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# BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 7, 2015

President Schaefer called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:30 pm in the Municipal Building.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Bright, Dr. Wallace, Mr. Wainright, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer.

Mayor Cook and Solicitor Barry were also present.

#### PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None

## **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, in the amount of \$50,721.64 from the General Fund and \$4,880.49 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$55,602.13. Second by Mr. Fuller

DISCUSSION: Mr. Wainright said the Borough's expenses were generally on track for 2015. The notable exceptions were the McKay Street wall and the repairs to the Koenig Fieldhouse boiler.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Dr. Wallace, Mr. Wainright, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer. Motion carried.

# **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Mr. Wainright moved to have the 2016 Proposed Budget available for public review starting December 8, 2015. It will be available on the Borough website, in the C.C. Mellor Library and in the Borough Office. Second by Dr. Wallace.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bastianini said the budgets were the result of work by the general government committee, budget workshops with full Council, and input from department heads. Ms. Schaefer thanked Borough staff and council for their hard work on the budget.

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

Mr. Wainright moved to hold a public hearing on the proposed 2016 budget on December 21, 2015 starting at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers and to advertise the same. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: None

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

Mr. Wainright made the first reading of the following Ordinance:

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

ORDINANCE 1055

# AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016

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

<u>SECTION 1</u>: 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 2016 as follows:

Tax rate for general Borough purposes, the total of seven and one hundred eighty five thousandths (7.185) mills on each thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

1 mill = \$1.00 for every \$1,000 assessment 7.185 mills = \$7.185 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.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED** into law this 21st day of December, 2015. Second by Dr. Wallace.

DISCUSSION: None

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

Mr. Wainright moved to advertise the 2016 proposed tax ordinance. Second by Dr. Wallace.

DISCUSSION: None

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

Mr. Fuller read the following resolution:

### **RESOLUTION 2015 - 10**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO AN UPDATED INTERIM CONSENT ORDER AND AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CONCERNING ALLEGED SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS RELATED TO THE BOROUGH'S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE BOROUGH TO EXECUTE THE INSTANT CONSENT ORDER AND AGREEMENT AS NEGOTIATED WITH THE REGULATORS.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood (hereinafter the "Borough") owns and/or operates a sanitary sewer system which conveys sanitary sewage and/or industrial waste from within or through the Borough's geographic borders directly or indirectly to sewerage facilities owned and operated by the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (hereinafter "ALCOSAN"); and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection (hereinafter "Department") for itself and on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (collectively, the

"Regulatory Agencies") has presented the Borough with a Consent Order and Agreement concerning alleged Sanitary Sewer Overflows in or related to the Borough's sanitary sewer system: and

WHEREAS, a true and correct copy of the Consent Order and Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer and the Borough Attorney have reviewed the subject of the Consent Order and conclude that it is in the Borough's best interest that it execute the Consent Order and Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 26 of the Consent Order and Agreement generally provides that the individuals who sign the Consent Order and Agreement on behalf of the municipality must be specifically authorized to do so by a resolution approved by the governing body of the municipality.

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. THAT, the statements set forth in the preamble of this Resolution are specifically incorporated herein.
- 2. THAT, the Consent Order and Agreement presented by the Department (as set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto) is approved, and execution thereof is authorized. The President of the Council and the Borough Secretary may execute the Consent Order and Agreement on behalf of the Borough.
- 3. THAT, the Borough Manager and designated professionals, as necessary, are authorized to proceed with the tasks required of the Borough pursuant to the Consent Order and Agreement.
- THAT, the proper officers, officials, and agents of the Borough are authorized to take any and all appropriate actions to effectuate this Resolution.
- 5. THAT, if any provision of this Resolution shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Resolution; said provision shall be excluded while the Resolution shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.
- 6. THAT, any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Resolution is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Resolution.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD ON THIS 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015. Second by Mr. Wainright.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bastianini discussed the two year consent order agreement, and the requirements it placed on the Borough. She said signing this order would mean the Borough will exit its existing Nine Mile Run Watershed Consent Order. She said the order requires a source flow reduction study within 18 months of executing the Order, and a source flow demonstration project within one year of executing the order.

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

Mr. Wainright moved to update the Dickson Park Master Plan in the Borough's Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan to include Pashek Associates plan for the park dated November 2015. Second by Mr. Fuller. DISCUSSION:

Ms. Bastianini discussed the yearlong process of updating the park plan. Ms. Schaefer thanked the Community Services committee and the residents who championed this effort.

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

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

<u>VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT</u> Mr. Reynolds said the Department had 67 calls in November, which was its busiest month this year. He said this is likely due to the drop in temperature and furnaces being turned on for the first time. He said the Department would hold elections in December, and that Luminary sales were underway.

**RECREATION REPORT** Ms. Bastianini said that Light Up Edgewood Night was a big success, with about 70 people attending. She thanked the Edgewood Foundation and Volunteer Fire Department for making the event possible. She said youth basketball registrations were still being accepted, and that there were 53 kids signed up to play.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller said there would be a 5% increase in WPJWA's water fees in 2016, which are in addition to the 11% ALCOSAN increase. He said the labor contract expires in January.

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Cook said the commission did not meet.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** Solicitor Barry said he had a report for executive session.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT Ms. Bastianini said leaf collection was over in the Borough. She said 2016 parking passes were currently on sale. She also said the garbage and recycling transition to Republic Services was underway, and that residents should expect to see information mailed to them next week,. The information is also available on the Borough website.

NEW BUSINESS Mayor Cook lifted the parking ban in the Borough from December 23rd through January 4th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION was called at 8:00 pm to discuss personnel. The session ended at 8:31 pm.

M-8 It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Mr. Wainright to adjourn at 8:31 pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Julie P. Bastianini, Borough Manager