

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING – AGENDA March 5, 2012**

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|     | CALL TO ORDER   | Ms. Schaefer |
|     | ROLL CALL   | Mr. Cecconi  |
|     | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  |              |
|     | ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR  |              |
| 1.  | AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS  | Ms. Gleba    |
| 2.  | COMMITTEE ACTION  |              |
|     | 1113 S. Braddock Avenue - Transfer of a Liquor License<br>Motion to hold Public Hearing | Dr. Wallace  |
|     | Resolution # 2012 - 24 - Junior Council Person  | Ms. Gleba    |
|     | ESW-Part-Time - Motion to Hire-<br>Steve Halle & Jared Amos                             | Mr. Fuller   |
|     | Edgewood Newsletter   | Ms. Gleba    |
|     | <b>BUSINESS MEETING</b>   |              |
| 1.  | VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT  | Mr. Halle    |
| 2.  | RECREATION REPORT   | Mr. Cecconi  |
| 3.  | WATER AUTHORITY REPORT  | Mr. Fuller   |
| 4.  | PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT  | Mayor Cook   |
| 5.  | COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT REPORT  | Mr. Wilson   |
| 6.  | LIBRARY REPORT  | Mayor Cook   |
| 7.  | BOROUGH SOLICITOR   | Mr. Barry    |
| 8.  | BOROUGH MANAGER   | Mr. Cecconi  |
| 9.  | NEW BUSINESS  |              |
| 10. | EXECUTIVE SESSION   |              |
| 11. | ADJOURNMENT   |              |



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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD  
March 5, 2012**

Council President Schaefer called the Meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 7:34 PM in the Municipal Building.

**ROLL CALL**

Borough Manager Warren Cecconi called the roll and the following responded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Dr. Wallace, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer.

Mayor Cook and Solicitor Barry were also present.

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

M-1 Ms. Gleba read Resolution 2012-24. Second by Mr. Wilson.

**RESOLUTION 2012-24**

**WHEREAS**, the Edgewood Borough Council recognizes the importance of youth participation with regard to Borough activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Edgewood Borough Council created a Junior Council position with Resolution 2006-26 on April 17, 2006; and,

**WHEREAS**, applications were accepted and candidates were interviewed for this position.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Anna Evashavik be appointed as a Junior Councilperson per the terms outlined in Resolution 2006-26.

**ADOPTED THIS** the 5th day of March, 2012 at the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

**DISCUSSION:** None

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Dr. Wallace, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion Carried.**

**OATH OF OFFICE**

I, Anna Evashavik, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and that I will discharge the duties of my appointed office for the Borough of Edgewood with fidelity.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED

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BEFORE ME THIS 5th DAY OF MARCH 2012 }

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Mayor J. Edward Cook

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

**Heather Scott - 1217 East End Avenue**

Ms. Scott spoke to Council about her opposition to the GetGo station on S. Braddock Avenue. Ms. Scott stated her concerns about hours of operation and criminal behavior. Ms. Scott discussed zoning ordinances she believed the GetGo station violated, including the ordinances involving portable signs and business signs. Ms. Scott stated that she brought these concerns to the building inspector, and six days later two portable signs were removed. Ms. Scott also stated that she believed favoritism was being shown to GetGo. President Schaefer asked Manager Cecconi to see to it that all ordinances are equally enforced. Manager Cecconi said he would see that the Borough continues to do what they legally are able to do to enforce the ordinances.

**Ruther Pickering - 416 Locust Street**

Ms. Pickering discussed the borough ordinance requiring concrete on driveways and sidewalks. She provided addresses that she believed violated the borough ordinance. Ms. Pickering noted the driveway shared by 431 and 433 Maple Avenue, the driveway across from 127 Linden Avenue, and the driveways at 112 Elm Street, 225 W. Swissvale Avenue and 233 W. Swissvale Avenue. Manager Cecconi stated that the Code Enforcement Officer was doing a survey of the driveways and sidewalks in the Borough and would make sure that the properties Ms. Pickering listed were included.

President Schaefer stated that Council understood the importance of code enforcement and is working toward hiring a residential code officer.

**Amy Andrews - The Edgewood Foundation**

Dr. Andrews distributed the Edgewood Foundation's Annual Report to Council and the Mayor. Dr. Andrews commented that the Foundation was fiscally sound and on track, as it has been for every year of its existence.

**Scott Leatherbery - 1129 East End Avenue**

Mr. Leatherbery stated that he was happy to hear that the trees removed along East End Avenue would have their stumps ground out and would be replaced with more appropriate urban trees.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

**M-2** 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 \$51,780.97 from the General Fund and \$4,262.94 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$56,045.91. Second by Dr. Wallace.

DISCUSSION: None

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Dr. Wallace, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE ACTION

- M-3** Dr. Wallace moved to advertise a public hearing at 7:00 pm on March 19, 2012 to receive public input on Root174's request to transfer a liquor license to their restaurant, located at 1113 S. Braddock Avenue. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: None

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Dr. Wallace, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

- M-4** Mr. Fuller moved to hire Steve Halle and Jared Amos as part-time Emergency Service Workers on an as needed basis. Starting wage will be \$10.51 per hour. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: Manager Cecconi said both were certified volunteer firefighters approved by the fire chief.

The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Manager Cecconi stated that another applicant would be needed to staff the ESW desk. Solicitor Barry stated that the motion for all hires of the same job classification needed to be uniform.

Mr. Fuller rescinded his motion. Mr. Wilson rescinded his second.

- M-5** Mr. Fuller moved to rescind the previous vote to hire Steve Halle and Jared Amos.

The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

- M-6** Mr. Fuller moved to establish a policy where offers of employment to emergency service workers were contingent upon passing a physical examination, drug test and background check.

The following responded with an aye vote: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer. The following responded with a no vote: Dr. Wallace. **Motion carried.**

- M-7** Mr. Fuller moved to hire Steve Halle as a part-time Emergency Service Worker on an as needed basis, contingent upon passing a physical examination, drug test and background check.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Wallace asked what qualified "passing" a physical examination. Solicitor Barry stated that physicals needed to be job-related, and that requiring drug testing for a specific job needed a clear reason for this requirement. He stated his belief that the emergency service worker job indeed had reasons for requiring a drug test, and the company administering the physical examinations had a copy of the job description.

The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

- M-8** Mr. Fuller moved to hire Jared Amos as a part-time Emergency Service Worker on an as needed basis, contingent upon passing a physical examination, drug test and background check. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None

The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

- M-9** Mr. Fuller moved to hire Adam McDermott as a part-time Emergency Service Work on an as needed basis, contingent upon passing a physical examination, drug test and background check. Second by Ms. Gleba.

DISCUSSION: None

The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Gleba discussed the Edgewood newsletter and acknowledged that it was well read by residents and important to the community. She stated that the Council believed more timely information could be presented to residents by improving upon the Borough's website and reducing the newsletter publication to six times per year. Ms. Gleba cited the increased costs associated with publishing and distributing the newsletter, and that most municipalities who publish a newsletter only do so quarterly.

- M-10** Ms. Gleba moved to change the publication of the Edgewood Newsletter from ten times a year to six times a year. Second by Mr. Wainright.

DISCUSSION: None

The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

##### **VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Halle discussed the fire department's plans to hold a Citizen's Fire Academy.

##### **RECREATION REPORT**

Manager Cecconi said basketball would be ending soon. He said the recreation board would hold its next meeting Wednesday March 7, 2012 at 7:30 PM at the Koenig Field House. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 31, 2012.

##### **WATER AUTHORITY REPORT**

Mr. Fuller reported that the Water Authority was reviewing its pension plans. Mr. Fuller stated that Mr. Russo would be resigning as General Manager of the Water Authority as of June 1, 2012. Ms. Gleba stated that the billing change for water and sewer being on one bill would occur in April.

##### **COG REPORT**

Mr. Wilson reported that the COG dinner had taken place.

##### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

The planning commission had not met.

##### **LIBRARY REPORT**

Mayor Cook had nothing to report.

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

Solicitor Barry said he would have matters to discuss in executive session.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Cecconi stated that the new community directories had been delivered to residents. He reported the field work section of the financial audit had been completed. Manager Cecconi said he would be meeting with representatives from Peoples Gas Company to discuss a review of the design of their proposed work in the Borough.

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Schaefer scheduled a Committee of the Whole meeting for Monday, March 26, 2012 at 7:00 PM in order to discuss code enforcement issues.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session was called at 8:45 PM to discuss personnel matters.  
The session ended at 10:40 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**M-11** It was moved by Dr. Wallace and seconded by Mr. Bright to adjourn at 10:42 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Warren Cecconi  
Borough Manager