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# BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 1, 2020

# This meeting was held virtually using GoToMeeting.

Council President Wainright called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:30 pm.

## ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, and Ms. Yaney and Mr. Wainright. Solicitor Tim Barry was present. Mayor Wilson was absent. Councilmember Petrolla joined at 7:35 pm.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:** No public comments were received. Comments were to be submitted either telephonically or by email to the manager by 4pm so that they could be entered into the public record.

## AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Mr. O'Donnell 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 \$28,333.36 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$60.00 for a total of \$28,393.36. Second Mr. Bright.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Donnell commented on the contribution to CC Mellor Library, pension payments and tree removal.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, Ms. Yaney and Mr. Wainright **Motion carried.** 

Mr. Wainright remarked that at the prior meeting, the manager discussed reducing the paving program budget from \$400,000 to \$200,000 in light of the pandemic's impact on our budget. There were no objections from council. A brief discussion followed about how the paving bids can be structured to maximize our paving while staying within the new expenditure amount.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION None.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** Mr. Halle update council on the progress made towards getting the new fire engine in service. Only a few items remain before it can be used in service. The department is aiming for the end of June. Mr. Halle also updated council on the department's plans for fundraising without Community Day. Plans for a drive up spaghetti dinner are being created with an event date TBD in August. Mr. Halle also thanked all of the community members who have donated food and masks to the department. Ms. Yaney asked if she or council could help brainstorm ideas for fundraising and Mr. Halle welcomed the help.

**WATER AUTHORITY REPORT** Mr. Fuller reported residential revenues are up and commercial revues are down. Only 13 breaks occurred from April to May. The Authority received \$1.2 million in CDBG funding for capital projects. Contractors are starting to get back to work on planned projects. Monroeville's storm water authority is litigating its first appeals to the municipality's storm water tax.

Ms. Yaney asked about storm water runoff from parcel D-3 and whether the redevelopment of that site would improve water quality in NMR. A discussion followed about the application of the borough's storm water management ordinance to new development and that water quality goals are included in the ordinance. The manager spoke about the borough's pollution reduction plan which is regulated by ACHD and the PA DEP, which requires us to sweep our streets and enforce erosion and sedimentation controls on earth disturbances.

**RECREATION REPORT** Mr. Zahorchak reported that summer sports (t-ball and softball) would start in July following the PA Parks and Rec Society's guidelines for restarting recreation while in the Green phase. Registrations are low so we will have to see if more participants sign up before we can have a season. Our Yoga and Thai Chi instructors are going to restart their outdoor sessions. Lastly, the playgrounds will be opened

PLANNING COMMISSION Mr. Zahorchak said the commission did not meet.

**<u>COG REPORT</u>** Mr. Zahorchak reported that there will be a virtual meeting in June.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** The solicitor commented on two items; movie night and block parties. He recommends not having movie night this year due to liability concerns. Council can make the final determination on this but his advice is to forego movie night. On block parties, he had no objection since they are not sponsored by the borough but that we may want to consider some guidance on gatherings.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT** : Mr. Zahorchak spoke about the earlier budget adjustment for paving and that the fire engine title has been successfully transferred. The chairlift to the second floor of the borough building has been installed. PennDOT has temporarily halted consideration of our Green Light Go grant application for a traffic signal replacement at Pennwood Ave and Race Street due to a lack of funding. The department will reconsider when funding becomes available. Lastly, the manager asked the for a public works committee meeting to discuss replacing the Oakview Avenue parking lot retaining wall.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>: Mr. Love announced a telephonic public works committee meeting for Monday, June 8 at 7:30 pm. Dial-in instructions will be made available.

Ms. Yaney asked how the plant sale at Koenig Field went. Mr. Zahorchak said that it went very well and in fact, the seller was a bit overwhelmed by the response. Mr. Wainright asked if a message encouraging residents to donate to the fire department could be made and Mr. O'Donnell said a virtual 5k might be worth exploring. Mr. Zahorchak said that he is brainstorming other events to replace community day. Dr. Petrolla recommended using Edgewood Towne Center for an event.

M-2 It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded Dr. Petrolla by to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

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Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager