

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**  
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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD  
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2008**

President Patricia Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Tuesday, March 17, 2008 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building.

Borough Manager Kurt Ferguson called the roll and the following responded: Ms. McDonald, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Szefi, Ms. Pryce, Ms. Schaefer.

Mr. Harding was absent. Mr. Hellett arrived at 8:15 PM.

Mayor Davin, Borough Solicitor Barry and Junior Councilperson McArdle were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

**M-1 Ms. McDonald moved to approve the minutes of February 19, 2008. Second by Mr. Szefi.**

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Szefi, Ms. Pryce, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

**M-2 Ms. McDonald moved to approve the minutes of March 3, 2008. Second by Mr. Reynolds.**

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Mr. Reynolds, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Mr. Szefi, Ms. Pryce abstained. **Motion carried.**

**M-3 Ms. McDonald moved to authorize the payment of bills, for goods and services received by the Borough, having been reviewed and approved by the Borough Council in the amount of \$188,770.70. Second by Mr. Szefi.**

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Szefi, Ms. Pryce, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT

Ms. McDonald reported that the General Government Committee did not meet prior to the Council meeting due to lack of a quorum.

DISCUSSION: None.

### POLICE REPORT

Mayor Davin discussed a rape that was listed in the latest report. It was an issue that was dismissed by Allegheny County, but was still listed in the report.

Mayor Davin reported that there were less calls last month than last year at this time. Part I and Part II crimes totaled thirty (30) for the month of February. The Mayor also reported that the year to date comparison has a typographical error and should say February 2008, not January 2008.

DISCUSSION: None.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Ms. McDonald reported that the parking ticket voids were down significantly last month. Parking permit holders have their stickers now, reducing the number of voided tickets. Ms. McDonald reported that the Public Safety report indicates that the fire activity was low in February.

Ms. McDonald reported the mileage reports for both the Police and Fire Departments and reviewed the fire calls for the month of February.

DISCUSSION: None.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Szefi stated that the Committee did not meet. He indicated that the Newsletter Editor informed him that a new 5K Race Director is needed for Edgewood's Annual 5K Race, which is held on Community Day. Mr. Szefi gave the Newsletter Editor, Marjie Stewart, permission to run an ad in the upcoming newsletter in search of a new volunteer director.

DISCUSSION: None.

### PUBLIC WORKS

Ms. Pryce read the Public Works report which included ten (10) trips out for snow plowing and salting.

DISCUSSION: None.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT**

There was no report given to Borough Council.

DISCUSSION: None.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Council President Schaefer announced that there would be an Executive Session to address personnel and real estate with possible action to follow. There were no other personnel matters to report.

DISCUSSION: None.

**PENSION COMMITTEE**

There was no pension report.

DISCUSSION: None.

**AD HOC**

**PORT AUTHORITY AGREEMENT COMMITTEE**

Council President Schaefer reported that the Committee did not meet since the last Council meeting. Ms. Schaefer indicated that a meeting will take place with Senator Costa on March 24, 2008 at 11:00 AM.

DISCUSSION: None.

**INTERCOUNCIL (WHSD)**

Ms. McDonald reported that the Committee has not met, but the Forest Hills representative on the Committee indicated that the Woodland Hills School District is looking for input regarding the qualities that people would like to see in a new superintendent.

DISCUSSION: None.

**3 RIVERS WET WEATHER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

Council President Schaefer reported that representatives will be meeting with State Senator Costa on March 24, 2008.

DISCUSSION: None.

## **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Mr. Szefi reported that the Steering Committee met March 6, 2008 and has been advised that they will have a draft for the April 3, 2008 committee meeting. The site specific strategies will be laid out in the plan. The consultants for the comprehensive plan will be in communication with the firm that the Borough is utilizing for the Edgewood Avenue Revitalization project regarding recommendations.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer indicated that an announcement about the upcoming final meeting should be placed in the newsletter.

## **BOROUGH SOLICITOR REPORT**

Mr. Barry indicated that he had no separate report.

DISCUSSION: None.

## **BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Ferguson reminded Council that the Pension Committee was scheduled to meet next Monday, March 24, 2008 at 7:00 PM and the Community Services Committee would begin at 8:00 PM, also on March 24, 2008.

Mr. Ferguson reported that he would be meeting with Penndot tomorrow to specify details regarding the paving of South Braddock Avenue. Sgt. Kaskie and Mr. Guerriero, Director of the Public Works Department, will also attend the meeting.

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, 2008 at Koenig Field beginning at 11:00 AM. Children up to eight years old may participate.

The public presentation of the Comprehensive Plan will be on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. The presentation will begin at 7:00 PM. This is the joint presentation and representatives and residents of both Swissvale and Rankin will be present, as well.

DISCUSSION: Junior Councilperson McArdle asked what is being done to control traffic speed or to protect pedestrians after the road is paved. Mr. Ferguson indicated that both communities will immediately begin to set up police patrols to monitor traffic speed. He also outlined how the Borough will be utilizing the Council of Government's speed trailer on South Braddock Avenue. The contractor will be repainting the pedestrian crossings and has been encouraged to do so immediately following the paving project.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Mayor Davin indicated that there is now available an updated library report which is a correction from an earlier report.

Mayor Davin also outlined a House bill dealing with tax-exempt property.

Mr. Hellett arrived at the Borough Council meeting at 8:15 PM.

**M-4 Ms. McDonald moved to advertise to sell the Borough of Edgewood Police Department’s vehicle #2, a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria. Second by Mr. Reynolds.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-5 Ms. McDonald moved to enter into a two-year agreement with First Choice to provide answering services for Edgewood’s 3:00 AM to 5:00 AM overnight call-in program at a base cost of \$200 per month, effective April 26, 2008. Second by Mr. Reynolds.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-6 Ms. McDonald moved to advertise to hire a school crossing guard. Second by Mr. Reynolds.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-7 Mr. Hellett moved to authorize the payment of property tax refunds in the gross amount of \$2,443.13, 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. Second by Ms. McDonald.**

NAME	AT/FOR	AMOUNT
Paul Byers	126 Race Street	\$169.74
Narayan K. Raman	332 Dewey	\$783.34
Amy Hurd	8001 Westmoreland	\$349.89
Philip Croco	410 Morris	\$247.17

Jeremy J. Braverman	1219 East End Avenue	\$396.88
Richard Becherer and Charlene Castellano	207 W. Swissvale	\$496.11

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Ms. Schaefer announced that Council would now enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate and that action may follow. The Executive Session lasted from 8:25 PM to 9:25 PM, at which time Council returned to open session.

**M-8 Ms. McDonald moved to authorize the proper Borough officials to execute the lease agreement with Port Authority of Allegheny County concerning the Edgewood Train Station. Second by Mr. Hellett.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-9 Ms. McDonald moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 PM. Second by Mr. Hellett.**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

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Kurt M. Ferguson  
Borough Manager