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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Schaefer called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:35 PM in the Municipal Building.

# **ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer. Mr. Wilson was absent.

Mayor Hellett and Solicitor Barry were also present.

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

### Ruth Pickering - 416 Locust Street

Ms. Pickering responded to a letter from the Borough code enforcement officer. She distributed copies to the Borough Council and to Mayor Hellett.

M-1 Ms. Gleba moved to approve the minutes of October 17, 2011, as amended. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: None

President Schaefer asked that those in favor signify by responding "aye" and those opposed signify by responding "nay;" the following responded aye: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer. Motion carried 6-0.

M-2 Ms. Gleba moved to approve the minutes of November 7, 2011, as amended. Second by Mr. Bowers.

DISCUSSION: None

President Schaefer asked that those in favor signify by responding "aye" and those opposed signify by responding "nay;" the following responded aye: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried 6-0.** 

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, from the General Fund, in the amount of \$38,852.01 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$95,382.01 for a total of \$134,234.02. Second by Ms. Waldock.

DISCUSSION: None

President Schaefer asked that those in favor signify by responding "aye" and those opposed signify by responding "nay;" the following responded aye: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried 6-0.** 

# **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Ms. Gleba reported that ALCOSAN rates were going up. She said the Borough should be hearing back soon about its tax anticipation note. Ms. Gleba reported that if the motion passed to repay the sewer fund, the two funds would no longer be comingled in any way. Ms. Gleba asked Solicitor Barry if the Borough had any legal options if a neighboring municipality did not respond to repeated attempts to discuss road work on a border street.

Solicitor Barry stated that he had been in contact with the Solicitor and both were hopeful that the governing bodies could work out the situation.

President Schaefer said the public works committee met on this issue, and there would be an executive session to discuss this action as well as personnel matters.

# **POLICE REPORT**

Mayor Hellett read the highlights from a recent police blotter and explained a quote for a new computer server.

A discussion followed about what should be included in the police blotter for public record.

# **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Ms. Waldock reported on the public safety committee meeting, which was held on November 14, 2011. She reported that the highlights of the meeting included conversations about how many vehicles the police department needs, the costs and benefits of obtaining CALEA recognition in 2013, and the county radio dispatch channels, and resident complaints on Eimer Street. Ms. Waldock said the public safety committee determined that "Children at Play" signs should be placed on Elmer Street in both directions in order to alert drivers and encourage them to obey the speed limit.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Fuller said that the Community Development committee did not meet, and discussed that Swissvale Borough received a grant from District Attorney Zappala to install cameras on a border street.

# **PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Fuller said the public works committee met to discuss the LaCrosse Street repairs, and would update the Council on the matter in executive session.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

President Schaefer had nothing to report.

#### **PERSONNEL**

Mr. Bowers had nothing to report.

#### PENSION

Mr. Bright said the actuaries had responded to the questions the pension committee sent them, and he would review the answers and provide information to Council. Mr. Bright said the pension committee would be scheduling a meeting within the next few weeks.

# **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

#### INTERCOUNCIL

President Schaefer said that the COG had not met.

# 3 RIVERS WET WEATHER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT/CONNECT

President Schaefer said the 3 Rivers Wet Weather meeting had been rescheduled.

President Schaefer said Connect had a meeting last week and Edgewood's newly elected councilmembers were in attendance. The meeting discussed inter-municipal contract agreements.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Barry said that he was in the process of reviewing a mutual aid agreement with the Turtle Creek Valley COG concerning mutual fire aid. Solicitor Barry said he would send his comments to Manager Cecconi. Solicitor Barry said the agreement was the same as the mutual police aid agreement that he reviewed for the police department, and that he had the same concerns about the process of adopting the agreement that he had with the police agreement.

# **BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Cecconi said the Scot products won through the Ballfield award were delivered. He said the Borough was still waiting on a bill for their portion of the energy upgrades, and that heating repairs to the Borough Building would begin this week. Manager Cecconi said the public works department was continuing to collect leaves, but have been slowed down significantly by wet leaves clogging the machine. Manager Cecconi said the tree removal on East End Avenue was almost complete.

Mr. Bright showed Council samples of the trees that were removed in order to show the worm tunnels and damage on the inside of trees that looked healthy on the outside. A discussion followed about the diseased trees and how to raise public awareness.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# **COMMITTEE ACTION**

M-4 Ms. Gleba moved to repay the sewer fund \$138,344.59 from the General Fund. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Manager Cecconi said that this would make the sewer fund whole. President Schaefer asked that those in favor signify by responding "aye" and those opposed signify by responding "nay;" the following responded aye: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Gleba moved to advertise the 2012 proposed budget for public review and comment. Second by Ms. Waldock.

DISCUSSION: None

President Schaefer asked that those in favor signify by responding "aye" and those opposed signify by responding "nay;" the following responded aye: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried 6-0.** 

M-6 Ms. Gleba moved to advertise the proposed 2012 Tax Ordinance. Second by Ms. Waldock

DISCUSSION: Ms. Gleba stated that the ordinance was the same as the 2011 ordinance.

President Schaefer asked that those in favor signify by responding "aye" and those opposed signify by responding "nay;" the following responded aye: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried 6-0.** 

# **Executive Session**

Executive Session was called at 9:26 PM to discuss personnel and real estate matters. The session ended at 10:00 PM.

Mr. Fuller moved to authorize the Solicitor to file Declaratory Judgment Action re: Parcel D in the Edgewood Town Center. Second by Ms. Gleba.

DISCUSSION: None.

President Schaefer asked that those in favor signify by responding "aye" and those opposed signify by responding "nay;" the following responded aye: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried 6-0.** 

M-8 It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Ms. Gleba to adjourn at 10:48 pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

President Schaefer asked that those in favor signify by responding "aye" and those opposed signify by responding "nay;" the following responded aye: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Waldock, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried 6-0**.

Warren Cecconi, Borough Manager