

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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AUGUST 3, 2009**

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Council President Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, August 3, 2009 at 7:36 PM in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Borough Manager Warren Cecconi called the roll and the following responded: Ms. McDonald, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Cook, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer.

Mr. Shultz was absent.

Mayor Jean O. Davin was present and Solicitor W. Timothy Barry arrived at 7:50 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Benko of 534 Greendale Avenue had questions regarding the June 17, 2009 flooding and when a meeting would convene with Council.

Ms. Schaefer offered the sewer tapes for review by the residents.

Mr. Cecconi noted that the lower half of the Greendale Avenue sewer line that runs from Greendale Avenue through Nine Mile run needs to be televised to detect any major problems and evaluate any obstacles which might be present.

Mr. Cohen of 601 Greendale asked about crosswalks being placed on South Braddock Avenue at Greendale. Ms. Schaefer felt that a traffic study was needed.

Mr. Cohen also had questions regarding the sale and use of the Train Station, stating that his wife thought Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf might use this building as a vocational site for its students.

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 \$76,607.84. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin had a bill question and Mr. Cecconi explained that the bill was for the storage of Public Works equipment.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Cook offered Resolution 2009-25 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Ms. McDonald.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2009-25

**RESOLUTION OF PA CONSERVATION WORKS! HARVESTING
25% ENERGY SAVINGS FOR PENNSYLVANIA'S COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Edgewood will be operating an intermunicipal, cooperation project to save energy; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Edgewood wishes to participate in said intermunicipal, cooperative project.

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection makes available grants to such projects through the PA Conservation Works! Recovery Grant program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood hereby authorized PA Conservation Works! to make application for such a grant on our behalf.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Edgewood hereby allocates municipal resources in the amount of \$2,000 to said project.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of August 2009.

ATTEST

Warren Cecconi, Borough Secretary

Patricia M. Schaefer, Council President

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 3rd day of August 2009.

Jean O. Davin, Mayor

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin asked how this resolution came about and Mr. Cecconi explained its origin.

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

M-3 Ms. McDonald offered Resolution 2009-26 and asked for its immediate adoption. Second by Mr. Hellett.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2009-26

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 Brian Horner be appointed as a Junior Councilperson per the terms outlined in Resolution 2006-26.

ADOPTED THIS the 3rd day of August 2009 at the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

Borough Secretary

Council President

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 3rd day of August 2009.

Jean O. Davin, Mayor

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald said that three strong candidates were interviewed and, at Ms. Schaefer's request, went on to give a brief overview of the Junior Councilperson Program for the audience.

Mayor Davin expressed her hope that those candidates who were juniors this year will reapply and Ms. McDonald stated that they have been encouraged to volunteer.

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

- M-4 Ms. McDonald moved to advertise for a Public Hearing on September 7, 2009 at 7:00 PM to receive input on the Joint Comprehensive Plan prior to consideration of adoption by Council. Second by Mr. Reynolds.**

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer gave an overview of the background to the Comprehensive Plan and said that the Public Hearing is a step toward adopting the Plan.

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

- M-5 Ms. McDonald moved to have Lennon Smith Souleret Engineers prepare specifications and advertise for bids for the 2009 road paving. Streets include Edgewood Avenue from Oakview to Gordon and Gordon from Chestnut to Westmoreland. Second by Mr. Fuller.**

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin questioned the lateness of the season to begin this.

Mr. Cecconi assured the Mayor that no one is booked up this year. He indicated that this is probably a two-day job and, if the contractor is not able to complete the job, then the prices will be held for next year.

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

- M-6 Mr. Hellett moved to increase the wages of all full-time Public Works employees by \$1.50 per hour effective August 3, 2009. Second by Mr. Cook.**

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin felt that she needed to sign this as this is legislative in nature. Solicitor Barry agreed.

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

- M-7 Mr. Reynolds moved to award the Train Station Renovation Project to SI Contracting, LLC, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$88,200.00, as recommended by Robert Grubb, the architect. Second by Mr. Cook.**

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer expressed thanks to Mr. Reynolds for his time and effort on this project. She stated that this has been in the works for a long time and Mr. Reynolds moved it forward.

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

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Halle reported that thirty two (32) fire calls were made in July, including one for a jackknifed tractor trailer on the parkway.

Penn Dot, according to Mr. Halle, used some Volunteer Fire Department equipment and has since replaced all materials used.

Preparations are being finalized for Community Day and Mr. Halle said fried dough will also be sold. He reported that the dinners will remain at their \$8.00 price.

DISCUSSION: None.

RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Cecconi noted that T-ball and soccer are continuing.

DISCUSSION: None.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Fuller reported that the maintenance fee has been ratified by Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority. He went on to report that there are fire hydrants which are sixty to seventy (60-70) years old and the cost of replacement is \$6,000 each.

DISCUSSION: None.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Ms. Schaefer said the Committee did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

COG REPORT

Mr. Hellett had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION: None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Barry had no separate report.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cecconi said that the Borough has applied for the national flood insurance program.

Regarding the Train Station, Mr. Cecconi said that a signed contract has been received from Allegheny County.

Mr. Cecconi also reported that he has received several catalogs for equipment for the playground.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer explained to the audience that Council is contemplating moving the Tot Lot to the basketball court. She stated that this would require new equipment and Mr. Cecconi has been in contact with various representatives to see if they would sponsor grant money.

Mr. Cecconi went on to say that PEMA visited on Friday and that the next step would be their consideration of a disaster declaration for Allegheny County.

NEW BUSINESS

M-8 Mr. Hellett moved to approve the resignation of Bruce Beitel from the Communications Department, effective August 21, 2009. Second by Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Cook, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. Ms. McDonald voted no. **Motion carried.**

A Public Safety meeting was scheduled for August 10, 2009 at 8:00 PM.

Mayor Davin reported on the grant applications to obtain funding through Congressman Doyle's office and said that there will be a meeting August 11, 2009 held by the 3 Rivers Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

Mayor Davin also received an email from a resident regarding the Pittsburgh Film Office being on Savannah. Mr. Cecconi called the office and was told that no decision has been made.

Mr. Cook indicated that he will be going to State College to meet with their tree commission and how they deal with sidewalks and tree roots.

At 8:15, an Executive Session began, but no action was expected.

ADJOURNMENT

M-9 Following the Executive Session, which ended at 8:30 PM, it was moved by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Cook to adjourn this meeting at 8:31 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Warren Cecconi
Borough Manager