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Council President Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, May 7, 2007 at 7:34 PM in the Municipal Building.

**ROLL CALL**

Borough Manager Kurt Ferguson called the roll and the following responded: Mr. Cook, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer.

Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady and Mr. Szefi were absent.

Mayor Jean O. Davin, Solicitor W. Timothy Barry and Junior Councilperson Emily Bush were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING BUSWAY MURAL PRESENTATION FOR WILKINSBURG STATION**

Ms. Schaefer introduced Kyle Holbrook, Director of the Martin Luther King East Busway Mural Project.

Mr. Holbrook made a presentation to Council regarding the murals which would be painted from Downtown to Swissvale, including the Wilksburg station, celebrating 250 years of the city of Pittsburgh. Mr. Holbrook shared representative sketches which could be voted on by Edgewood residents.

At Mr. Ferguson's urging, Mr. Holbrook talked about how the sketches will be painted on surfaces that would withstand attempts at defacing and on which the paint would last 15-25 years. Mr. Holbrook also mentioned that by May 20, 2007, the youth will be chosen who will participate in this project. He mentioned that insurance covering the youth would be purchased through the Hill House.

Following questions by Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Holbrook explained that none of the walls in Edgewood would require the children to be on the Busway.

Mr. McNally asked if all issues have been finalized with the Port Authority and was answered in the affirmative. He also had questions regarding the coating in the pedestrian tunnel and whether this would be used on the Busway. He was answered in the negative. Mr. Holbrook stated that Manor Hall polyurethane would be used and is not as caustic as what was used in the tunnel.

Ms. Schaefer expressed that this was a wonderful opportunity for expression and celebration.

Mr. Hellett asked how the art pieces were selected and Mr. Holbrook indicated that the overall theme was Pittsburgh: Past, Present and Future and that an advisory board narrowed down the choices.

Two artists who attended the Council meeting showed their pieces and gave background information for them.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

M-1 Mr. McNally 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 \$119,104.47. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Cook, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

M-2 Mr. McNally moved to authorize the payment of property tax refunds in the gross amount of \$3,655.55 as reviewed by the Tax Collector to the property owners and in the amounts designated by the Tax Collector, which owners and amounts are listed in the minutes of this meeting.

NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
Clarence & Rosemary Steiner	118 Maple Avenue	\$236.01
Janet Reed Williams & Carol Mullen	113 McKay Street	\$115.54
Adrian Perrig & Xiaodong Song	1439 Walnut Street	\$169.72
David & Margot Stafford	180 Gordon Street	\$104.44
Mark Lowe & Nancy Marion	163 Rockwell Lane	\$898.22
Robert & Stacy Parker	161 Oakview Avenue	\$110.32
James & Tennille Gillespie	158 Lloyd Avenue	\$101.19
Suzanne Elliott	210 Beech Street	\$801.61
Venkat & Geeta Mantha	198 Dewey Street	\$1,169.13

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Cook, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carried.

- M-3 Mr. Hellett moved to authorize Lennon Smith Souleret Engineers to perform tasks associated with EPA Phase II NPDES annual report and stormwater sampling. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer stated that this is being done to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency mandate.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Cook, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carried.

- M-4 Mr. Hellett moved to hire Michael Wilkins as a temporary part-time laborer in the Edgewood Borough Public Works Department pending a successful medical examination at a pay rate of \$7.25 an hour effective May 8, 2007. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: Solicitor Barry asked if medical examinations are given to all Public Works employees and Mr. Ferguson indicated that examinations are given to all employees hired.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Cook, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carried.

- M-5 Mr. McNally moved to purchase the Borough's Merlin Legend phone system at a total cost of \$501.79. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Cook, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carried.

- M-6 Mr. McNally moved to approve the financing of a 2008 Ford F-350 pick-up truck, which has a total cost of \$22,237, with Municipal Leasing Consultants for a five-year period at a rate of 5.61%. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Barry stated that Mr. Ferguson had sent him all the paperwork for this and everything was in order.

To Mr. Barry's inquiry, Mr. Ferguson stated that the purchase was being made through the SHACOG, approval for which was given in February.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Cook, Mr. McNally, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carried.

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

### **VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Volunteer Fire Department President Laird stated that CERT training is scheduled beginning May 23, 2007 with CPR training at the Borough Building. A \$15,000 grant has been

received from Senator Costa and has been used to purchase a spreader and cutter for the Hurst tools used to cut people from cars, as well as to purchase items which are required on the truck.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer thanked Mr. Laird for the work the Department does.

### **WATER AUTHORITY REPORT**

Mr. Fuller stated that an audit report was reviewed at their last meeting. A pension investment consultant will be hired to review the Authority's return on its investment. The plan in place, according to Mr. Fuller, dates back to 1939 and is at a rate of 3.75%. He stated that water lines will be plotted on company maps and will indicate breaks.

DISCUSSION: Mr. McNally had questions regarding the auditors and consultants being used and Mr. Ferguson asked about the current pension managers.

Mayor Davin inquired about breaks which had occurred on Hawthorne Street and spoke about planned resurfacing. Mr. Ferguson said that this has been coordinated with Mr. Russo.

### **RECREATION REPORT**

Borough Manager Ferguson stated that the scoreboard should be installed this week and will be mounted on steel beams next to the large field.

Edgewood Day at PNC Park will be held on July 8, 2007 with the Pirates playing the Chicago Cubs. This will be "sunglass day" for the children. Mr. Ferguson indicated that groups of people will be able to sit together.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer passed on a suggestion made to the Recreation Department that, for safety purposes, a cooler on wheels should be used so that people are not walking on the field while the kids are playing their game.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Mr. Ferguson informed Council that he had spoken with Mr. Grubb and no meeting is anticipated, but members were being encouraged to attend the Comprehensive Plan meeting.

DISCUSSION: None.

### **COG REPORT**

Mr. Hellett passed out information he received at this meeting and stated that the COG had a great turnout at the Seven Springs meeting in April. Mr. Hellett then gave information on the CDBG program and the Turnpike Commission.

DISCUSSION: None.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Barry said that he had no separate report.

DISCUSSION: None.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Ferguson presented the updated Zoning and Subdivision ordinances and reported on the RFP for Edgewood Avenue, which is due May 25, 2007. He stated that he has received phone calls and requests from six (6) firms and is anticipating a competitive process for this RFP.

According to Mr. Ferguson, the crossing guard contract expires December 31, 2007 and it will soon be time to sit down for negotiations. He explained that Edgewood pays the guards and then the School District reimburses the Borough 50% of those costs.

Mr. Ferguson then talked about meetings with Mr. Dalessandro and Nationwide Provident, the Comprehensive Plan meeting on May 17, 2007 at Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, and street paving, which begins in June.

DISCUSSION: Mr. McNally asked that all prospective companies for the revitalization project be advised of the date, time and place of the Comprehensive Plan meeting in case they want to educate themselves further.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A Community Services meeting was set for May 29, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Davin reminded Council of the Foundation's Senior Brunch on May 20, 2007 at the Edgewood Club. She also stated that she and Ms. Schaefer will attend the Mayors' Dinner on May 17, 2007 and stated that Edgewood is the host community. Ms. Schaefer will give the prayer before the dinner and the group wants someone to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Davin asked that another person or two attend the meeting and also said that she would speak for Edgewood. She stated that the head of the Port Authority will be the guest speaker.

Ms. Schaefer invited Council members to the annual Parkway planting on May 19, 2007 at 9:00 AM. She also reminded Council of the Comprehensive Plan meeting on May 17, 2007 and the Senior Dinner on May 20, 2007.

According to Ms. Schaefer, an Executive Session is scheduled tonight regarding a personnel issue, but no action is contemplated.

Ms. Schaefer then talked about an intercouncil ad hoc meeting of the COG regarding sharing resources such as obtaining sanitation contracts, public works equipment and group health insurance. Ms. Schaefer explained that this is not an official organization as yet, but does work with the COG and is run somewhat like the Three Rivers Wet Weather Demonstration Project. The organization will also be reaching out to the various borough managers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

M-7 Following an Executive Session which lasted from 8:40 PM to 9:27 PM, it was moved by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. McNally to adjourn this meeting at 9:28 PM.

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Kurt Ferguson  
Borough Manager