

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
INDEX TO THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

	MOTION	PAGE
Adjournment	8	7
Bills	1	2
Junior Councilperson, Motion to Offer (Hanna Brouman)	3	3
Memorandum of Understanding, Motion to Sign (City of Pittsburgh Natural Gas Purchase) (Withdrawn & Restated)	4	3, 4
Memorandum of Understanding, Motion to Sign (City of Pittsburgh Natural Gas Purchase)	5	4
Parking Ordinance, Motion to Authorize Preparation and Advertising	6	4
Resolution 2010-41 (Municipal Winter Traffic Services Agreement)	2	2, 3
Sleepover in the Park, Motion to Approve (Edgewood Foundation)	7	4

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010**

Council Vice President Hellett called the Meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, September 7, 2010 at 7:36 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.

President Schaefer was absent.

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

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. McDonald of East Swissvale Avenue read from a prepared statement regarding the departure of Mr. McCartney, crossing guard at the Edgewood Elementary School. He and his family gave thanks to Mr. McCartney for caring about the job he did. He expressed that he will be missed.

Ms. McGregor of Walnut Street mentioned that it was her understanding that Mr. McCartney had a medical issue. She then asked Council for a second time for a copy of the response to Judge Mariani's request regarding the Citizen's Police Academy and Judge James McGregor. She asked that the response be made a part of the public record, as was the request.

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 \$47,144.76 from the General Fund and \$2,404.41 from the Sewer Fund. 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; Ms. Schaefer was absent. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Bowers offered Resolution 2010-41 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Wilson.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2010-41

(Municipal Winter Traffic Services Agreement)
(See copy attached)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi explained that this was a follow-up to the original contract.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett voted yes; Ms. Schaefer was absent. **Resolution Passes.**

- M-3 Ms. Gleba moved to offer the Junior Councilperson position to Hanna Brouman, effective with the September 20, 2010 meeting. Second by Ms. Waldock.**

DISCUSSION: Ms. Gleba said that both students seemed to be excellent candidates who participated in many school activities and felt that both were interested in the position. Both, according to Ms. Gleba, are from active families, also.

Mr. Hellett mentioned that both had parents who were on Council at some point.

Ms. Gleba asked that Council members offer ideas for projects for the Junior Councilperson.

Mayor Davin said that since Council is reconstituting the Recreation Board, this might be a good way to get the perspective from the Junior Councilperson.

Ms. Waldock mentioned that Mr. Cecconi had found a site where surveys could be done and she felt this was a good project to aid in developing a questionnaire.

Mr. Bright asked about the student taking part in committee meetings.

Mr. Hellett asked that a letter of congratulations be sent to Ms. Brouman and a letter to Mr. Bilyak should reflect that Council hopes that he applies next year.

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

- M-4 Ms. Gleba moved to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to participate in the City of Pittsburgh Natural Gas Purchase and to authorize the Borough Manager to sign any documents. Second by Mr. Wilson.**

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi said this is similar to what was done with the electric purchase. The letter received states that a motion should be passed to reflect that we will accept this Memo.

Mayor Davin had questions regarding Attachment A, mentioned in the letter, but not attached to the current document. She said she would be interested in receiving a copy of the terms and conditions.

At this point, the motion and second were withdrawn and the motion was restated as follows:

- M-5 Ms. Gleba moved to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to participate in the City of Pittsburgh Natural Gas Purchase and to authorize the Borough Manager to sign any documents, pending review and approval of Attachment A by Solicitor Barry. 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; Ms. Schaefer was absent. **Motion carried.**

- M-6 Mr. Bowers moved to authorize Solicitor Barry prepare and advertise a parking ordinance. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi explained that this ordinance will be prepared according to what has been agreed to with Borough Council and this will be advertised. He answered Mayor Davin's inquiry regarding fees by stating that fees will be reviewed and a fee resolution will be done.

A discussion followed regarding how to notify residents of any change.

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

- M-7 Mr. Wilson moved to approve the Edgewood Foundation holding a "Sleepover in the Park" from September 25-26, 2010. Second by Ms. Gleba.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

No representative of the Fire Department was available to give a report.

RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Cecconi reported that 150 applications were received for soccer. The T-ball and softball seasons are completed.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Ms. Waldock had nothing to report.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Fuller missed last month's meeting. He reported that there have been 47 water main breaks in the last month. He also reported that the Authority is \$200,000 over budget for 2010, but the revenues are up by \$205,000.

Wilkesburg will be the test market for new billing procedures, according to Mr. Fuller. A discussion then ensued regarding shut off procedures.

Mr. Fuller reported that Edgewood's delinquency rate is very low as compared with other communities.

Recalling that the reason the Water Authority was not used for billing previously was due to signing on with Pennsylvania Municipal Services (PAMS), it was Mayor Davin's opinion that Council should revisit this arrangement due to the current complaints regarding PAMS.

Mr. Fuller noted that PAMS is always a quarter behind in their billing and Wilkesburg Penn Joint Water Authority billing is done on a current month basis.

Solicitor Barry brought up the issue of notice to terminate any agreement currently held with PAMS. He felt there was a 90 day requirement to end the agreement.

Mr. Fuller stated that the general manager of the Water Authority would be happy to come in and do a presentation.

COG REPORT

Mr. Hellett reported that the COG did not meet, but will start again this month.

LIBRARY REPORT

Ms. Waldock said that the Library has not met since the last meeting, but is scheduled to meet at the end of the month.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Barry said that the Executive Session would involve litigation.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cecconi noted that the SI Contracting and writ of execution would be discussed in Executive Session.

He reported that Community Day went well and that he met with Dr. Andrews and Ms. Lehrian about next year. A notice will be published in October regarding a November 10 meeting at 7:30 for people interested in participating in the planning for next year. The Foundation is not interested in taking over Community Day. Mr. Cecconi said that he received one negative comment regarding Community Day.

The bid for garbage and recycling collection will be opened September 27, 2010.

Mr. Cecconi met with Mr. Felter of Citizens Bank regarding debit or credit cards for payment of fees for the Borough.

The samples for the parking permits are available, according to Mr. Cecconi.

There has not been a meeting with the guards and Mr. Cecconi is still waiting to hear from SEIU.

Regarding the Edgewood Towne Centre Parcel D, Mr. Cecconi talked with Ms. Honeck of Phillips Edison regarding the price of the parcel.

Mr. Barry recalled that there were two separate bids previously, one being \$500,000. Mr. Barry said that this would have to go through a public bidding process.

Mayor Davin asked if there is a mechanism by which the property could be turned over to a commission so that the Borough is no longer involved to which she was answered in the negative by Mr. Cecconi, who cited that there are certain requirements and exceptions to be considered.

Mr. Cecconi thought that there could be a negotiated lease on the land for 100 years; however, Mr. Barry said that if this was structured as a lease instead of a sale, there is no requirement to go through a bid process.

Mr. Barry said that this discussion needed to take place in Executive Session.

With regard to the Zambelli fireworks, Mr. Cecconi spoke with Mr. Damian regarding the pricing for the 2011 Community Day.

While agreeing that the fireworks are popular, Ms. Waldock noted that streets are not being paved, but the Borough is spending \$5,000 for fireworks. This led to a conversation regarding obtaining sponsorships. Mr. Cecconi said that this is the idea for organizing a committee.

NEW BUSINESS

A major discussion ensued regarding informing residents of possible garbage fees and the mechanism by which to do this.

Ms. McGregor asked to make two comments, those being that the Edgewood Police Department acted quickly at Edgewood Towne Centre during a recent gun battle and Chief Payne handled himself well and secondly, that Edgewood worked with Swissvale and brought down a murderer. She stated that these issues were significant and that the officers should receive credit.

A Public Safety Committee meeting was scheduled for September 13, 2010 at 6:00 PM and the next Council meeting will be September 20, 2010 at 7:30 PM.

Ms. Gleba left at 9:12 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

M-6 Following an Executive Session which lasted from 8:48 to 9:50 PM, it was moved by Ms. Waldock and seconded by Mr. Wilson to adjourn this meeting at 9:51 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Warren Cecconi
Borough Manager