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Council President Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 7:37 PM in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Borough Manager Warren Ceconi called the roll and the following responded: Ms. McDonald, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Szefi, Mr. Cook (arrived 8:07 PM), Ms. Schaefer.

Mr. Hellett and Mr. Shultz were absent.

Mayor Jean O. Davin, Solicitor W. Timothy Barry (arrived 8:03 PM) and the Junior Councilperson were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Davin and Junior Councilperson mentor McDonald called Ms. Hazlett forward. The Mayor read the following Proclamation.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

PROCLAMATION 2009-02

WHEREAS, in April 2006 the Edgewood Borough Council established a Junior Councilperson Program in Partnership with the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs (PSAB), and in the 2008-09 school year, selected Anne Hazlett as the third Junior Councilperson in the Borough of Edgewood; and

WHEREAS, she was willing to serve the community in this capacity, faithfully attending Council meetings from September, 2008 through May, 2009 and demonstrated an interest in the community and represented the Borough well at several official functions and devoted some 40 volunteer hours to her position.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Friday, June 5, 2009 is proclaimed **ANNE HAZLETT DAY** in honor of her service to the youth of this community and to the Borough at large.

PROCLAIMED this 1st day of June 2009 by the Mayor of the Borough of Edgewood.

Jean O. Davin, Mayor

Ms. McDonald read the inscription on the plaque and encouraged Ms. Hazlett in her current and future endeavors.

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 \$32,777.27. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

- M-2 Mr. Reynolds moved to rescind the motion to hire Public Works part-time seasonal employee David Teadt. Second by Ms. McDonald.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-3 Mr. Reynolds moved to hire part-time seasonal employee (Mark Malloy) in the Public Works Department pending completion of a background check and physical examination at a rate of \$8.50 per hour. Second by Ms. McDonald.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-4 Mr. Szefi moved to approve the transfer of a liquor license to 1103 S. Braddock Avenue to sell take-out beer. Second by Ms. McDonald.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Halle said that thirty three (33) calls were handled by the department for the month, including one call for a person who drove through deep water at Lloyd Avenue and required rescue. A structure fire, according to Mr. Halle, occurred on Oakview Street, but required no action by the department and the cause is being investigated.

The Community Day plans are underway and Mr. Halle stated that more food would be available this year. The preparation will be done at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

Mr. Halle reported that of the twenty five (25) people who took a certification test, only two passed and he was one of the two.

DISCUSSION: None.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Fuller said that a draft audit showed no discrepancies, weaknesses or bad accounting practices. The methods for control were felt to be excellent.

Regarding the pension, Mr. Fuller stated that an actuarial report (required every two years) is currently due.

DISCUSSION: None.

RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Cecconi reported that some of the fees are being reviewed.

According to Mr. Cecconi, the field looks good and Ms. Mysels is doing a good job. As well, baseball is running smoothly.

DISCUSSION: None.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Szefi said that the Committee did not meet and he had no report to give.

DISCUSSION: None.

COG REPORT

Ms. Schaefer stated that bids for playground planning, demolition and paving were opened.

She also reported that an open forum was held on how the Council of Governments (COG) could work better with communities, possibly to do Public Works inventory to share or sublet.

The COG is looking at producing a quarterly newsletter or sending minutes to their website. Discussion was held regarding partnering with the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for printing and other services.

Ms. Schaefer also attended an Intercouncil meeting regarding comprehensive plans where a discussion was held with Councilman Bonacci regarding the LaCrosse Street situation.

DISCUSSION: None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Barry had no separate report.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cecconi said that the Train Station should have the windows replaced and the cedar shake shingles removed and replaced with new ones.

He also reported that the computer systems have been interconnected.

Mr. Cecconi noted that a pension meeting will be held June 23, 2009 at 7:00 PM. He also said that he contacted PNC Bank and they will do a presentation at a later date.

Regarding LaCrosse Street, Mr. Cecconi gave figures for redoing the street, ranging from \$450,000 to \$650,000.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer said she has talked with Mr. Bonacci and Mr. Caufield regarding grants.

The Mayor noted that she has spoken with Mr. Martoni of County Council and he is aware that something must be done with the street.

Mr. Cecconi indicated that no applications have been received for the Junior Councilperson position.

(Mr. Barry arrived at 8:03 PM).

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Davin said that the Borough should consider utilizing the School for the Deaf for the production of banners for Community Day which could be hung on the overpass on Race Street.

Ms. Schaefer asked that this information be given to Mr. Cook. She also noted that an Edgewood Avenue Revitalization District meeting will be held June 9, 2009 at 7:00 PM. She asked Mr. Cecconi to be sure this is promoted.

Messrs. Cook, Cecconi, Chief Payne and Ms. Schaefer will meet with the school district regarding Edgewood Primary School to get an idea of the traffic flow and to ensure that the proper people are involved.

A pension meeting will be held on June 23, 2009.

(Mr. Cook arrived at 8:07 PM).

Solicitor Barry led a discussion of a decision made by the Commonwealth Court regarding tax collectors charging ten dollars (\$10.00) for tax certifications. It was Mr. Barry's opinion that this should be approved by Borough Council as a protection to the tax collector. He stated that it is not necessary to have an ordinance to set the fees as this can be done by resolution in an effort to save costs such as advertising.

Ms. Schaefer felt that this not only makes sense, but is cost effective.

Mr. Cook noted that another party is interested in doing a walk through at the Train Station and Mr. Cecconi was asked to coordinate this.

ADJOURNMENT

M-5 Following an Executive Session which lasted from 8:14 PM until 8:26 PM, it was moved by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Szefi to adjourn this meeting at 8:27 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Warren Cecconi
Borough Manager