

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 5, 2014

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. Wainright, Mr. Wilson, Dr. Petrolia, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer.

Mayor Cook and Solicitor Barry were also present.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Mayor made the following Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION 2014-01
MAY 18-24, 2014 - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) WEEK

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated EMT's and Paramedics of Eastern Area Prehospital Service provide exemplary emergency medical care and ambulance transportation to the citizens of Edgewood Borough; and

WHEREAS, Eastern Area Prehospital Service is ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, emergency physicians, emergency nurses, educators, administrators and others; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMEBRS OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH, PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MAY 18-24, 2014, AS:

"EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) WEEK"

"With the theme, EMS: Dedicated for Life"

PROCLAIMED this 5th day of May 2014, in Edgewood, Pennsylvania.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Jim Pashek -Pashek Associates Mr. Pashek, the consultant hired to work on the borough's zoning update, presented to Council an outline of the progress made thus far. He asked Council if there were any particular aspects of the ordinance that they would like to see addressed. Mr. Pashek stated he would give another update at the July Council meeting.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Mr. Wainright 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 \$119,599.85 from the General Fund and \$33,679.43 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$153,279.28. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Wainright said this included a payment for the window replacement and a payment for the sewer repair work.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Mr. Wilson, Dr. Petrolia, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Dr. Petrolia read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 2014 - 15
SUPPORTING INCREASED 2015 CDBG PROGRAM FUNDING

Resolution of Borough of Edgewood, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, expressing its unwavering support of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and recognize the program's significant and unparalleled impact upon the communities in this County; and, further, calling upon the United States Senate and House of Representatives to support full funding of the CDBG formula grants at \$3.3 billion as well as full funding for other critically important affordable housing and community and economic development programs.

WHEREAS, the Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Budget proposes just \$2.8 billion in formula funding for the CDBG program, a 7.59% reduction or \$230 million compared to the appropriated level for FY 2014; and

WHEREAS, since FY 2001, funding for the CDBG formula has declined by nearly 36% causing Allegheny County to lose over \$7.2 million in CDBG funding over that period; and

WHEREAS, a FY 2015 proposed 7.59% reduction in CDBG funding would represent an additional \$1.0 million loss in CDBG funding to Allegheny County and would dramatically affect projects and programs that help sustain Allegheny County's municipalities, non-profits and its low and moderate income residents; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County's CDBG program has a long-term objective of developing viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS, in Allegheny County, an average of 73% of CDBG funds go to or benefit low to moderate income residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, communities in Allegheny County rely heavily upon the CDBG program to alleviate blight in the communities, provide affordable housing, make public buildings accessible to all residents of the community, provide funds for infrastructure needs that our municipality would otherwise be unable to do, and allow elected officials to conduct planning that will transition their neighborhoods to a more diverse, broad-based, 21st century economy; and

WHEREAS, the Allegheny County Community Development Block Grant Program funds a myriad of social service, economic development, and housing programs in this community that has resulted in the development of a strong network of relationships between this local government, the County's residents, and the many non-profit agencies that provide services and help make possible our commitment to those neighborhoods;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Borough of Edgewood expresses its unwavering support of Allegheny County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and recognizes the program's significant and unparalleled impact upon the communities in this County.

The Borough of Edgewood calls upon the United States Senate and House of Representatives to support funding of the CDBG program with a funding level of \$3.3 billion, as well as full funding for other critically important housing and community and economic development programs empowering cities and counties in this country to continue addressing unique affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization needs.

Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bright said he did not believe in government housing. Mr. Fuller said the water authority utilized CDBG funds to repair water lines.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Wainright, Mr. Wilson, Dr. Petrola, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer. The following responded no: Mr. Bright. **Motion carried.**

M-3 Mr. Wilson read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 2014-16

Be it RESOLVED, that the Borough of Edgewood of Allegheny County hereby requests a PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant of \$127,500 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for 2014 sewer repairs.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Edgewood does hereby designate Julie Bastianini, Assistant Borough Manager, as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Edgewood and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

Second by Mr. Wainright.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bastianini said this resolution was required to accompany an application for a PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant. If secured, the grant money would go toward the 2014 sewer repairs that are part of the Borough's operation and maintenance agreement.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Mr. Wilson, Dr. Petrola, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried.**

M-4 Mr. Wilson moved to hire Dylan Amos as a part-time summer employee for the public works department. He will be paid \$8.00/hour. Second by Mr. Wainright.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bastianini said Dylan has been a junior firefighter with the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department for many years.

The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

M-5 Mr. Fuller moved to hire Janet Gerber for the full time finance/administrator. Starting salary is \$42,000 plus benefits as outlined in the borough personnel manual. This is contingent upon her passing a drug screen and background check. Her start date will be June 2, 2014. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Fuller explained the interview process, and Ms. Gerber's experience.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Mr. Wilson, Dr. Petrolla, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS MEETING

RECREATION REPORT Ms. Bastianini said registrations for T-ball and softball were currently being accepted, and that Koenig Field was being used for practices by the 14th Ward and St. Bede's.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller said the Water Authority was delivering a counter proposal to the DEP for its violation, and was requesting a fine reduction to \$60,000. They have not yet heard back from the DEP. Union contract negotiations were ongoing, and the Authority also applied for a PA Small Water and Sewer grant.

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Cook had no further report beyond Mr. Pashek's presentation.

COG REPORT The COG did not meet.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Barry stated that he would be reviewing the need for a fire escrow account with the general government committee.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT Ms. Bastianini said playground construction was underway and on schedule. She explained the progress on the sewer repairs, and explained a new pilot program offered by Duquesne Light to transition 10 high pressure sodium street lights to LED street lights. A discussion followed, and it was decided that the borough would apply to join this pilot program and that the street lights to be replaced would be along Edgewood Avenue.

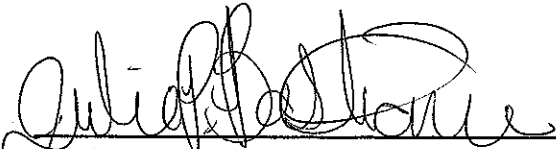
NEW BUSINESS Mr. Bright mentioned adding more activities to Community Day. Dr. Petrolla said the Community Services Committee had met to discuss the activities, and were discussing bringing in some new vendors and businesses. A Committee of the Whole meeting was scheduled for May 12th at 7 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION was called at 8:35 pm to discuss personnel. The session ended at 9:39 pm.

M-6 It was moved by Mr. Wainright and seconded by Mr. Fuller to adjourn at 9:40 pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**


Julie Bastianini, Assistant Borough Manager