

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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Council President Schaefer called the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, November 2, 2009 at 7:31 PM in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Borough Manager Warren Cecconi called the roll and the following responded: Ms. McDonald, Mr. Shultz (arrived at 7:38 after all votes), Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Cook, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer.

Mayor Jean O. Davin, Solicitor Representative Shon Worner and the Junior Councilperson Horner were present.

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 \$66,453.24. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

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.**

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Ms. McDonald moved authorize payment of the 2009 Road Program Estimate #1 in the amount of \$38,951.41 as recommended by the Borough Engineer, Lennon Smith Souleret. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

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.**

M-3 Mr. Reynolds moved to authorize payment of the Train Station Estimate #1 as recommended by the Architect, Lami Grubb, in the amount of \$8,910.00. Second by Mr. Cook.

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.**

M-4 Mr. Hellett moved to authorize Prime Solutions Advisors to switch Edgewood Borough pension plan funds from Nationwide to Charles Schwab Institutional. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi informed Council that this change is effective January 1, 2010.

Ms. Schaefer was answered in the affirmative by Mr. Hellett to her inquiry as to whether this was a result of a Pension Committee meeting.

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 authorize payment of property tax refunds (7) to those individuals outlined in the minutes of this meeting. Second by Mr. Hellett.

NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
Cryder, Justin	185 Gordon Street	\$ 365.55
Dorgan, Mark & Stephanie	165 W. Hutchinson Avenue	\$ 372.09
Hall, Daniel E.	408 Greendale Avenue	\$ 411.25
Philyaw, Deesha	401 W. Hutchinson Avenue	\$ 678.91
Rupp, Richard W.	168 Rockwell Lane	\$ 130.57
Speicher, Stephen J.	231 Lehigh Street	\$ 236.20
Werner, Robert Brian	325 Maple Avenue	\$ 378.61

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.**

M-6 Ms. McDonald moved to send Chief Payne to the CALEA Conference in Salt Lake City, UT for CALEA Certification Process on November 21, 2009. He will be leaving on Friday, November 20, 2009 and returning Sunday, November 22, 2009. The Borough will reimburse him for all necessary travel expenses, including airfare, hotel, meals and ground transportation costs to and from the airport plus conference registration. Funds for the trip will be taken first from Account #01-410-203 and the remainder from Account #01-410-180. Second by Mr. Reynolds.

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.**

Ms. Schaefer noted that an Executive Session will be held regarding personnel and potential litigation with no action following the session.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Halle reported that the department assisted with two grease fires in Braddock Hills. Also, a vehicle rescue with roof removal on the Greendale ramp and the Parkway was handled and six volunteers showed up.

Mr. Halle also reported that the hayride went very well and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The department, according to Mr. Halle, will be going from VHF to UHF radio frequency. The portable radios will be purchased through Region 13 by the beginning of the new year.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cook indicated that he was very pleased seeing how many firefighters were out during Halloween and then commented on the safety of the event.

Ms. Schaefer gave thanks to the auxiliary workers for their support and who wore vests while walking through the community.

Mr. Fuller shared that a friend from Maryland was amazed that the police and fire vehicles were on the street during Halloween and Ms. McDonald agreed.

Mr. Hellett thanked Mr. Halle for the job that the firemen do and told Mr. Halle that the residents said they felt safe.

As an aside, Mr. Hellett asked Mr. Halle what will be done with the old radios and he was informed that a former Edgewood dispatcher will be buying the radios for his community in Washington County and that the proceeds of the sale must be put back into the state association.

Mr. Halle and Mr. Reynolds then responded to Mr. Hellett's further questions regarding grease fires.

RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Cecconi stated that the first attempt at reorganizing the Recreation Board will be held November 5, 2009 at 7:30 PM.

Mr. Cecconi said that his ICS 400 training was been completed on October 27, 2009.

Regarding the Greendale sewers, a final report was received from the structural engineer regarding the condition of the culvert between Greendale and Allenby Avenues. The inspection, according to Mr. Cecconi, indicated that there are no serious problems with the culvert.

The 2009 road paving work is complete and final inspection was conducted October 28, 2009, according to Mr. Cecconi. A section will need additional sealing.

The Train Station brick cleaning, pointing and painting has been completed and crews will start working on windows, doors and siding the week of November 2, 2009.

At least one more part-time Emergency Services employee is needed as one of the current workers has moved to Texas, according to Mr. Cecconi.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald noted that the 10-14 year old purple team won the championship.

Mr. Reynolds had questions about the basketball program and Ms. Schaefer offered that programming for adults will need to be discussed.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Fuller said that the last Wilkinsburg Penn Joint Water Authority Board meeting was centered on the 2010 budget. According to Mr. Fuller, the price of chemicals remained stable due to increased competition. The budget now looks very stable and a meeting regarding the same is scheduled for November 12, 2009.

No major work is scheduled in Edgewood for the coming year; the work is scheduled mainly in North Braddock and Wilkinsburg.

DISCUSSION: None.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Fuller stated that the Commission did not meet.

DISCUSSION: None.

COG REPORT

Ms. Schaefer stated that the next Council of Government (COG) meeting will be held December 9, 2009.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hellett indicated that he can go to the next meeting.

Ms. Schaefer then gave the history of the Intercouncil group and also how it has expanded. She noted some of the agencies which would like local government dialogue include the Woodland Hills School District, Alcosan, Home Depot and shared services.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Worner had no separate report.

DISCUSSION: None.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cecconi said that good tapes of the Greendale sewers have been captured. He went on to say that there are some major issues and some areas are almost closed off. He stated that an official recommendation will follow.

Greendale Avenue residents will receive a letter regarding Monongahela Alley and more discussion will follow.

According to Mr. Cecconi, the 2009 road paving is completed, along with its associated punch list.

Mr. Cecconi is awaiting a call from Ms. Showers for a meeting.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McDonald asked for the number of part-time police applications turned in currently, but Ms. Lewis was unsure of the number.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Schaefer set budget meetings for November 9, 2009 from 7:30 to 10:00 PM and November 14, 2009 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Ms. Schaefer also indicated that a punch list of items will be sent to the newly elected people, as well as an invitation to the Local Government Academy classes.

Ms. McDonald reported on the film currently being shot in Regent Square, featuring Russell Crowe. She shared that Mr. Crowe had breakfast several times at the Square Café and the actors, as well as residents, had nice things to say about each other.

Regarding the Filmmakers/Foundation event, Mr. Cook said that it was much better attended than anticipated, estimating that 35-40 people were there. According to Mr. Cook, someone from the Filmmakers and Ms. Winslow of the Edgewood Foundation spoke to the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

M-7 Following an Executive Session which lasted from 8:05 PM to 10:25 PM, it was moved by Ms. McDonald and seconded by Mr. Shultz to adjourn this meeting at 10:26 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Warren Cecconi
Borough Manager