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**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

President Schaefer called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:30 pm in the Municipal Building.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer. Dr. Petrolla arrived at 7:47 pm.

Mayor Cook and Solicitor Barry were also present.

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

**Mike Belmonte --Woodland Hills School Board**

Mr. Belmonte spoke to Council about the School District's budget, and said taxes were not increased for the 2017-2018 school year. He said the teacher's received a raise and the District's reserves would be depleted by the end of the fiscal year. He discussed pension and transportation costs being the largest expenses to the district. He mentioned capital improvements the District hoped to make to schools. Mr. Belmonte talked about the new commission created by School Superintendent Al Johnson to look at discipline, culture and understanding in the district. Ms. Schaefer asked if a representative from Edgewood was on the commission. Mr. Belmonte said that there was not. Mr. Fuller stated that it was unacceptable for the Borough not to be represented on this committee.

**Jamie Glasser --Woodland Hills School Board**

Ms. Glasser said the commission wanted to bring outside experts to the commission, so there are several members who do not live in the District at all. She stated if each municipality had representation, they felt it would be too large to properly function. She said that the commission would bring a report and recommendations to the Board, and she hoped at that point for more discussions with the communities as to how to achieve the recommendations. Ms. Schaefer said the discipline in the schools is a very big concern for Edgewood residents, and that they must be included in this conversation.

**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 \$29,081.63 from the General Fund and \$0 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$29,081.63. Second by Mr. Fuller.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Wainright said the bills included a quarterly payment to the library and a payment on a fire truck loan.

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

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** None

**RECREATION REPORT** Ms. Bastianini thanked Council for all they did to make Community Day a success. She said youth soccer began this week and 165 kids were signed up to play. She said Fall Festival would take place on October 21<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**WATER AUTHORITY REPORT** Mr. Fuller said the authority could now accept payments by phone with a \$2.15 charge to the customer for paying by phone. The Authority's audit found no material weaknesses. He said revenues were up by about \$1 million and expenses were down by about \$950,000 year to date.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Mayor Cook said the commission did not meet.

**COG REPORT** Ms. Schaefer said the COG was discussing allowing Mayors to be on the COG board.


**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** Solicitor Barry said he was working with Oxford Development on deeding the Borough a property next to the Laurel Street tot lot playground.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT** Ms. Bastianini said the Dickson Park Dog Run opened on Friday, and would be open for use daily from dawn until dusk. She thanked Council for its commitment to this project. She said bids were opened for the Mifflin Avenue retaining wall and were higher than expected. She said the engineer was reviewing the bids. She said the Borough was submitting its notice of intent for its MS4 permit renewal.

**M-2** It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Mr. Wainright to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

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



Julie P. Bastianini, Borough Manager

