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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 5, 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, Ms. Yaney, and Mr. Wainright. Solicitor Tim Barry was present. Mayor Wilson, Dr. Petrolla and Junior Councilperson Ben Bermann were absent.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:**

No public comments were offered.

**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 \$210,776.24 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$4,559.09 for a total of \$215,335.33. Second Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Donnell reviewed the bill payment list, highlights included the borough's MMO contribution to the uniform and non-uniform pension funds and the passthrough foreign fire tax payment to the volunteer fire department. A brief discussion followed about the borough's pension liability.

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

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

**M-2** Mr. Fuller moved to authorize the borough manager to advertise for sale a 2000 Pierce Dash Rescue Engine with a minimum reserve price of \$40,000. Second Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: The manager recapped the process agreed to by council and the public safety committee regarding the eventual sale of the retired fire apparatus.

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

**M-3** Mr. Love moved move to authorize the borough manager to advertise for sale a 2005 Ford Explorer with a minimum reserve price of \$2,000. Second Mr. Bright

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated this vehicle has reached the end of its useful life as a borough vehicle and should be sold.

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

- M-4** Ms. Yaney moved to permit the sale of alcohol in at Koenig Field during Fall Fest on October 10, 2020. Second Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated D's will be selling growlers to go. Mr. Love asked about beer being sold for a donation. Mr. Zahorchak explained that the fire department does sell alcohol during Community Day as a fundraiser. They obtain their own insurance and are chartered as a non-profit so the borough does not get involved.

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

- M-5** Mr. Bright move to reschedule the October 19, 2020 public hearing regarding a proposed zoning amendment to November 16, 2020 at 7pm at the Borough Building. Second Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bright explained that some residents had asked the public hearing to be moved until after the general election. Mr. Zahorchak stated that the Municipalities Planning Code requires a 30 day comment period by planning commission and this new date satisfies that requirement.

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

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** Mr. Halle provided a written report which was read by Manager Zahorchak. The department is hosting another drive through pasta dinner fundraiser on October 24 from 2-7 p.m. They are preparing for the bake sale at Fall Fest on October 10. They distributed 500 boxes of food at their second food distribution event. Luminary sales will start after Thanksgiving and Santa will be paraded around Edgewood on a fire truck the evening of December 19.

**WATER AUTHORITY REPORT** Mr. Fuller reported the authority received a satisfactory internal audit. The authority is facing approximately \$800,000 in delinquent billing due to COVID. This equates to roughly 10% of their total income. The board discussed placing bills in envelopes again, which costs around \$85,000 annually. No decision was made.

**RECREATION REPORT** Mr. Zahorchak reported soccer has ended and no additional fall sports are planned at this time. Discussion around winter basketball has been light and we will evaluate its feasibility in a month or so.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Mr. Zahorchak said the commission will meet on October 8 at 7 p.m. to review the zoning ordinance amendment.

**COG REPORT** Mr. Zahorchak reported that the CDBG grant application submitted to the county for sewer work had not been reviewed yet.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** Mr. Barry requested an executive session to discuss a litigation matter.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**: Mr. Zahorchak updated council on several items including the solid waste contract bid opening where Republic Services appeared to be the low bidder. A follow-up call with Republic is needed to clarify a few minor points. A second bid opening for the reconstruction of the Oakview Avenue parking lot retaining wall project was discussed, the apparent low bidder was JG Contracting. A formal review letter is forthcoming from the borough's consulting engineer. The borough received its 2021 health insurance renewal rates from its carrier Municipal Benefits Services. The rate increased 6% over last year's premium. The manager is working on revising the fee schedule resolution. Lastly, he reminded council of the free flu shot clinic being held at the fire department on October 6 and about Fall Fest on October 10.

Mr. Wainright asked Ms. Yaney how the revised recycling ordinance is coming. She and Mr. Zahorchak stated they are working on it.

Mr. Wainright also announced he will be on WEDO 810 AM radio talking about the borough on Monday October 12 at 9 a.m. and encouraged everyone to listen.

**NEW BUSINESS**: Mr. Fuller called a public safety committee meeting for October 12 at 6 p.m. at the borough building.

Council held an executive session from 8:16 – 8:31 p.m. to discuss a legal matter.

**M-6** It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to adjourn at 8:31 pm.  
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



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Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager