

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 4, 2015

President Schaefer called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:37 pm in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Bright, Dr. Wallace, Mr. Wainright, Mr. Wilson, Dr. Petrola, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer.

Mayor Cook and Solicitor Barry were also present.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Al Caruso -150 Gordon Street

Mr. Caruso spoke on behalf of The Edgewood Foundation. He said the Foundation hosted its 30th Senior Brunch on Saturday May 2nd, honoring 11 graduating seniors. He also reported on a successful Earth Day Clean Up. Mr. Caruso said the Newcomer's Reception would take place on May 14th at 134 Gordon Street.

Ben Love -112 Race Street

Mr. Love wished Council a Happy May the 4th.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION Mayor Cook read the following Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION 2015-01

WHEREAS, the Edgewood Borough Council acknowledges and appreciates public service; and
WHEREAS, Sue Phillippi has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to working with the C.C. Mellor Library; and

WHEREAS, for 33 years, Ms. Phillippi worked coordinating activities in the children's room and cataloguing in the adult library, and;

WHEREAS, Ms. Phillippi will be retiring from employment with the Library;

NOW, THEREFORE on this the 4th day of May, 2015, the Office of the Mayor of the Borough of Edgewood, in partnership with Borough Council, recognizes and thanks Sue Phillippi for her years of dedicated, loyal and positive service to the Library and proclaims May 5, 2015 as "**SUE PHILLIPPI DAY.**"

PROCLAIMED at the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood the 4TH day of May, 2015.

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 \$61,100.74 from the General Fund and \$1,246.20 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$62,346.94. Second by Dr. Wallace.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Fuller moved to hire Shane Mysels and Shawn McDonough as part time summer employees for the public works department. They will be paid \$8.00/hour. Second by Dr. Wallace.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bastianini discussed the candidates and the job duties for summer public works employees.

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

M-3 Mr. Fuller moved to hire Fred Caprio as a part time emergency service worker pending the passage of a drug screen and physical examination. His pay will be \$10.61/hour. Second by Dr. Wallace.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bastianini said she and Chief Payne had interviewed Mr. Caprio, who is a member of the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department, and believed he would be a good candidate for the position.

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

M-4 Mr. Fuller moved to hire Kenneth Sebastian as a part time police officer pending the passage of a drug screen, background investigation, physical and psychological examination. His pay and benefits will be per the police contract. Second by Mr. Wainright.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Fuller said the public safety committee met and interviewed Mr. Sebastian and recommended he be hired as a part time officer. Mayor Cook and Chief Payne spoke to his character.

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

M-5 Mr. Fuller moved to amend the rules and regulations of the Borough of Edgewood Civil Service Commission as approved and proposed by the Borough of Edgewood Civil Service Commission. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Neff, chair of the Civil Service Commission, explained the Commission's process for updating the rules and regulations. Mr. Barry discussed some of the proposed changes as they relate to the Borough Code. A discussion followed about agility tests for promotional candidates.

M-6 Mr. Wilson moved to table the motion until the public safety committee met to discuss the proposed changes. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: None

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

M-7 Mr. Wilson moved to award Contract Number 15-R01 – 2015 Roadway Improvement Program to Victor Paving & Construction, Inc., as low bidder in the amount of \$304,982.50 for the base bid, alternate number one in the amount of \$46,222.50 and alternate number two in the amount of \$31,970.50 as recommended by the Borough Engineer Jason Stanton in his letter dated May 1, 2015 subject to Victor Paving & Construction, Inc. obtaining the required insurance certificates, performance bond and payment bond, and review and approval of same by the Borough Solicitor. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bastianini explained the bid process, and said the Borough's engineer has worked with this contractor in the past. She explained that the Borough budgeted \$401,500 for paving in 2015, and thus could include the base bid, alternate one and alternate two to the contract.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Mr. Reynolds said the department responded for 57 calls in the month of April. He said the fire academy had its graduation on April 26th and celebrated 15 graduates. He said a new bill proposed in the Pennsylvania State House would waive the cost of background checks for volunteer firefighters, and he urged Council to support this bill. He also said the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department had a response time of one minute and 58 seconds with an average staffing of six. He said the department is state certified at the bronze level, meaning over half of the department has achieved their firefight 1 certification.

RECREATION REPORT Ms. Bastianini said Tball and Softball registrations were being accepted until May 15th, and explained the different organizations that are using Koenig Field for practices.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller said the authority had transitioned all of its customers to monthly billing, and that it was spending about \$100,000 a year on credit card fees. The Authority was researching their legal options for transferring these fees onto the customers paying with credit cards. A discussion followed about water rates, and it was pointed out that Wilkesburg Penn Joint Water Authority rates are average for our region, and lower than those of Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, Penn American Water Company, and the Municipal Authority of McKeesport.

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Cook said the commission did not meet.

COG REPORT Mr. Wilson said the COG did not meet.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Barry said he had potential litigation to discuss in executive session.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT Ms. Bastianini discussed the Borough's participation in the Duquesne Light LED Pilot Street Light Conversion along S. Braddock Avenue. She said Swissvale Borough would also be applying for conversion of their lights on S. Braddock Avenue. Ms. Bastianini discussed the 2015-2016 winter salt purchase, and explained that the COG would be advertising for "pre winter fill" bids which would hopefully generate a lower price for salt purchased in August through October. She also gave a report on the public meeting that was held on April 29th to discuss Dickson Park and the improvements residents would like to see. The meeting was attended by about 25 residents.

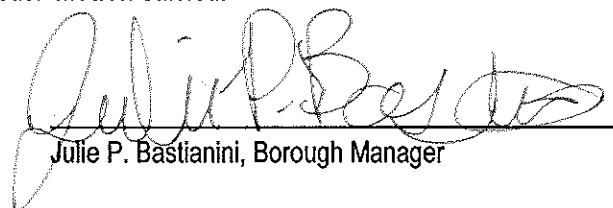
NEW BUSINESS A public safety committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 12th at 6:30 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION was called at 8:45 pm to discuss potential litigation and real estate. The session ended at 10:01 PM.

M-11 It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Mr. Wainright to adjourn at 10:02pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

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


Julie P. Bastianini, Borough Manager