

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA – MONDAY DECEMBER 5, 2016**

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| | CALL TO ORDER | Ms. Schaefer |
| | ROLL CALL | Ms. Bastianini |
| | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | |
| | ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR | |
| | OATH OF OFFICE –JASON PETRI | Mayor Cook |
| 1. | AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS | Mr. Wainright |
| 2. | COMMITTEE ACTION | |
| | 2017 Operating Budgets - Motion to Adopt | Mr. Wainright |
| | 2017 Tax Ordinance 1059 – 2nd & Final Readings | Mr. Wainright |
| | Resolution 2016-26: 2017 Public Meeting Dates | Mr. Wainright |
| | Resolution 2016-27: 2017 Wages | Mr. Fuller |
| | Change Order #1 | 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 \$72,796.03 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$0 for a total of \$72,796.03.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2017 BUDGET – MR. WAINRIGHT

I move to adopt the 2017 General Fund Budget, 2017 Sewer Fund Budget and 2017 Liquid Fuels-Fund Budget.

MOTION TO ACCEPT CHANGE ORDER #1 – Mr. WILSON

I move to approve Change Order #1 to the Borough's Contract with A. Liberoni, Inc, for the 2016 Roadway Improvement Project in the decreased amount of \$42,222.18 for the adjustment of in-place quantities.

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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 5, 2016

President Schaefer called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:32 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 None

OATH OF OFFICE Mayor Cook administered the following oaths of office.

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Jason Petri, 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 Police Officer for the Borough of Edgewood with fidelity.

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 \$72,796.03 from the General Fund and \$0 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$72,796.03. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Wainright said this included a final payment on the 2016 road paving program, and year end payments of gasoline stipends to the volunteer fire fights and uniform cleaning to the police officers.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Wainright moved to adopt the 2017 General Fund Budget, 2017 Sewer Fund Budget and 2017 Liquid Fuels Fund Budget. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer said the budgets had been made available for review, and that a public hearing was held to provide residents the opportunity to address Council about the budget.

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

M-3 Mr. Wainright read the following ordinance for the Second time:

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

ORDINANCE 1059

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017

Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer said that there would be no tax increase in 2017.

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

M-4 Mr. Wainright made the final reading of the following ordinance

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
ORDINANCE 1059**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017

Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-5 Ms. Schaefer then asked "Shall this ordinance pass?" Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Mr. Wilson, Dr. Petrolla, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried.**

M-6 Mr. Wainright read the following resolution:

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
RESOLUTION 2016-26**

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:

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| 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 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

ADOPTED the 5th day of December, 2016 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

Council Meeting Dates 2017

January	3*	17*
February	6	21*
March	6	20
April	3	17
May	1	15
June	5	19
July	3	17
August	7	21
September	5*	18
October	2	16
November	6	20
December	4	18

*Tuesday due to holiday.
Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: It was pointed out that the January 3rd meeting will be on a Tuesday because the New Year's holiday is observed on Monday, January 2nd.

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

M-7 Mr. Fuller read the following resolution:

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
RESOLUTION 2016-27**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood has approved the budget for the 2017 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 2017 for those employees listed below:

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| Jared Amos | John Antolovich | Janet Gerber |
| Steven Halle | Joseph Mahoney | Brandon Mahr |

Paul Nye

Robert Payne

Bruce Ruffing

Jonathan Smeltzer

Louis Sloan

Thomas Theilacker

Garett Wagner

James Wissman

And a salary increase of ten percent (10%) for the fiscal year 2017 for Julie Bastianini, and a salary increase of \$1/hour for Jessica Kaushansky.

ADOPTED THIS THE 5th day December, 2016 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.
Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-8 Mr. Wilson moved to approve Change Order #1 to the Borough's contract with A. Liberoni, Inc. for the 2016 Roadway Improvement Project in the decreased amount of \$42,222.18 for the adjustment of in-place quantities. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bastianini described the changes.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Mr. Halle said that the department participated in fire education classes at the Edgewood Primary, and taught over 400 children about fire safety. He said luminarias are currently on sale, and that the department elected officers for 2017 with all current officers being reelected.

RECREATION REPORT Ms. Bastianini reported on a successful Light Up Edgewood, and said youth basketball registration forms were due on December 7th.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller said the authority approved a budget for 2017 with no increase in water rates, and that the authority approved a new labor agreement. He said the replacement work on McKelvey Avenue would be bid in January.

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Cook said the commission did not meet.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Barry had nothing to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT Ms. Bastianini said she would be meeting tomorrow to review the geotechnical investigation done on Mifflin Avenue, and would have a recommended course of action to present to Council afterward. She discussed the ALCOSAN municipal update meeting, as well as the Western Pennsylvania School for

the Deaf's commitment to community meeting in which the Mon/Fayette Expressway was discussed. She said leaf collection would wrap up this week, and that December 6th began the new garbage and recycling collection schedule in Edgewood, with both being collected curbside on Tuesdays.

NEW BUSINESS President Schaefer read the following into the record:

As a service to its Planning Partners, the **Southwestern PA Commission (SPC)** has developed a Road Safety Audit program as part of its Transportation Operations & Safety planning efforts. An RSA is a proactive process that provides recommendations which can be implemented in stages as time and resources permit.

The aim of the RSA is to answer the following questions:

- What elements of the road may present a safety concern
 - to what extent,
 - to which road uses, and
 - under what circumstances?
- What opportunities exist to eliminate or mitigate identified safety concerns?" (RSA Report, 2014)

In a response to the Regent Square Civic Association's request, Edgewood Borough and Swissvale Borough actively participated in an RSA, which occurred in April 2014. The Boroughs provided all crash data, previous police studies of the area, and made employees/officials available for RSA key person interview. The RSA team performed its audit of the roadway by looking at traffic patterns during morning and evening peak hours, off-hours, and at night to determine how the roadway is used under different circumstances. Additionally, the team walked and drove the roadway to gain a practical understanding, and interviewed community members including members from the Regent Square Civic Association. Borough Council received results from the audit and agreed with the majority of the recommendations for the sections of S. Braddock that Edgewood owns.

In fall 2015, the SPC made grant funding available for its Transportation Alternatives Program. The Boroughs of Edgewood and Swissvale believed this grant would allow for the implementation of many of the RSA recommendations and agreed to submit a joint application for grant funding. The grant application totaled \$479,500.00 and addressed pedestrian and bicycle improvements recommended in the RSA.

The application was to update all intersections on S. Braddock Avenue

- to have ADA compliant ramps,
- install stamped concrete crosswalks at existing crosswalk locations,
- up-to-date pedestrian crossing signals,
- bicycle safe storm sewer grates,
- electronic speed minder signs,
- signage directing pedestrians to crosswalks.

All of these items were recommended in the RSA. Edgewood and Swissvale were happy to learn in February 2016 that the grant application had been accepted. The Federal Highway Administration levied the grant money and the bid letting must be conducted via the PennDOT system. The Boroughs solicited proposals for a traffic engineer to prepare the bid specifications since the grant funding did not cover initial engineering. Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) was selected for this work and are currently working on the bid specs.

Major changes to the construction plan cannot occur since the grant has already been awarded. Grant money will be used for the purposes outlined in the application.

The preamble to the petition circulated on Change.org stated that Edgewood and Swissvale Councils were banning people and forbidding people from crossing at Sanders even though there was a rather long discussion during a Council meeting about the safety concerns due to the topography and that previous traffic studies did not recommend designating a crosswalk there because of driver sight issues. At that time, Edgewood Council stated that signs would be placed referring people to the designated cross walk for safety reasons. It was acknowledged that people do and will cross where ever they want including the middle of the block between parked cars.

The petition's preamble implied and later on Edgewoodswissvaleslopes [Edit: this is a reference to a social media community website called NextDoor.com] it was commented that with the "plan" the two Councils were focused only on traffic (choosing traffic) over pedestrians and local businesses. And a statement was made that the RSC supported the petition. Nowhere was the grant mentioned; that the two neighboring municipalities had worked together and with the Regent Square Civic association on the Roadway Safety Audit and that a specific crosswalk across S. Braddock at Sanders was not part of the recommendations.

The Council members of Edgewood and Swissvale are dedicated to our communities and this region. We live here as your neighbors and friends. We raise our families here.

So I'm going to share with you some of the things your council members have worked on.

- In support of businesses Edgewood revised its restaurant ordinance to permit outdoor dining.
- Mr. Wainright wrote a Food Truck ordinance for our local businesses and it was passed by Council.
- We have worked with Swissvale and Rankin on a comprehensive plan for Edgewood Avenue to the waterfront.
- We revised the Park and Rec. Comprehensive Plan so that we could work on a designated dog area.
- We are member of CONNECT and the Turtle Creek valley COG.
- When there were a series of robberies in Regent Square Edgewood, Swissvale, Wilkinsburg and the City of Pittsburgh worked together to quickly restore safety and order.
- When PennDot was going to meter our access ramps to the parkway, we worked together with Senator Costa and CE Rich Fitzgerald to recognize the impact of shaving five minutes of commuters' time would have on our communities.
- And we intend to further cooperation with joint bidding shared street repairs.

These are some of the things we're doing and have done with due diligence on what could and should be done in taking our elected office and governance seriously. None of these things were done for traffic... but for the safety and quality of life for the residents of our communities.

Now, sometimes due diligence brings information such that we can't do what is popular because what is popular is not the right thing for community safety-- and what seems to be a "simple fix" isn't always so simple. To that end, our intent always is to do the right thing the right way for the right reason.

We acknowledge that the Road Safety Audit did not address a designated crosswalk at Sanders. And, we have not designated a crosswalk there under the advice of *past* traffic studies. We also know that changes have occurred in our neighborhood with the addition of more local restaurants along S. Braddock Avenue and that the attraction of a walkable urban community is something to be supported.

Now, we can't amend the awarded grant; we certainly aren't going to turn away \$479,500 of improvements.

But, we don't have to work within an "either/or" premise. We believe we can work on an "And" here.

So in response to our residents, and to make sure that we can designate a safe crosswalk at Sanders, Council agreed to reach out to Swissvale to do a joint traffic study specifically on the safety of a crosswalk at Sanders; and passed a motion to permit the Borough Manager to get a cost estimate for a traffic study from CEC using the information we already have with the RSA to address these questions:

- Would a crosswalk at Saunders be safe?
- If so, how could we optimize the safety of putting one there?
- Can we secure funding for those safety measures? Requesting grants, funding available.
- And if the answer is no— we will have all done our due diligence in response to the residents of Edgewood and Swissvale

M-9. Mr. Fuller moved to authorize the Borough manager to work with Swissvale Borough to solicit quotes for a traffic engineering study of the S. Braddock Ave and Sanders Street intersection. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: A discussion followed about the potential need for a traffic study. Dr. Petrolla asked about spending money to study an area that had already been studied. Ms. Schaefer said she hoped the study would look at whether conditions had changed in the area.

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

M-10 It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Dr. Petrolla to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

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



Julie P. Bastianini, Borough Manager