

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
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CALL TO ORDER

President Schaefer called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7: 40 PM in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer.

Mayor Hellett, Solicitor Barry, and Junior Council Person Hanna Brouman were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PROCLAMATION-Hanna Brouman-** At this time Mayor Hellett asked Hanna to step forward. Mayor Hellett then read the following Proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION 2011-03**

**WHEREAS**, in April 2006 the Edgewood Borough Council established a Junior Councilperson Program in Partnership with the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs (PSAB), and in the 2010-11 school year, selected Hanna Brouman as the fifth Junior Councilperson in the Borough of Edgewood; and

**WHEREAS**, she was willing to serve the community in this capacity, faithfully attending Council meetings from September, 2010 through June, 2011 and demonstrated an interest in the community and represented the Borough well at several official functions and devoted some 40 volunteer hours to her position.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Wednesday, June 8, 2011 is proclaimed **HANNA BROURMAN DAY** in honor of her service to the youth of this community and to the Borough at large.

**PROCLAIMED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2011 by the Mayor of the Borough of Edgewood.

After the proclamation by Mayor Hellett Council President Schaeffer then presented Hanna with a plaque recognizing her service to the Borough as a Junior Council Person

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Angel Lehrian-Edgewood Foundation- reported the following:

1. On May 22, 2011 the Edgewood Foundation held its annual senior brunch. This brunch honored 15 high school seniors from the Borough. A tribute video for the seniors was shown to Council. Ms. Lehrian pointed out that many of the activities depicted in the video aren't happening anymore. The Foundation feels strongly that Edgewood promote a strong community. She urged the Council when making decisions to remember to build community.
2. Over the weekend of June 3<sup>rd</sup> the Edgewood Foundation weeded Edgewood Avenue. The effort took six hours.
3. Brinton Road Clean up will be held on June 11, 2011 between 9:00 AM-11:00AM
4. The Foundation is excited to participate in the upcoming Community Day, and will draw up specific plans for their involvement over the next month.

President Schaefer thanked the Foundation for all they do and asked how fundraising efforts were going for the Foundation. Ms. Lehrian responded that giving was on par, and the Wine and Chocolate fundraising event produced 40% more profit this year than in the previous year.

Ruth Pickering  
416 Locust Street

Ms. Pickering stated she wished to reinforce Ms. Lehrian's comments about building community, and said the Edgewood Foundation is an important force in the community that deserves our support. Ms. Pickering said she would like more public notice for hearings. She would like to be in attendance for public hearings to consider the positives on what additions to the Edgewood Center complex would have on the Borough.

President Schaefer stated that the public hearing is publicized according to all laws and policies, and that two publications of the hearing ran in a local newspaper, as well as a notice of the hearing being posted in the Borough Building.

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, from the General Fund, in the amount of \$83,087.41 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$17,576.50 for a total of \$100,663.91, Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION-None

Upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldoock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Gleba presented Ordinance #1036. Ms. Gleba then read the ordinance into the record.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE 1036**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE BASIC SEWAGE SURCHARGE RATE AT FOUR DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS (\$4.70) PER ONE-THOUSAND (1,000) GALLONS OF WATER USED AND ANY COLLECTION COSTS APPLICABLE TO THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

**SECTION 1:** That the Borough of Edgewood increases the basic service rate of three dollars and seventy cents (\$3.70) per one-thousand (1,000) gallons of water used and any collections costs applicable to the Borough of Edgewood to four dollars and seventy cents (\$4.70) per one-thousand (1,000) gallons of water used and any collections costs applicable to the Borough of Edgewood. This increased rate applies to all properties which use the Borough of Edgewood sanitary sewer system, including any properties not situated in the Borough of Edgewood.

**SECTION 2:** The increase will be effective with the 2nd quarter billing of 2011, which will have a due date in October 2011.

**SECTION 3:** Any Ordinance or any part of any ordinance, in conflict herewith is repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 4:** It is the intention of Borough Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be part of the Codification of Ordinances of the Borough of Edgewood and that said Codification shall be amended and supplemented accordingly.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

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Warren Cecconi  
Borough Manager

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Patricia M. Schaefer  
Council President

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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Mal Hellett, Mayor

Ms. Gleba stated that the rate raise was unfortunately necessary. Sewer issues were discussed in the current newsletter, and more information would be published in the next newsletter as well. The EPA consent order requires that changes be made, and funds must be available for these changes.

Mr. Barry suggested a change to the language of the sentence "That the Borough of Edgewood increases the basic service rate of three dollars and seventy cents (\$3.70) per one-thousand (1,000) gallons of water used and any collections costs applicable to the Borough of Edgewood to four dollars and seventy cents (\$4.70) per one-thousand (1,000) gallons of water used and any collections costs applicable to the Borough of Edgewood" to "That the Borough of Edgewood increases the basic service rate from existing rate of three dollars and seventy cents (\$3.70) to four dollars and seventy cents (\$4.70) per one-thousand (1,000) gallons of water used and any collections costs applicable to the Borough of Edgewood."

President Schaefer stated that a number of the Borough's sewers are located under highway 376, particularly sewers with low ratings. The Borough has worked on Race Street and Greendale Avenue sewers through a PENNVEST grant. She stated that the Borough has been ahead of the curve in regards to GIS mapping of its sewer system, which was conducted under a consent order for the Nine Mile Run

drainage Basin, which occurred prior to the most recent DEP consent order. President Schaefer stated that much more work needs to be done, and in order to do that work, funds are needed. She stated that the DEP consent order is unfunded, so the Borough must make up the difference. The Borough of Edgewood's sewer rates are not as high as some municipalities, and not as low as others, but she believes the municipalities with low rates will soon be raising them as well.

Ms. Gleba stated that the sewer fund is kept separate from the Borough's general fund, and so the surcharge money goes directly to fixing sewer problems.

President Schaeffer asked for approval of first reading. Upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried.**

M-2 Mr. Bright made a motion to advertise ordinance 1036 in newspaper for public comment, Second by Mr. Fuller.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-3 Mr. Fuller moved to hire Joey Andrews as part time summer help for the public works department. He will be paid \$8.00 per hour with no other benefits, Second by Mr. Bowers.

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

M-4 Ms. Waldock moved to hire Jarred Kier as part time police officer contingent on passing physical, physiological test and obtaining a MPOETC number. He will be paid \$11.00 per hour, Second by Mr. Fuller

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

M-5 Mr. Wilson moved to table resolution 2011-12, Second by Mr. Bowers.

Discussion: Solicitor Barry stated that he spoke with Mr. Kozar, and he agreed to an extension of time since the public hearing was on the same evening as the public meeting, so that Council would not feel rushed in making a decision. Solicitor Barry thought June 25<sup>th</sup> would be adequate time, and the matter could be reconsidered on June 20<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Solicitor Barry thanked Mr. Kozar for working with the Borough on this matter.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Halle of the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department stated that 40 calls were placed in the month of May, which is extremely busy. The Department has four new members, all of whom are participating in drivers training. He noted that this training means more vehicles will be seen out on the streets. Mr. Halle stated that the Fire Department plans to participate in Community Day by selling chicken wings and french fries.

Mayor Hellett asked Mr. Halle if the issue with Penn Hills EMS has been straightened out.

Mr. Halle explained to Council that an accident occurred at the Monongahela ramp to highway 376 that required extraction. The Edgewood Fire Department showed up first, took command and began the extraction. The closest ambulances to respond to the accident were from Penn Hills. When the ambulances arrived, a disagreement began about who was in command of the accident scene. Mr. Halle stated that this escalated into a situation where Edgewood Volunteer Firefighters were manhandled by the Penn Hills EMS workers. Mr. Halle said he is in the process of setting up meetings with Penn Hills to discuss the incident. Assault charges might be filed against the Penn Hills EMS workers. Mr. Halle said the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department believes they were in the right to take command of the scene until state police arrived.

Mr. Fuller asked if a report was made with the state. Mr. Halle said that it had.

President Schaeffer said that it's an asset to have experienced drivers, as it saves on insurance, and believes the driver training currently underway is a good thing. She stated that the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department is always good about budgets, and makes efforts to not idle their vehicles to waste gas money.

RECREATION REPORT

Manager Cecconi stated that baseball season is ending soon, and girls softball and t-ball is underway. He stated that a database is currently being worked on to track the ages of participants and anticipate numbers for the next season. It will also help determine how many players are from outside of Edgewood.

Manager Cecconi stated that there are still openings on the Recreation Board, so he is looking for members. Recreation Board meetings are being held at the Field House.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Water Authority Meeting- Mr. Fuller reported the following:

The Water Authority is working on bond refinancing.

There has been no movement on the union contract.

The meter and MXU replacements are underway, and the first book should be complete by the end of next month.

**COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT REPORT**

Mr. Wilson reported that the COG is working on gas drilling requirements and tool rental expansion.

The annual CONNECT meeting will occur on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wilson will not be able to attend.

The COG's Chief of Police meetings are still ongoing.

**LIBRARY REPORT**

Ms. Waldock had nothing to report.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Ms. Waldock reported that the Planning Commission met on May 19, 2011. The Commission is still looking for one or two more members. The Commission agreed to meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Borough Building. The meeting addressed the history of the Commission, and agreed it would like to be more active in the future.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Barry reviewed two documents: a memorandum of understanding between the Borough and Woodland Hills School District and a vehicle towing agreement.

Ms. Waldock stated that the memorandum of understanding with the School District was discussed last year, but never signed. Her concern is with a new section that outlines how reports will be prepared by the Edgewood Police Department. Ms. Waldock believes this will add to the Chief's work in writing the report.

Solicitor Barry stated that he will meet with Police Chief Payne and make a recommendation on how to proceed with the memorandum for the next meeting.

President Schaefer suggested that Chief Payne bring up the issue at the COG's Chief of Police meeting to see if others have dealt with similar documents.

Mr. Barry stated that Edgewood Borough tries to work with the Woodland Hills School District, and that in the past similar memorandums have been signed when the Borough believed them to be appropriate.

Ms. Waldock stated that she does not wish the Council to rubberstamp the agreement, but not signing might mean the Police Department would be limited in its dealings with the School District.

Mr. Barry stated that he will discuss the memorandum with Chief Payne.



**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Cecconi stated that the refinishing of the doors to the Borough Building has been complete, and the new doors are now on the building.

Manager Cecconi said the Borough would again host Movie Nights using the same procedure as last year, where only one entrance and exit is available for use, making security less of an issue. Backpacks will be checked, and an additional police officer would be stationed at Greendale Avenue during the movie time.

Mr. Fuller asked if closing gates so as to have one main exit would cause problems if there were an emergency situation. Manager Cecconi said the gates are not padlocked closed, and can be used as emergency exits.

Manager Cecconi said that the Borough had previously applied for an energy grant to retrofit the Borough Building's lighting. The grant was a 50% match. Council had previously decided to hold off on applying for the grant to determine the resources available later in the year for window replacement and furnace repairs. After speaking with Allegheny County, Manager Cecconi stated that grant money may not be available if the Borough waits longer. The Council told Manager Cecconi to proceed with the lighting grant.

Manager Cecconi stated he had nothing further to report

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Bright stated that residents on Lincoln Avenue are concerned about access to the railroad tracks across from the library. No barrier exists between the tracks and the library. Council asked Solicitor Barry to write a letter to Norfolk Southern, including pictures and maps of the area in question.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session was called at 9:15 to discuss ordinance 1036.  
The session ended at 10:02 PM

**M-6 ADJOURMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Ms. Gleba to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10: 08 PM

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

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Warren Cecconi, Borough Manager