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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD  
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010**

Council President Schaefer called the meeting of Borough Council to order at 7:34 PM in Council Chambers.

Borough Manager Cecconi called the roll and the following responded: Mr. Bright, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer.

Mr. Bowers was absent.

Mayor Davin and Solicitor Barry were also present, as was Junior Councilperson Horner.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

Ms. Schano, representing the Edgewood Foundation, gave an update of their recent clean-up day. She reported that about twenty people showed up for the event. The next affair sponsored by the Foundation will be the Senior Brunch on May 2, 2010 and will be held at 11:30 at the Edgewood Club at a cost of \$15.00. Ms. Schano also reported that the next fundraiser for the Foundation would be the Wine and Chocolate Affaire on November 6, 2010.

Ms. Schaefer thanked the Foundation for all of their work for the community and also thanked them for sponsoring movies with the Pittsburgh Filmmakers. Speaking to the Senior Brunch, Ms. Schaefer stated that this is a wonderful opportunity to see the seniors transitioning into their new roles. Ms. Schaefer informed Council and the audience that there is a wonderful DVD, which promotes Edgewood.

Mayor Davin noted that two cleanup days are scheduled for Brinton Road in June and August and stated that the Foundation is looking for volunteers.

Ms. McDonald of 112 E. Swissvale Avenue spoke with regard to disbanding of the crossing guards as well as their role in the community, stating that public safety is the number one issue to be addressed. She said that doing away with the crossing guards makes the entire community vulnerable.

Ms. McDonald said that the guards have served the community for over forty years and went on to state that her son's life was saved due to the action of the guards. Explaining that the crossing guard yanked her son out of harm's way, Ms. McDonald noted that this issue cannot be more personal than that.

Ms. Schaefer said a report by the Public Safety Committee is forthcoming.

**M-1. Ms. Gleba moved to approve the minutes of March 15, 2010. Second by Ms. Waldock.**

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded. Mr. Bright, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

**M-2. Ms. Gleba moved to approve the minutes of April 5, 2010. Second by Mr. Wilson.**

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded. Mr. Bright, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

**M-3. Ms. Gleba 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 \$76,090.45. Second by Mr. Wilson.**

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded. Mr. Bright, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Ms. Gleba reported on the following items including a meeting to take place with the auditors for further review of the 2009 budget. Referring to the Train Station, Ms. Gleba said that the cost of renovations will be reimbursed. She stated that the sales tax is a little low and Public Works overtime is currently at 72%. Ms. Gleba reported that the budget for the Solicitor continues to be over budget. As well, Ms. Gleba reported that the Koenig Field apartment was rented.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Mayor Davin reviewed the monthly report and stated that nothing struck her as out of the ordinary. As for the Significant Events Report, the Mayor noted that there were thefts from vehicles. According to the Mayor, ransacked cars are those that are left open with the keys in the ignition.

The Mayor reported that the Public Safety Chair will update Council regarding a meeting held this week.

According to the Mayor, the Citizen's Police Academy will start this coming Wednesday with an impressive lineup of presenters and nearly fifteen people scheduled to attend. The Mayor informed Council that the class could accommodate up to twenty people. She also noted a program next month, which will be held at the Square Café, on identity theft.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Hellett gave an in-depth review of the Police Activity Report.

He reported that the Police Committee spoke about filling a part-time position in the Police Department for current Edgewood officers to take time off. The candidate is a retiree from both Monroeville and Pitcairn and is known to Chief Payne.

Mr. Hellett said he is reviewing a possible \$10,000 technology grant with Chief Payne and Mr. Cecconi. The Chief is looking at adding portable breathalyzers to the cruisers, computers and a special timing device.

Edgewood Borough police officers will be trained in the use of a speed safety system as that currently being used by the Monroeville Police Department. Mr. Hellett said that this will probably use most of the \$10,000 grant. He stated that much information is being requested and the grant is due by the end of the month.

Mr. Hellett, noting that current audience member, Ms. McDonald, was formerly Public Safety Chair and tonight had spoken about the crossing guards. Mr. Hellett made it clear that more information must be garnered and aimed to quell the perception that the crossing guards were being removed from their positions.

The information regarding the guards was part of a five-page letter from the Mayor along with her budget veto, according to Mr. Hellett. One of the items included was petitioning the Woodland Hills School District to pay the entire expense of maintaining the school guards.

Mr. Hellett conveyed to Council that the Committee asked Chief Payne to review the budget for any hidden costs that may be involved in budgeting for the crossing guards. In his memo, the Chief provided a cost estimate of the Police Department to provide additional school crossing services and the annual total was \$11,312 plus benefits.

Another item in the letter, according to Mr. Hellett, was the fact that the Woodland Hills School District is not paying their share. Mr. Hellett read the figures that were supplied by Mr. Kezmarsky, the Finance Director, and stated that the Borough/School District ratio equals a 50/50 split.

Ms. Gleba clarified that she brought up the issue of funding the school crossing guards as part of the ongoing review of Borough finances.

Ms. Waldock stated that the school guard was part of the budget discussions and the question raised was would Woodland Hills School District pay for the guards or increase their contribution.

Mr. Hellett thanked General Government for participating with Public Safety. He continued by stating that he has a call in to Mr. Belmont of the Intercouncil who has spearheaded a police study, including some who are not part of the Woodland Hills School District. Mr. Hellett indicated that he will be talking to other municipalities.

For the amount of money the Borough pays, even with hidden costs, Mr. Hellett said that he would not voice a yes vote to the elimination of the crossing guards. He said that he will not put

anyone's safety at risk and felt the amount expended for the guards is a lot less than the Borough pays the Library.

Mr. Hellett said the review of the situation is still in the discovery phase.

President Schaefer stated that the Borough Code says that the crossing guards serve under the Mayor at the pleasure of Council. If it is Council's will, they can petition the School District to take over the school crossing guard expense altogether. If there is no response by the School, it will stay at a 50% split.

Mr. Hellett noted that Edgewood is a special place because of organizations such as the Foundation, the Library and Koenig Field. He passed out a sheet showing revenues that appeared to be very flat. He noted that the Police Department expenditures have increased and this is the problem Council is facing. He stated that an informed decision will be made.

Solicitor Barry spoke on two issues; one, items purchased with the proposed grant may have to be bid, and second, regarding the crossing guards, the crossing guard memo from Chief Payne to which Mr. Hellett referred should be made part of the public record. Other items will be discussed in Executive Session, according to Mr. Barry.

Mayor Davin asked if longevity is included in the report provided by Mr. Kezmarsky and Mr. Cecconi indicated where this was included. The Mayor continued by asking if any additional insurance are provided.

Ms. Waldock noted that these employees are not eligible for fringe benefits.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Ms. Waldock stated that there are no pressing issues beyond the Train Station. She said that the lease is being reviewed with Lami Grubb.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Wilson said that the Committee did not meet.

Ms. Waldock reported on a recent decision in York County court regarding e-mails on a personal computer not being subject to Right to Know requests. Ms. Waldock stated that Right to Know parameters are being defined by ongoing court decisions.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Mr. Wilson said that a meeting last month covered discussion of both the Train Station and Recreation, including softball and baseball fees and costs.

## **PERSONNEL**

Mr. Hellett said that the Committee did meet and now has a tentative agreement with the Police Department. He said that Solicitor Barry was the lead negotiator.

**PENSION**

Mr. Bright said that the Committee did not meet, and that he will report to Council following implementation of the fund.

**AD HOC**

**INTERCOUNCIL**

Mr. Hellett reported that the next meeting is this coming Thursday.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Barry reported that he has reviewed the memo from Chief Payne and said that it is not a confidential item. He said to be sure that Chief Payne concurs with this.

Regarding the comment made by Ms. Gleba about his fees, Mr. Barry stated he is somewhat concerned as historically that has not been the case. He stated that December was a busy month and that Mr. Cecconi had expressed that early in the year. Mr. Barry went on to say that if his practice is an issue, he is willing to discuss this with Council. He indicated that the large amount of work concerned litigation and personnel.

As for the Police Department agreement, Mr. Barry said that a motion is appropriate.

Regarding the Train Station lease, Mr. Barry stated that he was given the information right before the last Council meeting and that there was only one date change following a discussion with Mr. Cecconi.

Following further discussion of the Borough's current financial situation, Ms. Schaefer summed this up by stating that the lines of communication are open and some difficult decisions will need to be made by the end of the year. She said the decisions will need to be made together for the right reasons and in the right way.

Ms. Waldock felt that some decisions should be made now.

Ms. Schaefer said that the difficulty was to not raise taxes, but keep services; she went on to ask how this would be done, going even further by asking what do residents want and what are they willing to pay for.

Solicitor Barry mentioned that revenues for both 2009 and 2003 are exactly the same. The Allegheny County assessments are hurting in the County, according to the Solicitor and there has not been a fair market value increase in many local governments.

As a caution, Ms. Waldock informed Council that more commercial properties are appealing their assessments and this will make it harder for everyone.

Ms. Schaefer reported that County Executive Onorato will host a clean water conference on April 29, 2010 at the Heinz History Center.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

A tentative agreement with the Police for a contract extension for consideration at tonight's meeting.

There will be no girls' travel team for softball. Mr. Cecconi reported that there are more sponsors than teams this year as the businesses were very responsive to sponsoring the teams.

The work for Greendale Avenue is on schedule and the rain garden is expected soon. Mr. Cecconi also reported on the Train Station lease and Community Day.

The Census Bureau is training people in Council Chambers during this week and Duquesne Light is trimming trees in the area.

Mr. Cecconi reported that the MRM Trust dividend check arrived.

Ms. Schaefer stated that she spoke with Senator Costa regarding the rain garden. The Senator was happy to hear that this was being used as a prototype.

Mr. Cecconi said he will be working with the Garden Club and that 9 Mile Run Watershed Association is interested in doing another garden.

Ms. Schaefer reported that the high school musical for this weekend is Annie and that several Edgewood kids have leading roles.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Hellett set a Public Safety meeting for May 10, 2010 at 7:00 PM. He stated that he will email the information to be discussed.

Although he was not prepared to report further on the topic, Mr. Hellett stated that the Civil Service eligibility list has expired and Ms. Neff, Chair of the Civil Service Commission, asked why the ad for police officer has not been run. It was Mr. Hellett's opinion that Public Safety needs to get together with Mayor Davin and Chief Payne to discuss what happens if the Borough loses a full-timer and whether the Borough can afford to hire another.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Wilson stated that Mr. Bowers wants to schedule a meeting and proceeded to set one for April 26, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Ms. Waldock reported that a recent decision out of York County regarding open emails on a personal computer not being subject to privacy laws. Ms. Waldock stated that rules are being written currently and she went on to discuss the Right to Know Law.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

M-4 Ms. Waldock read Ordinance 1032 on First Reading. Second by Ms. Gleba.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 1032

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: 115 RACE 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 RACE STREET in front of 115 RACE 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2010.

**ATTEST:**

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**

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Warren Cecconi, Borough Manager

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Patricia M. Schaefer, President of Council

**EXAMINED AND APPROVED** by me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2010.

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Jean O. Davin, Mayor

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded. Mr. Bright, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **First Reading Passes.**

**M-5 Mr. Hellett moved to accept the letter of resignation from Newsletter Editor Tara Sidonio. Second by Ms. Waldock.**

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer said Ms. Sidonio's husband has been transferred to Nashville, TN.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded. Mr. Bright, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

**M-6 Mr. Hellett moved to approve a two-year extension to the current police contract. The extension will run through December 31, 2012. Second by Ms. Waldock.**

DISCUSSION: An affirmative response was given to Mr. Cecconi's question regarding whether the tentative agreement should be attached to the motion. Ms. Schaefer thanked

the Public Safety Committee, Mr. Barry and Mr. Cecconi, stating that this speaks to good working relationships and due diligence.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded. Mr. Bright, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

- M-7 Ms. Waldock moved to sign a 36 month lease with three 2-year options with other terms and conditions as outlined in lease dated April 19, 2010 for the Train Station with Lami Grubb. Second by Mr. Hellett.**

DISCUSSION: Mr. Barry stated that the commencement date for the lease will be June 1, 2010.

Ms. Schaefer said that a community survey was placed on the website and in the newsletter and the practicality of what could be there was reviewed. She thanked everyone who worked hard and did their due diligence.

- M-8 Mr. Wilson moved to accept Keough Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning proposal dated April 11, 2010, in the amount of \$7,235.00, for the installation of an HVAC system for the Train Station. Second by Mr. Hellett.**

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi stated that for this and the next motion, due diligence was done with bidders being Keough, Kaiser and Kenjoco for the HVAC project.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded. Mr. Bright, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

- M-9 Mr. Wilson moved to accept Sto-Rox Asphalt Co. proposal dated April 6, 2010, in the amount of \$7,150.00, for the paving of the parking lot at the Station. Second by Mr. Hellett.**

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi said he is looking at the most responsible bidder and continued by explaining the bids.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded. Mr. Bright, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

- M-10 Mr. Wilson moved to set August 28, 2010 as the date for our Annual Community Day. Second by Ms. Waldock.**

DISCUSSION: Ms. Schaefer noted that the Mayor had an excellent idea calling for the Borough to piggyback on the Run Around the Square. She stated that Zambelli Fireworks is scheduled, as is the Edgewood Symphony.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded. Mr. Bright, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

- M-11 Mr. Wilson moved to approve the Scope of Services for the review of the Public Works Department. Second by Ms. Gleba.**

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cecconi stated that he started working on this last year. He said the state moved its headquarters, making it a slow process to complete.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded. Mr. Bright, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

- M-12 Mr. Hellett moved to affirm the hiring of David Palermo as a part-time police officer, pending the passing of a physical and psychological evaluation and a start date of April 20, 2010. Second by Ms. Gleba.**

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davin requested that the General Government Committee look at the salaries for the part-time officers. She felt that they are paid a lot more in surrounding communities.

Ms. Schaefer indicated that the Personnel Committee should review this.

Mr. Hellett informed Council that the officers at Braddock Hills make \$14.00 per hour.

Ms. Waldock asked that it be kept in mind that Braddock Hills does not have a full-time Police Department.

Ms. Schaefer said that there were three candidates and Mayor Davin participated in the process and this was then discussed in a Public Safety Committee meeting.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded. Mr. Bright, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- M-13 Following an Executive Session that lasted from 9:20 PM until 10:15 PM, it was moved by Ms. Waldock and seconded by Ms. Gleba to adjourn this meeting.**

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded. Mr. Bright, Ms. Waldock, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Hellett, Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

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Warren Cecconi, Borough Manager