

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
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Council President Schaefer called the Meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, August 2, 2010 at 7:34 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.

Mayor Jean O. Davin was not in attendance and Solicitor W. Timothy Barry was present.

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

Ms. McGregor of Walnut Street and Locust Street expressed concern regarding a presentation given to Council by Judge Mariani of the Court of Common Pleas. She stated that after talking with Councilperson Bowers, she understood that she would receive a letter from the Mayor. Ms. McGregor felt that the letter should have come from Council as Judge Mariani had made the presentation to them.

President Schaefer noted that the Public Safety Committee met and discussed the situation and determined that since this was a Borough-sponsored program, it would not be named after a particular individual. The Mayor, according to Ms. Schaefer, wrote on behalf of the Public Safety Committee, since she oversees the Police Department.

Ms. McGregor felt that this should be reported at open Council. It was Ms. McGregor's opinion that the painting taking place in the Borough makes a nice difference. For a woman on Linden, Ms. McGregor offered a request to paint parking lines on the street. She felt that the crosswalks also needed to be painted.

President Schaefer announced that an Executive Session regarding litigation would take place.

**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 \$378,691.55 from the General Fund and \$4,139.86 from the Sewer Fund. Second by Mr. Wilson.**

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Bright said that the early repayment of the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) would save the Borough \$1,600 in interest charges, but there is still work to be done.

Solicitor Barry asked if the intent was to repay the TAN or retire it and not draw on it for the rest of the year and Mr. Cecconi said that once paid off, the loan is closed.

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.**

### COMMITTEE ACTION

- M-2 Ms. Gleba moved to repay the Tax Anticipation Note plus year-to-date accrued interest in the amount of \$354,335.14. 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.**

- M-3 Mr. Bowers moved to accept the bid of Morton Salt for bulk delivery of road salt to the Borough in the amount of \$51.40 per ton delivered. This is through a joint bid with the SHACOG. Second by Mr. Hellett.**

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.**

- M-4 Mr. Wilson moved to appoint Jennifer Gleba as the alternate delegate to the tax commission. She will be replacing President Schaefer. Second by Mr. Hellett.**

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer thanked Ms. Gleba for taking over and said she will pass on the information she will need.

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.**

### CODE ENFORCEMENT

A lengthy discussion of Code Enforcement in the Borough took place. Ms. Schaefer mentioned that the General Government Committee usually works with the code officer, but that this is also a crossover with Public Safety. She questioned why the Borough is enforcing 2003 codes instead of the more relevant 2009 codes.

Borough Manager Cecconi said that the 2009 code has not been adopted, by the Borough. He said that the Committee needs to talk about this.

A discussion of sidewalks in the Borough and what to do about them ensued.

Mr. Cecconi then talked about the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association using flexible paving and the fact that they offer grants. The flexible material allows the water to go through, leaving no water between the concrete and the dirt, providing a better long-term solution.

Noting that the enforcement is difficult, Mr. Hellett gave a history of the code enforcement in Edgewood.

#### **WATER AUTHORITY REPORT**

Mr. Fuller reported that 26,800 of 44,000 meters to be installed are completed.

#### **VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

No representative of the Fire Department was available, but Mr. Cecconi stated that the Department will be cooking chicken and ribs at Community Day.

#### **RECREATION REPORT**

Mr. Cecconi said that Movie Night has been good. Several of the children were noisy and loudly popped the empty popcorn bags. Mr. Cecconi also informed Council of the new temporary banner on the goalposts at Koenig Field. This project was led by Councilman Bowers.

A full schedule is in place for Community Day, according to Mr. Cecconi.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

Ms. Waldock had no report.

#### **COG REPORT**

Mr. Hellett reported that the COG did not meet.

#### **LIBRARY REPORT**

Ms. Waldock said that the Library is developing a new policy that in order to use their meeting rooms there will be a charge. Discussion also ensued regarding commercial vs. non-profit for free use of the space. Ms. Waldock mentioned that the Regional Asset District formula did pass.

Ms. Gleba stated that the final payment to the Library was discussed at the General Government meeting and that the final payment may not be a complete one.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Barry informed Council that his associate, Mr. Worner, will attend the August 16, 2010 meeting. He also spoke to the conversation at the last meeting regarding the General Government Committee doing something different as far as tax collection. He indicated that Mr. Cecconi sent him a sample ordinance. In further explanation, Mr. Barry said that the tax collector does not file suit against individuals personally and

if someone does not pay their real estate taxes, what typically happens is that a lien is placed against the property.

According to the real estate tax collection law, stated Mr. Barry, the Borough can file a lawsuit for the person's other assets for the past five years

Mr. Barry offered to prepare an ordinance.

To Ms. Gleba's question regarding of Earned Income Taxes (EIT), Mr. Barry offered to pursue how these might be collected.

### **BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Cecconi stated that bid documents for garbage and recycling collection have been given to Committee and the Solicitor for review.

As for the Train Station, all funds have been spent.

Allegheny County stated that our winter storm reimbursement has been approved.

The fence at the rear gate at the Towne Centre has been replaced.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Hellett scheduled a Personnel Committee meeting for August 23, 2010 at 6:00.

Speaking of the Nixle system, Mr. Hellett noted that they recommend that the only people who should have access are the Borough Manager, the Police Chief and the Fire Chief. Mr. Hellett said people can sign up at Community Day.

A discussion of Nixle and whether this is considered "open record" information took place. It was Ms. Waldock's impression that this was not and stated that the law is currently written.

Mr. Hellett said that as fee services are developed, the Borough only subscribes for no-charge items.

**M-5 Mr. Wilson moved to lift the ban on the use of alcoholic beverages for personal use only (adults 21 years and older) and not to be sold on the premises on August 28, 2010, Community Day. Second by Ms. Gleba.**

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer explained to Council that during the Community Day festivities, the firefighters have people who do not drink to answer calls. Council, according to Ms. Schaefer, is not promoting, advocating or selling alcohol. Giving the history of the celebration, she went on to say that there are residents who drink during that day. She said there are responsible groups of individuals who care about the safety of the residents.

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.**

Mr. Bowers noted that a tree service would be doing training on how to, when to and what to cut as far as tree trimming.

Ms. Waldock asked why a crossing guard is running the light in the middle of summer. She said that this needed to be revisited as there is no traffic.

**ADJOURNMENT**

M-6 Following an Executive Session which lasted from 9:15 PM to 11:12 PM, it was moved by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Ms. Gleba to adjourn this meeting at 11:13 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.**

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Warren Cecconi  
Borough Manager