

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
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Council Vice President Hellett called the Meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 7:347 PM in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Borough Manager Warren Cecconi called the roll and the following responded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer (arrived 7:45, included in voting beginning with Police grant).

Mayor Jean O. Davin was in attendance and Solicitor W. Timothy Barry was present, as was Junior Councilperson Horner.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Ms. Gleba 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 \$29,947.34. Second by Ms. Waldock.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett voted yes. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Wilson moved to approve an agreement with PRINT to provide a community map of the Borough, at no cost to the Borough, which will be mailed to every address in the Borough and extras of which will be made available to the Borough. Second by Ms. Gleba.

DISCUSSION: Questions were raised regarding proofing of the document by Ms. Gleba and Mr. Cecconi explained the process that would take place.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett voted yes. **Motion carried.**

M-3 Mr. Bowers moved to approve a 2% wage increase for 2010 (allocated in the 2010 budget) for four Public Works employees. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: Prior to the vote, Ms. Waldock questioned whether an amendment to make the raise retroactive to January 1, 2010 should be made and was answered in the affirmative.

- M-3(a) Mr. Bowers moved to approve a 2% wage increase for 2010 (allocated in the 2010 budget) for four Public Works employees retroactive to January 1, 2010. Second by Mr. Wilson.**

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett voted yes. **Motion carried.**

- M-4 Ms. Waldock moved to approve a Letter of Intent with the Governor's Office to join with Forest Hills, Churchill, Wilkins and Chalfant to undertake a regional police study. Second by Mr. Bowers.**

DISCUSSION: Ms. Waldock explained that this was a Letter of Intent to participate in a study of regional policing policies.

Mr. Cecconi stated that this was done a couple of years ago. He indicated that he thought this was a good thing to do, but added that he did not know if the state will fund this until it is sent in. The Letter of Intent filing process will cost the Borough nothing.

For the record, Solicitor Barry said that labor ramifications of this process would need to be considered, as there would be some duty to bargain.

According to Ms. Waldock, the arbitrators and the courts indicate that the process ends up with the best of the best.

Solicitor Barry shared that early in his career, a regional police force was established with Marshall and Pine Townships and Bradford Woods. As far as Mr. Barry knew, no one else has really done this. He also mentioned that he was confronted with pension issues.

Ms. Waldock said this is a first step and would take two to three years and a great deal of discussion of the details.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett voted yes. **Motion carried.**

- M-5 Mr. Hellett moved to authorize Chief Payne to apply for a police grant. Second by Ms. Waldock.**

DISCUSSION: Borough Manager Cecconi noted that the funding would be for computers, hand-held breathalyzers and a laser beam type of Vascar-approved technology for speeding.

Mayor Davin said that a \$10,000 grant for those communities where no stimulus money was available. She asked Chief Payne to look into this and the Mayor said that there is money in the budget for computers, but the grant money would increase money available in 2011.

DISCUSSION: To an audience question regarding the funding, Mayor Davin responded that these are federal grants.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

M-6 Ms. Waldock moved to authorize the Solicitor to prepare the lease for the Train Station. Second by Mr. Bowers.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Waldock asked that the motion include the wording "including Lami Grubb, lessee."

Mr. Cecconi noted that Lami Grubb will pay \$1,000 per month plus the real estate taxes. The lease will go to Solicitor Barry and then will have a final adoption at the April 19, 2010 meeting.

Ms. Waldock responded to the Mayor's question regarding the lease term that it was for three years.

Mayor Davin asked what happens after the three years and Mr. Cecconi stated that the pricing goes by the Consumer Price Index, making that hard to judge.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Halle gave members of Council a tour of the apartment which the volunteers have been working on for about a month. These will be quarters for the firefighters and will allow them to spend more time in the station on the weekend and to be available for emergencies.

Mr. Halle further related that the department's first aid kits need to be updated.

For the month, Mr. Halle reported sixteen fire calls, including one Parkway accident.

DISCUSSION: None.

RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Cecconi noted that the basketball season has been completed and a banquet for about 75 children was held. He said that he is working with the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in hopes of using their facility next year. The baseball season has started and the Borough Manager said the Borough may have an extra sponsor.

DISCUSSION: To Ms. Gleba's question regarding current sponsors, Mr. Cecconi noted that Edgewood Family Chiropractic, Lami Grubb and Nied's Funeral Home have all contributed. As well, Kefalos & Associates Real Estate will be a sponsor if another is needed.

Regarding the Easter Egg Hunt, Mr. Cecconi informed Council that 2,000 eggs were put on the Field. Mr. Wilson was at the Field early to help the well-attended celebration. Mr. Cecconi said that pictures from the day should be in soon.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Fuller said that public notification for the Authority is going out in the Pennysaver. He also reported that four (4) instances of non-animal E-coli were found.

On the Authority's audit, Mr. Fuller reported that no material deficiencies were found. He noted comments were made on computer access and written policies.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer asked whether the hydrants were being flushed and was answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Hellett asked if there were a lot of breaks this year and Mr. Fuller reported that there were eighteen (18) breaks reported between February and the last meeting. He indicated that normally with the thaw there would have been more breaks, but this year was not as bad.

COG REPORT

Mr. Hellett reported that he did not attend the COG meeting.

DISCUSSION: None.

LIBRARY REPORT

Ms. Waldock stated that the Committee met on March 25, 2010 and reviewed the budget, which included several under-budget items. She noted that the Library is not in compliance with regulations and standards because it does not spend 12% of its budget on collections.

The new members of the Library Board are Ms. Rockovich and Ms. Probert, as well as Mr. Heidinger.

Ms. Waldock said that the Library trustees are looking at ways to reduce the number of Council members on the Board. There was a discussion of putting together a spreadsheet of where Library cardholders reside to secure more funding.

According to Ms. Waldock, the recent Library Book Sale made a little over \$10,000 and it was felt that the annual appeal will come in over what was budgeted. It is hoped that a planning session will culminate in ways to increase usage of the facility.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Barry said that he would be reporting on the status of Police negotiations at Executive Session, but he had no separate report.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cecconi had no further report.

DISCUSSION: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Schaefer indicated that the CONNECT Conference will be held June 18, 2010 and felt that Council members might write to the legislators to schedule a meeting.

After the Executive Session, which lasted from 8:00 PM to 8:53 PM, Council discussed the Fire Department live-in program and first responder program.

Also, a short discussion followed on Chief Andrews' memo about Love Place. Council decided the memo should be included in the minutes and a letter sent to Love Place residents with the memo.

M-7 Mr. Bowers moved to include Chief Andrews' memo dated April 1, 2010 (copy attached) in the minutes. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

M-8 It was moved by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Bowers to adjourn this meeting at 9:19 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Warren Cecconi
Borough Manager