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President Schaefer called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:31 pm in the Municipal Building.

#### ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Wainright, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer.

Mayor Cook and Solicitor Barry were also present.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

# Matt Divelbiss -327 Chestnut Street

Mr. Divelbiss reported on behalf of the Edgewood Foundation. He said 135 residents attended the Wine and Chocolate Affaire. He said the Foundation was focusing on its end of year fundraising, and encouraged residents to consider the Edgewood Foundation in their year-end giving. He also said that the Progressive Dinner would take place on February 27th with RSVPs due February 12th.

## Charles Chislaghi -124 Maple Ave.

Mr. Chislaghi lives across from the Edgewood Elementary School, and commended the police department on the good job they do during normal school drop off hours. He was concerned, however, about the time between 9 am and 10:30 am, when he said parents are still dropping off children, but that they drop off all over the street and children do not use the crosswalks. He also said that cars will park against traffic in front of the school to drop off children, which he believes creates a safety concern. Mayor Cook said he would discuss this matter with Chief Payne.

M-1 Mr. Wainright moved to approve the minutes of November 16, 2015. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Wainright, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried.** 

Mr. Wainright moved to approve the minutes of December 7, 2015. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: None

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Wainright, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried.** 

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

Mr. Wainright 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 \$47,515.71 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$311,847.30 for a total of \$359,363.01. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Wainright, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried.** 

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT** Mr. Wainright said the bill list contained a quarterly payment to ALCOSAN, as well as a payment for the sanitary sewer project. He said in 2015, the Borough had collected about 97% of its real estate taxes, and that the revenues and expenses for the year were consistent with the budget.

**POLICE REPORT** Mayor Cook said that, as usual, at this time of year there is an increase in shoplifting and domestic disputes.

PUBLIC SAFETY Mr. Fuller said the committee did not meet.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** Mr. Wilson said the committee met to discuss Parcel D, and a timeline for progressing toward putting the property up for bid.

PUBLIC WORKS Mr. Wilson said the committee did not meet.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Mr. Wilson said the committee did not meet.

**PERSONNEL** Mr. Fuller said the committee did not meet.

PENSION Mr. Fuller said the committee did not meet.

### AD HOC COMMITTEES

**3 RIVERS WET WEATHER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT/CONNECT** Ms. Schaefer said 3RWW continued discussions with ALCOSAN. Ms. Bastianini said the CONNECT executive committee met in December to discuss the City of Pittsburgh's Resiliency Efforts.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** Mr. Barry said he worked on a rental agreement for Parcel D with ABC studios, who used the lot while filming in the area. He said he had reviewed the TAN, and if approved by Council, the closing date would be January 4, 2016.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT Ms. Bastianini said the grant the Borough and Swissvale applied for jointly was recommended for funding by the Southwest Pennsylvania Commission staff. The Board would vote on funding the project at its meeting on January 25th. She said the Borough was working with Republic Services on ensuring all handicap backyard collections were in the system. She also invited Council and the Mayor to attend the Borough's holiday luncheon at 11:30 am on Thursday, December 24th.

**NEW BUSINESS** 

None

**COMMITTEE ACTION** 

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE, SERIES 2016 WITH THE TERMS SET FORTH IN THE FOREGOING AND ATTACHED CERTIFICATE AND TRANSMITTAL; APPROVING A FORM OF NOTE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FILING OF PROCEEDINGS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY OF THE NOTE; MAKING CERTAIN FEDERAL INCOME TAX COVENANTS IN RESPECT OF THE NOTE; ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE NOTE; AND REPEALING INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS.

Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bastianini said the loan was for \$350,000 and the Borough received an excellent interest rate. Mr. Fuller said in previous years the Borough had been able to pay off the loan early, saving money on interest and highlighting the sound fiscal decisions of the Borough. Ms. Schaefer thanked Council and staff for putting the Borough in a position to be approved for the loan at such a good rate.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Wainright, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried**.

M-10 Mr. Wainright read the following resolution:

# BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD RESOLUTION 2015-12

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 at 7:00 pm.

Zoning Hearing Board:

Upon demand.

**Committee Council Meetings:** 

Second and Fourth Monday of every month, as

needed.

**Civil Service Commission:** 

Upon demand.

All meetings will convene at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers (unless otherwise specified above), in the Municipal Building, 2 Race Street, Edgewood, PA.

The Borough will advertise all meetings and changes to the meetings, if legally required, in the <u>Pittsburgh</u> <u>Tribune Review</u>.

**ADOPTED** the 21st day of December, 2015 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Wainright, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried**.

M-11 Mr. Fuller moved to hire Jonathan Smeltzer as a part time emergency service worker pending the passage of a drug screen and physical examination. His pay will be \$10.61 per hour. Second by Mr. Wainright.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bastianini said the Borough would be losing two emergency service workers, and that Mr. Smeltzer was an experienced firefighter and EMT.

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

Mr. Wilson moved to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare bid documents for a salt storage facility, and to advertise the proposed project. Second by Mr. Wainright.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bastianini said the proposed budget and engineering costs were included in the Borough's 2016 budget.

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

Executive session was called at 8:08 pm to discuss personnel. The session ended at 8:25 pm.

M-13 It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Mr. Wainright to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Julie P. Bastianini, Borough Manager