

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA – MONDAY OCTOBER 3, 2016**

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| | CALL TO ORDER | Ms. Schaefer |
| | ROLL CALL | Ms. Bastianini |
| | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | |
| | ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR | |
| 1. | AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS | Mr. Wainright |
| 2. | COMMITTEE ACTION
<i>Motion to Hire Geotechnical Engineering Firm</i> | Mr. Wilson |
| | BUSINESS MEETING | |
| 3. | VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT | Mr. Reynolds |
| 4. | RECREATION REPORT | Ms. Bastianini |
| 5. | WATER AUTHORITY REPORT | Mr. Fuller |
| 6. | PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT | Mayor Cook |
| 7. | COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT REPORT | Mr. Wilson |
| 8. | BOROUGH SOLICITOR | Mr. Barry |
| 9. | BOROUGH MANAGER | Ms. Bastianini |
| 10. | NEW BUSINESS | |
| 11. | EXECUTIVE SESSION | |
| 12. | ADJOURNMENT | |

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS – MR. WAINRIGHT

I move 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 \$68,831.54 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$9,279.32 for a total of \$78,110.86.

MOTION TO HIRE ACA ENGINEERING – MR. WILSON

I move to hire ACA Engineering to conduct a geotechnical engineering investigation on Mifflin Avenue in order to evaluate the roadway and slope area to determine remedial options. The estimated cost is \$8,945.

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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 3, 2016

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, Mr. Wainright, Mr. Wilson, Dr. Petrola, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer.

Mayor Cook and Solicitor Barry were also present.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Ron Ruppen – CLASS 1400 S. Braddock Avenue

Mr. Ruppen is the facility manager at the CLASS building on S. Braddock Ave and a member of the Regent Square Association's Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Committee. He thanked Edgewood and Swissvale Boroughs for applying for a TAP grant, and asked that the committee be involved in the planning meetings for the grant. He also said that he understands the Borough's position about installing a crosswalk across S. Braddock Avenue at Sanders Avenue, but hopes that the traffic engineers involved in the TAP grant can reassess this intersection. Ms. Schaefer thanked Mr. Ruppen, and said that the topography at this intersection makes it an unsafe location to install a crosswalk. She said that the Borough has asked the Regent Square Civic Association in the past to help engage businesses in the area in a campaign to encourage patrons to use the crosswalk at W. Hutchinson, and said she hopes they will continue this effort. She said the Borough is committed to making S. Braddock Avenue as safe as possible.

Alina Keebler – Regent Square Civic Association

Ms. Keebler passed out copies of the Southwest Pennsylvania Commission's Road Safety Audit of South Braddock Avenue. She asked that bulb outs be installed at the Sanders intersection. She also said that installing signs directing pedestrians to another intersection was discouraging to pedestrians.

Francisco Escalante – Regent Square Civic Association

Mr. Escalante stated the he believes the status quo at the Sanders intersection is not okay, and that residents of Regent Square would be very happy if a crosswalk was installed at the Sanders intersection across S. Braddock Avenue. He also stated that he would like to see bulb outs installed.

Paul Heckbert -104 Washington Street

Mr. Heckbert said he thinks it is foolish not to have a crosswalk at the Sanders intersection. He also suggested installing a traffic signal for vehicles at this location. He said that he believes the businesses in Regent Square would benefit from this.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 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 \$68,831.54 from the General Fund and \$9,279.32 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$78,110.86. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Wainright said the bill list included about \$1,100 in property tax refunds, as well as approximately \$21,000 payment of state aid to the volunteer fire department.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Wilson moved to hire ACA Engineering to conduct a geotechnical engineering investigation on Mifflin Avenue in order to evaluate the roadway and sloped area to determine remedial options. The estimated cost is \$8,945. Second by Mr. Wainright.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bastianini said three responses were received from geotechnical engineering firms, and that all three were qualified firms who had worked with the Borough's engineers on past projects. ACA was the least expensive option.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Mr. Reynolds said that the department had 35 calls last month. He said that they had to pump out one basement on Greendale Avenue during the heavy rainstorms. He said the department administered Narcan on opioid overdose patients two times in September. Mr. Reynolds said the department was happy to participate in Oktoberfest, and was hoping to reschedule the fall hayrides.

RECREATION REPORT Ms. Bastianini reported that soccer was underway, and that the Borough was pricing signage for Dickson Park, as well as receiving estimates for fencing of the Dickson Park Dog Run. Mayor Cook said that the Borough's Administrative Assistant Jessica Kaushansky is doing a wonderful job with the graphic design for Borough and recreation flyers, newsletter and signs.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller said the Authority completed its lead testing. Of the 52 samples taken, only two exceeded the measurements for lead. Mr. Fuller pointed out that these samples were at locations that are known to have lead pipes. He said that customers can now pay their bill by phone, and there is a \$2.15 charge for this service. He said that the Authority is still hoping to replace the McKelvey main line, and if it does not happen this year it will occur in 2017.

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Cook said the commission did not meet.

COG REPORT Mr. Wilson said the commission did not meet.

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

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT Ms. Bastianini said that work has begun on the 2017 budget, and that the Borough is working to have all employees enrolled by the new health care provider well ahead of the January 1st start date. She said MS4 training for Borough staff would occur on October 4th. She said that Eastern Area Prehospital Services would be administering free flu shots at the Borough Building on October 13th from 4-8 pm.

NEW BUSINESS Chief Payne said that he would like to advertise for hiring part time police officers. He said a full time officer is still out due to injury, and one of the part time officers would be leaving for a full time job offer elsewhere.

EXECUTIVE SESSION was called at 8:06 pm to discuss litigation. The session ended at 8:47 pm.

M-3 It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Dr. Petrolla to adjourn at 8:48 pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

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


Julie P. Bastianini, Borough Manager