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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2008**

President Patricia Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, August 18, 2008 at 7:34 PM in the Municipal Building.

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

Mr. Harding was absent.

Mayor Davin and Borough Solicitor W. Timothy Barry were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-1 Ms. McDonald moved to approve the minutes of July 21, 2008. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-2 Ms. McDonald moved to approve the minutes of August 4, 2008. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Szefi, Mr. Cook voted yes. Mr. Hellett and Ms. Schaefer abstained as they were not present for the meeting. **Motion carried.**

M-3 Ms. McDonald moved to approve the minutes of August 7, 2008. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Szefi, Mr. Cook, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Mr. Hellett abstained as he was not present for the meeting. **Motion carried.**

M-4 Ms. McDonald 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 \$68,478.48. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer had a question regarding a Busy Beaver payment and was told by Mr. Ferguson that this had been mislabeled.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT

Ms. McDonald stated that the Committee met this evening to sign checks. A discussion of parking fees revealed that the current fees have been in place since 2003. Mr. Ferguson has done an analysis and found that the program is costing more money than it is generating. The question arose, according to Ms. McDonald, if the fees should be raised.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer asked that a copy of the analysis be shared with Council.

Ms. McDonald recommended that a copy of the analysis be shared with everyone so that Council can discuss the issue.

Ms. McDonald stated that a number of other issues were discussed at the meeting, but they are not mature enough for discussion.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Davin noted that the Part I crimes are higher than July 2007, but lower than July 2006. The Part II crimes, according to the Mayor, are essentially in line and the year-to-date totals are lower than in 2006 and 2007. The activity report revealed that calls are down for the month, as well as for year-to-date. The revenue is slightly less than the last couple of years, according to the Mayor.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald reported that a resident had a car stolen from the back of her house. The resident thanked the Police Department for their help and noted that the car was recovered the next day. Ms. McDonald reminded residents to lock their car doors and secure or remove valuables from the inside.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Ms. McDonald read the highlights of the report and thanked the Police Department and the Mayor for the successful Open House.

DISCUSSION: None.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Szefi reported that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

Ms. Schaefer noted that an Executive Session would be held following Committee Action regarding a personnel matter, but no action would be taken.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ms. McDonald read the highlights of the report.

DISCUSSION: None.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Mr. Hellett noted that the Committee did not meet, but thanked everyone who participated in the very successful Community Day.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer said that the attendance was double that of last year. She noted that next year will be the 25th Anniversary of the 5K. She stated that Mr. Gusic, the Race Director, did a marvelous job, including securing volunteers from the community.

Ms. McDonald offered that, as a parent of a small child, she appreciated the activities for them to do.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Hellett said that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

PENSION COMMITTEE

Mr. Szefi said that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

AD HOC

PORT AUTHORITY AGREEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Reynolds reported that he met with Senator Costa regarding the Train Station.

Ms. Schaefer mentioned that Senator Costa inquired about the amount of funding required to totally complete the Train Station and, after speaking with Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. McNally, the total of \$100,000 was the anticipated cost.

Ms. Schaefer thanked the Senator for his support with the endeavors of the Borough on all its other projects, including those of interest to the Intermunicipal Plan, the link to Edgewood's sister communities.

DISCUSSION: None.

INTERCOUNCIL (WHSD)

Ms. McDonald shared that she, Chief Payne and Ms. Schaefer met with the School Board and stated that they have high hopes for good changes to take place. As the school year progresses, according to Ms. McDonald, more meetings will take place.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer said she met with Judge Evashavik regarding the new Superintendent and the Judge seemed very impressed and spoke highly of a positive transition taking place.

Mayor Davin stated that she met with Chief Payne about the safety of children entering and exiting the building, but she is still waiting to hear from the school district regarding the parking and drop off situation.

Ms. McDonald said that this could be discussed in a Public Safety meeting.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Szefi offered that this Committee should be disbanded, as the Plan has been submitted for approval and the Planning Commission has made its recommendation.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ferguson stated that this document will be on display for one hundred twenty (120) days.

Regarding the various committees, Ms. Schaefer stated that some are antiquated and others have been renamed. She noted that she will forward notes of the Planning Commission to Mr. Szefi.

Another item of which Ms. Schaefer informed Council was the Local Government Academy September meeting regarding comprehensive plans and how to make them come to fruition. She encouraged Mr. Ferguson to attend.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Barry spoke of a change order for the street paving which will decrease the price by \$31,300.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Ferguson informed Council of the start of street paving beginning in the next two weeks. He stated that Hawthorne Street paving will be coordinated with the school in an effort to have as little inconvenience as possible. There is a possibility, according to Mr. Ferguson, that this paving might be done at the end of a week or on a Saturday.

Mr. Ferguson spoke of an opportunity he had to meet with the residents regarding Railroad Alley and, although they may be inconvenienced, they are happy about the work being done.

Race Director Gusic and Mr. Ferguson met and set a goal of 250 entrants for the 5K next year. They also talked of expanding the registration and sending them out earlier. An effort will be made, according to Mr. Ferguson, to do 25 year 5K shirts.

With regard to Community Day, Mr. Ferguson offered that this was a success. He felt that he may be able to get sponsors for the fireworks next year. Several vendors may be added and there is a possibility of securing sponsors for the children's activities, also.

Mr. Ferguson mentioned that one of the firemen took a video of the fireworks grand finale. He also said that this may become a part of the website.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer said that cleanup of the field was a cooperative effort of the Recreation coordinators and the children.

Mr. Hellett noted that Public Works Director Guerriero had his crew label the trash and recycling containers.

Mr. Ferguson thanked Mr. Hellett for the bands which he recommended. Mr. Ferguson said he will invite the bands from 2007 and 2008 for the whole day next year.

All Council thanked Mr. Ferguson for a job well done for Community Day.

Mayor Davin was asked by Chief Payne to mention that, even though Plum Borough is a larger community, Edgewood did a better job for our Community Day. Mayor Davin also mentioned that her friend said that the fireworks display was better than in the city for the 4th of July.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. McDonald mentioned that the Junior Councilperson interview will be held this week.

Mr. Ferguson noted that he will be on vacation Thursday and Friday, August 21 and 22, 2008.

Ms. Schaefer requested information about a building permit letter which she had received and Mr. Ferguson gave an explanation as to why this has not been done.

Mr. Barry stated that copies of the permits should be forwarded to the Solicitor for the School District.

Ms. Schaefer noted that Mayor Davin and Ms. Messina were copied on that letter.

Mr. Cook had several issues to discuss, including the sleep over at the park. Mr. Cook stated that he asked Ms. Augustine to get in touch with Mr. Ferguson regarding this and Mr. Ferguson stated that he referred her to the Fire Chief.

Mr. Ferguson noted that, taking into account that Fire Chief Andrews says it is permissible to have the sleep over, he will also involve Chief Payne in this process. To Solicitor Barry, Mr. Ferguson posed the question that, since this event is happening on Borough property, should the Borough require waivers from the residents.

Ms. Schaefer asked, since this was sponsored by the Edgewood Foundation, do they need to sign any documents.

Solicitor Barry stated that this was discussed previously and further said he will talk with Mr. Ferguson. He also said that it is appropriate that the Foundation agree to supervise the event, in writing.

Ms. Schaefer asked if the Borough would be okay to state that it has done what it could to maintain a safe environment.

Mr. Barry stated that the most important thing is that every child has an adult with them.

Continuing with his list, Mr. Cook then presented an article regarding trees, power lines and how some companies are being funded for this. He said that the trees are not on the Borough's lines yet, but further stated that he would like to talk with the arborist and then approach Duquesne Light. Mr. Cook said that the article stated that the utility companies are not concerned about the health of the trees and he is intent on keeping the Borough looking as nice as it does. Mr. Cook also felt that the Borough needed to have a meeting with Duquesne Light.

Mayor Davin asked if anyone cared to have two complimentary Woodland Hills School District football passes. The Mayor also requested help with her mail delivery. She received a notice for the swearing-in ceremony for the Superintendent which did not get to her in time. As well, according to the Mayor, she received an Environmental Charter School invitation.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Ms. McDonald offered Resolution 2008-24 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Cook.

RESOLUTION 2008-24

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood has a long-standing, effective and efficient working relationship with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDot); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood and PennDot share services, equipment, and maintenance responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood and PennDot have entered in Municipal Comprehensive Maintenance Agreements in the past that provide for these shared services and compensation to the Borough via a predetermined formula.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Edgewood Borough Council, Allegheny County, that the Council President of the Borough is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached three-year agreement on behalf of the Borough.

ADOPTED this the 18th day of August 2008.

ATTEST

Borough Secretary

Council President

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin noted that Brinton Road and Braddock Hills are not in the Borough of Edgewood and Mr. Ferguson explained the nature of the Resolution. The Mayor then asked if this has anything to do with liquid fuels and was answered in the negative.

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

M-5 Mr. Hellett moved to hire Robert Fuestel as an Edgewood Crossing Guard, effective August 19, 2008 at a starting pay of \$10.04 an hour. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: None

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

ADJOURNMENT

M-6 Following an Executive Session, which lasted from 8:32 and ended at 9:10 PM, Mr. Reynolds moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 PM. Second by Mr. Szefi.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Kurt M. Ferguson
Borough Manager