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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009**

Vice President McDonald called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 7:34 PM in the Municipal Building.

Borough Manager Warren Cecconi called the roll and the following responded: Ms. McDonald, Mr. Shultz, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Szefi, Mr. Cook.

Ms. Schaefer and Mr. Hellett were absent.

Mayor Davin and Borough Solicitor Representative Worner were also present. The Junior Councilperson was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Schano of the Edgewood Foundation gave her report, stating that twenty one (21) volunteers helped with Clean Up Day. For next year, according to Ms. Schano, efforts will be made to recruit more volunteers.

The Senior Brunch was hosted by the Edgewood Foundation on Mothers' Day and sixteen (16) students participated with a total of seventy six (76) people in attendance. Ms. Hazlett of Washington Street received a \$4,000 scholarship.

Ms. Schlesinger of LaCrosse Street spoke of the street's need for major repair. She stated that she spoke to the borough managers from both Swissvale and Edgewood, as this would be a shared responsibility. Ms. Schlesinger said that a petition has been initiated. From a previous meeting it was determined that there were many issues with LaCrosse Street, including damaged vehicles and sunken cobblestones and the possibility of speeding when repaired.

Before proceeding, Ms. Schlesinger wanted to talk with the Borough and its engineers and try to find a way to save the cobblestones.

Mr. Cecconi stated that he is talking with Ms. Ford at Swissvale and is currently awaiting a response.

Mayor Davin indicated that this has been brought up several times before and the issue will be reviewed. The Mayor stated that the cobblestone replacement is nearly cost prohibitive. She stated that she has spoken with the Swissvale Mayor and County Executive Martoni regarding this issue.

Ms. McDonald agreed that this has been a discussion for years and assured Ms. Schlesinger that Mr. Cecconi will keep her in the informational loop.

LIFE-SAVING AWARD

Mayor Davin and Police Chief Payne then came forward to present awards to those who helped with the August 11, 2008 lifesaving effort for a man who collapsed in the 100 block of Washington Street and went into cardiac arrest.

Those involved in the incident and honored with individual plaques from St. Margaret's Hospital were Sgt. Kaskie, Officer Crow, Oakview Avenue resident Mrs. Boles and VFD member, Mr. Halle. The Mayor and Chief Payne offered thanks to all involved.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-1 Mr. Cook moved to approve the minutes of April 20, 2009. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-2 Mr. Cook moved to approve the minutes of May 4, 2009. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-3 Mr. Cook 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 \$63,454.37. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT

Ms. McDonald said that the Committee met this evening to review and sign bills.

DISCUSSION: None.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Davin reported that the year-to-date figures for 2009 were lower than 2007 and 2008 for Parts I and II grand totals. She then commended Chief Payne for the statistics. Mayor Davin asked the Chief what "other crimes" constituted in the Part I crimes.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Reynolds gave kudos to Officer Lawrence for assisting in an armed robbery capture. Chief Payne stated that an arrest in Swissvale was made and Officer Livingston apprehended the actor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Reynolds read the highlights of the report and stated that the Committee did meet and one of the issues was the use of patrol rifles.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald said that the Public Safety Committee has a list of questions regarding policy consideration.

Mr. Reynolds talked about swift-reach emergency notifications to Edgewood residents.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Szefi said that the Committee did not meet and proceeded to read the highlights of the report.

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ms. McDonald said that the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Mr. Cook had nothing to add to the report presented in the packets. He stated that he and the Borough Manager met with Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf on numerous issues which will be presented at a later date.

Regarding the tree survey, a report has been done and will be presented to the Borough's arborist, according to Mr. Cook. He also stated that Mr. Cecconi will meet with Duquesne Light about trimming of trees.

DISCUSSION: None.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Reynolds said the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

PENSION COMMITTEE

Mr. Szefi had no separate report.

DISCUSSION: None.

AD HOC

PORT AUTHORITY AGREEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Reynolds said that there has been close communication regarding the Train Station in conjunction with Mr. Grubb.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi stated that he met with Mr. Avon regarding the windows and said that Mr. Avon is putting out bids in June or July with an anticipated starting date sometime in August.

Mr. Cecconi said that a public meeting will be held June 9, 2009 at 7:00 PM for public input into the finalized study of the Edgewood Avenue Revitalization Project. Mr. Cecconi said that he will place something on the website about this. He also said that Port Authority Transit will be doing a mini-presentation.

EDGEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ms. McDonald stated that the Committee did not meet, but reported that she met with Dr. Driscoll at the enrollment lottery and had an interesting and encouraging conversation. It was stated by Dr. Driscoll that the District felt that Edgewood stopped talks with them; it was decided that the dialogue would begin again with them.

Ms. McDonald also reported that the Rankin School will close and some of the students will be merged into the Edgewood Primary School classrooms.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin spoke with regard to the school buses on Maple Avenue and her concern for emergency vehicles getting through. She felt that the additional buses will pose a bigger problem if the school expands to K-6th grade.

Mr. Reynolds said that the Fire Department talked about discharging the children on Hawthorne Street.

Mr. Cook had concerns about the sixth and first graders being released at the same time and suggested a meeting on this topic sometime in June.

Ms. McDonald suggested a meeting after June 12, 2009 with Dr. Calinger, Chief Payne, the Edgewood Fire Department and the principal.

Mr. Cook suggested that the Ad Hoc Committee meet one-half hour before the meeting to ensure continuity of the group.

Ms. McDonald also report that Dr. Driscoll stated that money was not the issue with the governor's drive. As an aside, Ms. McDonald also noted that her son was the first student chosen in the lottery.

PARCEL D COMMITTEE

Mr. Szefi noted that the Committee did not meet and was currently in a holding pattern.

3 RIVERS WET WEATHER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Ms. Schaefer was not present to give a report.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Worner had no separate report at this time.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Cecconi said that Duquesne Light will be here for a meeting Tuesday. He also reported that he met with three (3) contractors on the Allenby sewer.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cook mentioned that the meeting with Duquesne Light is not to dictate, but to partner with them and possibly have this program become a model for other municipalities.

Mayor Davin asked if the two (2) trees have been purchased for South Braddock Avenue and Mr. Cook said he is waiting for the Foundation to provide the check for the trees.

The Mayor indicated that last year's winner of the Limpert Award requested that a tree on South Braddock be replaced and the 2009 winner of the Award will also have a tree planted. The Mayor asked that bigger sized trees be planted, if possible.

Mr. Cecconi reported that he is looking at garbage can prices and is working with Regent Square Civic Association for donation of three (3) cans for the Edgewood side of the Braddock Avenue business district.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Mr. Cook offered Ordinance 1029 on Third and Final Reading and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 1029

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: 708 WALNUT 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 **WALNUT STREET** in front of **708 WALNUT 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 18th day of May 2009.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

Warren Cecconi
Borough Manager

Heidi McDonald
Council Vice President

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 18th day of May 2009.

Jean O. Davin
Mayor

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Mr. Shultz, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Szefi, Mr. Cook voted yes. **Third Reading Passes.**

M-5 The Chair asks, "Shall the Ordinance Pass?"

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Mr. Shultz, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Szefi, Mr. Cook voted yes. **Ordinance 1029 Passes.**

M-6 Mr. Cook moved to authorize advertising to hold a Public Hearing on June 1, 2009 for the purpose of meeting to consider a request from Sweets n Treats to transfer liquor license to 1103 S. Braddock Avenue. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin asked where the license had originated and what happened to the old license. Mr. Cecconi answered that it came from West Mifflin and that the old license went into escrow. He also said that the current license will be for take-out purchases only.

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

M-7 Mr. Cook moved to authorize renewal of the Triangle Pet Contract (5 year term). Second by Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin asked if we are committed to a five year term. Mr. Worner stated that Mr. Barry has reviewed this and also stated that the last contract was for five years.

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

M-8 Mr. Shultz offered Resolution 2009-22 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Cook.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2009-22

WHEREAS, CONNECT has been initiated through Innovation Clinic of the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs; and

WHEREAS, CONNECT through the Innovation Clinic of GSPIA has access to cutting edge research related to an array of issues, from aging infrastructure to the allocation of federal stimulus funding; and

WHEREAS, the mission of CONNECT, as proposed for the Congress' consideration, is to coordinate the activities of the city of Pittsburgh and the 35 municipalities that share its border through: Advocating for and voicing the collective interests of the urban core and its 680,000 residents; developing and enhancing ways the 36 municipalities work together to deliver important public services; and maintaining a forum for the discussion, deliberation and implementation of new ways to maximize economic prosperity for Western Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, Edgewood Borough is a contiguous neighboring community with the city of Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, Edgewood Borough sees value in such communication and studying resource opportunities for its residents, and the region as outlined in the Mission Statement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Edgewood supports CONNECT and will participate in its endeavors and has appointed the following to the CONNECT Board:

Patricia Schaefer, Council President
Warren Cecconi, Borough Manager

ADOPTED THIS THE 18th day of May 2009 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

ATTEST

Borough Secretary
Warren Cecconi

Council Vice President
Heidi McDonald

DISCUSSION: The Mayor pointed out that the organization requested two (2) individuals and the Borough Manager be appointed and asked if there is any advantage to appointing this number of individuals.

Mr. Szefi noted that Ms. Schaefer will be the only one still on Council when this is in effect.

The Mayor stated that Edgewood is technically not contiguous to the City of Pittsburgh as Swissvale is longer than Edgewood.

It was Mr. Cecconi's feeling that as many people as possible should be included to ensure contact with the senators and congressmen.

Mr. Szefi said it is a good opportunity to send three (3) people for representation for a community of 3,000 residents.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Ms. McDonald, Mr. Shultz, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Szefi, Mr. Cook voted yes. **Resolution Passes.**

M-9 Mr. Reynolds moved to authorize the hiring of Michael Hartman as a part-time Emergency Services Employee, contingent upon passing physical, background check and psychological test with starting wage of \$10.00 per hour. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi asked if psychological testing is done at hiring and Solicitor representative Worner said he will check.

It was Mayor Davin's opinion that she would recommend this being done because these employees are dealing with fire.

Following more discussion, Messrs. Reynolds and Cook respectively withdrew their motion and second and the motion was re-read.

- M-10 Mr. Reynolds moved to authorize the hiring of Michael Hartman as a part-time Emergency Services Employee, contingent upon passing physical, background check and psychological test as provided in the Personnel Policy Manual, with starting wage of \$10.00 per hour. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-11 Mr. Reynolds moved to authorize the hiring of part-time summer help for Public Works (Daniel Teadt), contingent upon passing background check and physical with a starting wage of \$8.50 per hour.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-12 Mr. Reynolds moved to authorize the hiring of Hugh Hubble as part-time summer help for Public Works at a rate of \$9.00 per hour. Second by Mr. Cook

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-13 Mr. Reynolds moved to authorize the hiring of part-time summer help for Public Works of Adam Savedoff, contingent upon passing background check and physical with a starting wage of \$8.50 per hour.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

ADJOURNMENT

- M-14 It was moved by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Reynolds to adjourn at 8:34 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Warren Cecconi
Borough Manager