

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

President Schaefer called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:35 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 and Solicitor Barry were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Alina Keelber -Regent Square Civic Association

Ms. Keebler, current President of the Regent Square Civic Association, wanted to set a meeting date with Council to discuss development ideas for the property purchased by Giant Eagle for a GetGo. Ms. Keebler stated that the RSCA will be meeting with Giant Eagle representatives on January 17, 2012. President Schaefer stated that the new Council would be reorganizing in January and establishing work lists for the Council Committees through February.

Josie Ulrich -1046 East End Avenue

Ms. Ulrich stated that she is also a member of the Regent Square Civic Association and looks forward to meeting with the Council to have more detailed discussions.

Ed Cook -329 Locust

Mr. Cook reported on the activities of the Edgewood Foundation. He stated the Foundation would host a retreat in January and a Progressive Dinner in February. The Foundation was currently sponsoring a clean-up of the Parkway ramp. Mr. Cook said the Foundation had problems with the mailing of its annual donation letters, saying the postal service returned a large number of letters claiming the addresses were vacant.

M-1 Ms. Gleba moved to approve the minutes of November 21, 2011. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: None

President Schaefer asked that those in favor signify by responding "aye" and those opposed signify by responding "nay;" the following responded aye: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer. Motion carried 7-0.

M-2 Ms. Gleba moved to approve the minutes of December 5, 2011. Second by Mr. Bowers.

DISCUSSION: None

President Schaefer asked that those in favor signify by responding "aye" and those opposed signify by responding "nay;" the following responded aye: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried 7-0.**

- M-3 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 \$72,037.68 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$99,232.73 for a total of \$171,232.73. Second by Mr. Fuller.**

DISCUSSION: None

President Schaefer asked that those in favor signify by responding "aye" and those opposed signify by responding "nay;" the following responded aye: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried 7-0.**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Ms. Gleba reported that the interest rate on the TAN loan for 2012 was very similar to the interest rate on the TAN loan for 2011. Ms. Gleba also reported that starting in 2012, the General Government committee would like to place a "Council Action Notes" section on the Borough website, which would provide timely brief updates on Council activities.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Hellett stated that the Borough would lift its parking ordinance from 3:00 A. M. on December 24, 2011 until 5:00 A.M. on January 3, 2012 in order to accommodate friends and family visiting Borough Residents. Mayor Hellett read the highlights of the safety report and explained the categories and statistics on the report.

Chief Payne stated that Watch Children signs would be placed at two locations on Elmer Street. He also said "No Commercial Parking" signs would be placed at the lower and upper lots of the Edgewood Towne Center.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Ms. Waldock said the committee did not meet, and she had nothing to report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Fuller said the committee did not meet, and asked Solicitor Barry when there would be action on Parcel D. Solicitor Barry responded that he would have it completed by the end of the week.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Fuller said the committee did not meet.

President Schaefer said she had not received a response from Swissvale Borough about repairs on LaCrosse Street.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mr. Wilson had nothing to report.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Bowers had nothing to report.

PENSION

Mr. Bright said the pension committee had not met, but that the actuaries had responded to the committee's questions. Mr. Bright distributed copies of the responses to Council, and said the pension committee would meet in January to review the document.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

INTERCOUNCIL

Mr. Wilson said the COG did not meet.

3 RIVERS WET WEATHER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT/CONNECT

President Schaefer said that the ALCOSAN sewer panel was working diligently and there will be many difficult decisions coming up about the region's wet weather issues. She stated that a Solicitor's meeting would take place in January. President Schaefer reported that participating CONNECT members had received a federal solar grant to develop municipal zoning ordinances addressing solar power generation.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Barry reported on two updates made to the Civil Service Code. First, background checks are no longer required for individuals on the certified list and second, physical and psychological examinations are no longer mandatory, but rather discretionary. Solicitor Barry believed these changes were not of major concern.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Cecconi reported that fall leaf collection was complete, and that trimming was occurring on trees in Memorial Park. He reported that that Borough Christmas luncheon would be on December 23rd at noon in the Borough Building. Manager Cecconi said the off-street parking lot spaces would be assigned on December 20th, and that repairs on the Borough Building roof were ongoing. Manager Cecconi said that one entire route's newsletters were not delivered, and that he was trying to work out the bulk mail issues with the postal office.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Waldock said that the library board met on December 5, 2011. She said the board was moving forward to fill the two seats Council had rescinded. A discussion followed regarding the legal procedure for the rescinding of the Borough Council's board seats.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Ms. Gleba moved to adopt the 2012 budget. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Manager Cecconi said that the budgets had been advertised and made available for comment.

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

M-5 Second Reading of Ordinance 1039

Ms. Gleba read the following ordinance into the record:

ORDINANCE 1039

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012

Second by Mr. Wilson

DISCUSSION: None

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

M-6 Third Reading of Ordinance 1039

Ms. Gleba read the following ordinance into the record:

ORDINANCE 1039

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012

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 a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all real property, within said Borough subject to taxation for Borough purposes for the fiscal year 2012 as follows:

Tax rate for general Borough purposes, the total of eight and one hundred sixty-one thousandths (8.161) mills on each thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

1 mill = \$1.00 for every \$1,000 assessment
8.161 mills = \$8.161 for every \$1,000 assessment

SECTION 2: That any ordinance, or part thereof, conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same is affected by this Ordinance.

Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-7 Ms. Schaefer made a motion to enact Ordinance No. 1039.

DISCUSSION: None

President Schaefer asked that those in favor signify by responding "aye" and those opposed signify by responding "nay;" the following responded aye: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer. Motion carried 7-0.

M-8 Ms. Gleba moved to hold the reorganization meeting on January 3, 2012 at 7:30 PM in the Borough Building and advertise the same. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: None

President Schaefer asked that those in favor signify by responding "aye" and those opposed signify by responding "nay;" the following responded aye: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Gleba read the following resolution into the record:

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2011 - 19

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood has approved the budget for the 2012 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood has established the salaries for those employees not covered by a bargaining unit.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Edgewood Borough Council hereby authorizes staff salary increases of three percent (3%) for the fiscal year 2012 for those employees listed below:

Warren Cecconi
John Antolovich
Jeremy Kunkle
Judy Mysels
John Whalen

Julie Bastianini
Bruce Ruffing
Mike Artman
Justin Naranjo
Paul Nye

Christine Manges
Jim Wissman
Douglas Greer
Nichole Augustine

ADOPTED THIS THE 19th day December 2011 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

M-9 Ms. Gleba moved to adopt Resolution 2011-19. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None

President Schaefer asked that those in favor signify by responding "aye" and those opposed signify by responding "nay;" the following responded aye: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Ms. Gleba read the following resolution into the record:

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2011 - 20

Setting Meeting Dates for 2012

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Edgewood recognizes the importance of scheduling all public meetings throughout the year beginning in January; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Edgewood acknowledges that all meetings are open to the Public in accordance with the Sunshine Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following schedule be established:

Borough Council:	First and Third Monday of every month; if the meeting day is a national holiday, the meeting will be held the following day.
Planning Commission:	Fourth Tuesday of every month.
Recreation Commission:	First Wednesday of every month, at Koenig Fieldhouse.
Zoning Hearing Board:	Upon demand.
Committee Council Meetings or Committee of the Whole:	Second, fourth, and fifth Monday of every month, as needed.
Civil Service:	Upon demand.

All meetings will convene at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers (unless otherwise specified above), Edgewood Borough Building, 2 Race Street, Edgewood, Pennsylvania.

The Borough will advertise all meetings and changes to the meetings, if legally required, in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette or the Pittsburgh Tribune Review.

ADOPTED THIS THE 19th day December 2011 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

M-10 Ms. Gleba moved to adopt Resolution 2011-20. Second by Mr. Bowers.

DISCUSSION: None

President Schaefer asked that those in favor signify by responding "aye" and those opposed signify by responding "nay;" the following responded aye: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried 7-0.**

President Schaefer addressed the Council members whose term on Council was expiring. She thanked them for their committed service to Edgewood Borough. President Schaefer said books would be donated to the library in honor of Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, and Mayor Hellett.

M-11 It was moved by Ms. Waldock and seconded by Ms. Gleba to adjourn at 8:55 pm .

DISCUSSION: None.

President Schaefer asked that those in favor signify by responding "aye" and those opposed signify by responding "nay;" the following responded aye: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried 7-0.**



Warren Cecconi, Borough Manager