

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
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Council Vice President McDonald called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, August 4, 2008 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building.

**ROLL CALL**

Borough Manager Kurt Ferguson called the roll and the following responded: Mr. Harding, Mr. Reynolds (arrived at 7:35 PM), Mr. Szefi, Mr. Cook, Ms. McDonald.

Ms. Schaefer and Mr. Hellett were absent.

Mayor Jean O. Davin and Solicitor W. Timothy Barry were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

Patrick Doyle of 106 Dewey attended this meeting to update Council on the progress with the C. C. Mellor Library and Edgewood Community House since his April visit. Currently, work is being done on the building preservation initiative. Phase II will cover the painting and front entrance to the building.

Mr. Doyle noted that [www.buildingpreservation.org](http://www.buildingpreservation.org) domain now belongs to C. C. Mellor Library and Edgewood Community House. This site details the history of the building, as well as completed and ongoing preservation projects. Mr. Doyle stated that this site serves as a good tool for residents to get information. The site also has downloadable forms with which to make donations to the Library or the preservation projects.

Although the goal amount has been exceeded, Mr. Doyle said that the fund drive will continue through the end of this year.

It was shared by Mr. Doyle that the Library and Community House has hired a finance official for a total of fifteen (15) hours per week. The first report from the official should be out this month. The finance officer is working with the Library Director to make sure the past bookkeeping practices have been done accurately and internal controls will be instituted.

Mr. Doyle thanked Mr. Cook and Mayor Davin for working to bring a personnel handbook to a vote. He stated that this tool will help get a handle on personnel issues.

The current Board, according to Mr. Doyle, is privileged to serve and want to be good stewards for the community.

Ms. McDonald, on behalf of Council, thanked Mr. Doyle and said it is wonderful to see someone who is hardworking and dedicated to this effort.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

- M-1 Mr. Harding moved to authorize the payment of bills, for goods and services received by the Borough, having been reviewed and approved by the Borough Council in the amount of \$ 53,992.65. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Harding, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Szefi, Mr. Cook, Ms. McDonald voted yes. **Motion carried.**

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

- M-2 Mr. Cook moved to lift the ban on the use of alcoholic beverages for personal use only and not to be sold on the premises on August 16, 2008 at Edgewood Community Day. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Harding, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Szefi, Mr. Cook, Ms. McDonald voted yes. **Motion carried.**

- M-3 Mr. Szefi offered Resolution 2008-23 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Cook.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**

**RESOLUTION 2008-23**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Edgewood has a Personnel Policy Manual, originally passed on January 6, 2003, which includes salary ranges for all Borough positions; and

**WHEREAS**, the salary ranges for Full-Time and Part-Time Emergency Services Employees were created on December 19, 2005 with the passage of resolution 2005-52; and

**WHEREAS**, the Edgewood Borough Council personnel committee determined that changes to existing salary ranges for the Emergency Services Department needed to be made.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the salary ranges for the Emergency Services Department be as follows:

Full-Time Emergency Services Employee	\$10.10 - \$15.00 Per Hour
Part-Time Emergency Services Employee	\$9.75 - \$14.75 Per Hour

**ADOPTED THIS THE 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 2008 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.**

ATTEST:

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Borough Secretary

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Council President

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Mayor

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Harding, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Szefi, Mr. Cook, Ms. McDonald voted yes. **Resolution Passes.**

- M-4 Mr. Harding moved to approve the transition of Mark Ratajeski from a full-time Emergency Services employee to a part-time Emergency Services employee at a pay rate of \$14.47, beginning August 28, 2008. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ferguson informed Council that the Personnel Committee did meet and discuss this with the Chairperson. This motion covers a full-time employee who has been here for about ten (10) years and is currently going to school, reducing his available time to three (3) days per week. There are other part-time people, according to Mr. Ferguson, who will cover the sixteen (16) hours made available by this transition. He said there may be additional changes in 2009, but the rate of pay is unchanged.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Harding, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Szefi, Mr. Cook, Ms. McDonald voted yes. **Motion carried.**

## BUSINESS MEETING

### VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Halle said that July was a slow month and that most calls were for the Parkway. He noted that the department has been called to fires in both North Braddock and Forest Hills. Mr. Halle stated that it is nice to help other departments and it is also good that they will come to help Edgewood.

A GPS unit has been purchased for each of the vehicles to help with finding streets in other communities, when necessary.

Preparation for Community Day will begin next Monday and it is planned that the food will be prepared by noon. The chicken and rib dinners will again be sold, along with chicken wing dinners, according to Mr. Halle. He stated that "elephant ear" pastries will also be sold and that french fries have been added to the menu.

Since the department has so many volunteers, some have offered to go to the field at 9:00 AM or 10:00 AM to get the grills started.

Eastern Area gave the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department a deep fryer for use.

Mr. Halle reported on an incident on Washington Street over the weekend where a man went into cardiac arrest. The Edgewood Police, Fire Department, Eastern Area and residents of the Borough worked, performing CPR and saved this man's life.

Mayor Davin noted that the names of the people who helped were Cynthia Boles, Connie Ochs, Officer Crow and Sgt. Kaskie. St. Margaret's Hospital would like to nominate them for awards and want to bring the certificate to a Council meeting. The Hospital stated that without the action of these people, the man would not be alive.

#### **WATER AUTHORITY REPORT**

Mr. Fuller said that summer is generally a slow time for breaks.

He offered that an asset manager would be overseeing their pension plan and would be finding alternatives to purchasing annuities.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ferguson asked Mr. Fuller about the four (4) major breaks on Greendale Avenue, inquiring whether this is an aged line.

Mr. Fuller stated that eighty (80) years is the average lifespan of pipe and the Water Authority tries to replace the lines consistently.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Mr. Szefi stated that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

#### **COG REPORT**

No report was available.

DISCUSSION: None.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Barry had no separate report.

DISCUSSION: None.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S /RECREATION/COMMUNITY DAY REPORT**

Mr. Ferguson reported that the 5K registration is now online and that approximately one thousand (1,000) forms were mailed out, many of which were returned. He stated that several hundred soccer forms were mailed; last year two hundred twenty (220) children participated in the program.

Community Day preparations are completed, according to Mr. Ferguson, and he went on to outline the groups that would be participating.

Regarding the Borough Manager's Report, Mr. Ferguson noted that he continues preparing the budget. The final outline for the recycling proposal with Green Star is just about complete. Mr. Ferguson said that paving may be right before Community Day between Brinton Road and Dewey.

A milling machine, jointly rented with Bellevue Borough, has been used for making street repairs all over the Borough. A load of asphalt was received today, according to Mr. Ferguson.

Mr. Ferguson reported that the sewer project will be completed, including Mifflin Avenue and Railroad Alley. He went on to inform Council of the Mon Valley Sewer meeting he attended in Munhall, for which he will most likely be asked to chair. He stated that the group used Edgewood as an example of the sewer mapping which can be done.

DISCUSSION: None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Davin reported that Sgt. Hockenberry asked that a letter resigning his position as Sergeant, and returning to patrolman, effective September 1, 2008, be given to Council

The Mayor received a note from Sgt. Hockenberry and his wife for the fruit basket sent for a recent death in their family.

A PEMA circular, which Mayor Davin felt might be used in conjunction with Wilkinsburg for a grant for flood mitigation with Koenig Field was given to Mr. Ferguson.

Mayor Davin thanked Ms. McDonald and Mr. Reynolds for attending Open House.

The Mayor asked for a Public Safety meeting to review a couple of issues.

Ms. McDonald stated that she, President Schaefer and Chief Payne attended the Intercouncil meeting and met the new Superintendent.

A Public Safety Committee meeting was scheduled for August 11, 2008 at 8:00 PM.

Mayor Davin asked Solicitor Barry if Sgt. Hockenberry's resignation needed to be accepted and was answered in the affirmative.

Ms. McDonald asked that this be postponed until reassurance is gotten from the Sergeant that this is what he wants to do.

Ms. McDonald asked that all Council attend the August 18, 2008 meeting, as it is an important one.

**M-5 It was moved by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Harding to adjourn this meeting at 8:03 PM.**

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Harding, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Szefi, Mr. Cook, Ms. McDonald voted yes. **Motion carried.**

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Kurt Ferguson  
Borough Manager