight percent (58%). Ms. Schaefer felt that the Borough should continue to participate in this program to get a clear picture of what is being worked with.

A Comprehensive Plan meeting will be held on November 8, 2007 at 7:30 PM at Madonna Del Castello Church for a discussion of traffic and transportation issues for the Edgewood, Swissvale and Rankin communities.

M-5 Ms. McDonald moved to authorize the Borough Manager to provide written notification to the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department that the Borough does not object to the Department's proposed by-law regarding Junior Firefighters. 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.

M-6 Ms. McDonald moved to authorize the advertisement to hire a Police Chief for the Borough of Edgewood. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: Solicitor Barry talked about where Council might advertise and Ms. Schaefer said this can be determined by the Public Safety Committee.

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.

M-7 Mr. McNally moved to authorize the payment of property tax refunds in the gross amount of \$2,141.90 as reviewed by the Tax Collector to the property owners and in the amounts designated by the Tax Collector which owners and amounts are listed in the minutes of this meeting.

NAME	AT/FOR	AMOUNT
Kathleen Dewalt	145 Washington St.	\$ 228.48
Elaine Rose	225 E. Swissvale Ave., #8	\$ 22.84
Maria Philips	1110 Savannah Ave.	\$ 130.55
Hany Bedair & Sakah Bedair	Not Listed	\$ 75.07
John & Margaret Costello	1000 Walnut St.	\$1,514.44
Michael McShane	185 Pennwood Ave., Apt. C	\$ 170.52

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.

NEW BUSINESS

A budget meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2007 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM to continue the budget review process, according to Ms. Schaefer.

Mr. Hellett indicated that Civil Service candidate applications will be reviewed as they come in and interviews will be scheduled. Ms. Schaefer said these interviews will involve the Personnel Committee.

Ms. McDonald had a procedural question regarding the possible name change of the Edgewood Primary School Ad Hoc Committee to Woodland Hills School District Committee and Ms. Schaefer replied that this could be investigated at a later time.

Solicitor Barry said that he believed procedurally the Ad Hoc Committees are set by the President of Council.

ADJOURNMENT

M-8 It was moved by Mr. Szefi and seconded by Mr. McNally to adjourn at 8:02 PM.

Kurt M. Ferguson
Borough Manager