

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
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Council President Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, September 4, 2007 at 7:34 P.M. in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

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

Mr. McNally was absent.

Mayor Davin and Solicitor W. Timothy Barry were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Ms. McDonald 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 \$25,423.24. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Ms. McDonald read Resolution 2007-26 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Cook.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2007-26

WHEREAS, the Edgewood Borough Council recognizes the importance of youth participation with regard to Borough activities; and

WHEREAS, the Edgewood Borough Council created a Junior Council position with Resolution 2006-26 on April 17, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, applications were accepted and candidates were interviewed for this position.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reese McArdle be appointed as a Junior Councilperson per the terms outlined in Resolution 2006-26.

ADOPTED THIS the 4th day of September 2007 at the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

Borough Secretary

Council President

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer asked Mr. Ferguson to give Mr. McArdle a copy of this Resolution.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. Cook, Mr. Szefi, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Resolution Passes.

Ms. Schaefer called Mayor Davin forward to preside over the Oath of Office for the Junior Councilperson and the Mayor called Mr. McArdle forward.

**OATH OF OFFICE
September 4, 2007**

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

Oath of Office

I, **REESE MC ARDLE**, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I WILL SUPPORT, OBEY AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND THAT I WILL DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF JUNIOR COUNCILPERSON WITH FIDELITY.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE }
ME THIS 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2007 }

Mayor Jean O. Davin

Ms. Schaefer said that Mr. McArdle will be an excellent Jr. member of Council and will have an opportunity to attend and participate in various committee meetings and to learn as much as possible. Mr. Ferguson was asked to supply Mr. McArdle with a copy of the Borough Code.

Ms. Schaefer then announced that there would be an Executive Session following New Business with an expectation that action will be taken.

M-3 Ms. McDonald read Ordinance 1020 on Third and Final Reading and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Cook.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 1020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING HANDICAPPED PARKING AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION FOR SPACE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: 449 MORRIS STREET

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by Council for the Borough of Edgewood, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of same as follows:

SECTION 1. One handicapped parking space shall be created at the curb line of **MORRIS STREET** in front of **449 MORRIS STREET** in the Borough of Edgewood to be marked and used for a handicapped parking space; and

SECTION 2. The handicapped parking space shall be permitted upon issuance of a permit by the police of the Borough of Edgewood for a period of one year and upon the expiration of one year to be submitted and reevaluated by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood for approval for an additional year with the process to continue from year to year until the handicapped need is removed or the premises are sold; and

SECTION 3. In the event that there is no longer a need for a handicapped space or in the event that the property has been sold, the handicapped parking permit shall be removed

and all signs indicating space shall be removed; and

SECTION 4. Any person who shall violate any provision of this ordinance by parking in said handicapped space without proper handicapped identification shall upon conviction thereof be sentenced to pay a fine and costs in accordance with the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code 75 Pa. CSA Section 3354; and

SECTION 5. Any Ordinance, or any part of any Ordinance, in conflict herewith is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of Borough Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become part of the Codification of Ordinances of the Borough of Edgewood and that said Codification shall be amended and supplemented accordingly.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 4th day of September 2007.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

Kurt M. Ferguson
Borough Manager

Patricia M. Schaefer
President of Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 4th day of September 2007.

Jean O. Davin
Mayor

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer explained that a handicapped space is in front of a particular residence number, but is not owned by the particular resident. She also asked Mr. Ferguson if there is a running list of the various handicapped spaces and when they are to be renewed and received an affirmative answer.

Mr. Hellett had a question regarding whether anyone with a handicapped placard could park in the space and was answered in the affirmative. Mr. Ferguson stated the spot designation does not preclude anyone else from parking.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. Cook, Mr. Szefi, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Third Reading Passes.

M-4 The Chair asks, "Shall the Ordinance Pass?"

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. Cook, Mr. Szefi, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Ordinance 1020 Passes.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Laird said that Community Day was a success. He then reported that the grant which was applied for through FEMA was not accepted again this year, though other boroughs who have receive grants year after year were awarded them again. Mr. Laird went on to say that the state may award the department a grant this year.

There was a second meeting of the Volunteer Fire Department regarding a junior fireperson proposal, according to Mr. Laird. A document was submitted to Mr. Ferguson for Council's review and it was Mr. Laird's hope that Council will continue to support the Volunteer Fire Department.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ferguson stated that he has been conversing with the insurance company and will put together a brief memo for Council to review.

Mr. Laird stated that there was a microburst at the beginning of August and that two weeks ago there was an incident off the parkway. He said the rescue was done in a timely and effective manner. The gentleman, though still alive, had to have his legs amputated. Mr. Laird thanked Council for giving the department the equipment which was used in this rescue.

A University of Pittsburgh student was killed on the parkway and Mr. Laird informed Council that the crew was able to provide lights to the area during their 2:24 – 9:15 AM time on scene. Mr. Laird stated that in his 17+ years of fire service, this was the most difficult scene he has seen.

A man from Meadville is the newest volunteer and, according to Mr. Laird, the volunteer found the Department by searching the internet. Another recruit from the University of Pittsburgh also found the Department that way. Mr. Laird offered anyone interested the opportunity to join the Department and also noted that drill is held every Thursday.

Mr. Laird also publicly noted that Officers Ferguson and Crow were instrumental in assisting at the accident scene from several weeks ago and helped by pulling line and getting equipment for the firemen.

Mayor Davin asked how invaluable the new truck was and Mr. Laird stated that it was amazing.

Ms. Schaefer stated that all the work done by the fire department and using the mobile tool chest is very much appreciated by Council.

Mr. Laird said there are still things that are required to make the department better and that the firemen may need to come to Council again.

Ms. McDonald suggested that the department write letters of commendation for the police officer files.

Regarding the PEMA grant, Mayor Davin asked if there is anything Council can do to try to see what might be done for assistance.

Ms. Schaefer said that letters of support can and will be written.

Mr. Hellett asked if anyone else is providing grant money for the needed tools and Mr. Laird stated that he believed \$10,000 came from Senator Costa's office for the spreaders, but indicated that he would verify this information.

Ms. Schaefer asked if emotional support has been provided given the nature of the accident and Mr. Laird responded that this may be needed at some point in time and if the need is seen, he will contact Council.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Fuller read the highlights of his report.

DISCUSSION: None.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Szefi reported that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

COG REPORT

Mr. Hellett had no report as the Council of Government is on break, with a September meeting date scheduled.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer asked that Mr. Hellett work with Jr. Councilperson McArdle on attendance at these meetings.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Barry stated that he has a number of litigation issues.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT & RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Ferguson reported that soccer is scheduled to begin September 8, 2007 and that applicants will be called this week. A meeting will also be scheduled with the Recreation Coordinators. Mr. Ferguson stated that there are 221 registered children and six coaches and he also said that he will do his best to encourage more people to coach.

According to Mr. Ferguson, the first-ever Saturday Movie Night will occur this Saturday with the PG-rated "Unaccompanied Minors" showing.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hellett asked Ms. Conrad of the Progress to put something in the paper about volunteers being needed.

Ms. Schaefer felt that this could also be something that high school kids might do and all that would be required would be a willingness to teach the children the basics and to have fun.

Mr. Ferguson said that he has arranged for the coach of the Woodland Hills soccer team and his assistant to put on a clinic so that coaches can be taught the kind of skills and drills to make them comfortable to know they are relaying something appropriate to the children.

Mr. Ferguson answered Mr. Hellett's question regarding the ages of children playing soccer as being between 4 and 14.

Mr. Ferguson announced that this is Ms. Conrad's last week with the Progress and Ms. Schaefer said that on behalf of Council, thanks for getting the correct information into the paper.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. McDonald set a meeting of the Public Works Committee for 7:30 on September 10, 2007.

Mayor Davin gave an audit report of the C. C. Mellor Library to Mr. Ferguson. She also mentioned that the substitute school crossing guard quit and asked that a message be placed on the reader board that the Borough is looking for one.

The Mayor stated that a Public Safety Committee meeting will be needed in October. Also, Mayor Davin reported that Mr. Sammarone of Dewey Street asked what is happening with Parcel D, as well as where he might find the \$94,000 approved for consultation in this year's budget.

Mr. Ferguson stated that the Borough has held off putting Parcel D out for bid due to hiring a consultant and that the Borough budgeted \$30,000 for this and the rest will be paid by Port Authority.

Mr. Ferguson answered in the affirmative to Mayor Davin's question of whether the money is from the initial funds the Borough received. This initially started when Mr. Griffin was Council President, according to Mr. Ferguson, who wanted to be sure a place marker was in the budget for the Cooperative Agreement's payment of the consultant.

Mr. Hellett set a Personnel Committee meeting for September 24, 2007.

An Executive Session lasted from 8:20 PM to 9:15 PM at which time Council returned to public session and the following motion was made.

M-5 Mr. Hellett moved to accept the settlement agreement with Waste Management. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Ms. Nogrady, Mr. Cook, Mr. Szefi, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT

M-6 It was moved by Ms. McDonald and seconded by Mr. Cook to adjourn this meeting at 9:17 PM.

Kurt M. Ferguson
Borough Manager