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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 17, 2021

The meeting was held virtually via GoToMeeting due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

President Wainright called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Fuller, Mrs. Gleba, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, Ms. Yaney, and Mr. Wainright. Also present were Mayor Wilson, Solicitor Tim Barry and Borough Manager Rob Zahorchak. Dr. Petrolla and Junior Councilperson Ben Bermann were absent.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: Mr. Zahorchak stated that no written public comment had been submitted. No additional comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the April 19, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Second by Mr. Fuller.

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

M-2 Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the May 3, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Second Mrs. Gleba.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-3 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 \$47,489.03 and from the sewer fund in the amount of \$9,781.19 for a total of \$57,270.22. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Donnell stated that \$6,993.07 was for AR Elite Traffic Safety, \$9739.53 went to Lennon, Smith and Souleret for the source overflow reduction study, sewer repairs, and the 2021 construction project, and finally \$8,275 to Davey Tree Service for tree removal.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. O'Donnell provided his report with the authorization of bills. There was nothing additional to report.

POLICE: Mayor Wilson stated that everything is running well, and the new car should be returned soon with decals.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Mr. Fuller reported that Public Safety met with the new part time police officer candidate. He noted that Chief Payne believed that he would be a good officer.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Mrs. Gleba stated that a meeting needed to be scheduled for Community Development. It was decided to schedule the meeting for Monday, May 24th at 7pm at the Borough Building.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Love reported that Public Works did not meet.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Ms. Yaney reported that Community Service did not meet.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Love reported that Personnel did not meet.

PENSION: Mr. Fuller reported that Pension did not meet. He stated that the quarterly report was received, and that funding rates are up.

CONNECT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that there will be a meeting on May 27th at South Park. Mr. Zahorchak noted that he will be unable to attend that meeting. Work is continuing towards drafting a regional climate action plan, with the goal of completing that in July.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Barry reported that there will be a meeting of a solicitor's group regarding the consent order, to be held next week. The meeting is to discuss a new consent order with the Department of Environmental Protection, coming in June. Mr. Barry noted that he will be attending that meeting. The new consent order will be very different than the transfer agreement with ALCOSAN.

Mr. Fuller inquired whether the old consent order had expired. Mr. Barry stated that the order is being updated, and that he will find out more at the meeting. Mr. Zahorchak added that the old order did expire and was slated to continue until a new order can be enacted. The timeline was delayed, at least in part due to Covid. Mr. Zahorchak also noted that the regulator's (EPA and DEP) intent was to have simultaneous timelines for consent orders between municipalities and ALCOSAN.

Mr. Fuller inquired whether, with a new consent order, we are now able to pursue action against Wilkinsburg for overflow on the old playground space by Koenig Field. Mr. Zahorchak stated that the new consent order will include requirements for municipalities to reduce the amount of overflow experienced each year. That would further highlight the overflow issue by Koenig Field, and should force Wilkinsburg into taking action. Mr. Barry mentioned that the issue of overflow by Koenig Field had been brought up with Wilkinsburg a number of times over the years.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the Maple Ave Traffic installation is complete other than an extension on a push-button. Once resolved, we can then request reimbursement and the project will be

complete. Concerning the Oakview Ave retaining wall, the contractor is currently ahead of schedule. There was an issue last week where the drilling contractor encountered a void in one of the pylons. The concern was not knowing initially what was in the void. It appeared to be subterranean settlement, which would be expected. That was able to be plugged with extra concrete. The first walk-through of the site will take place on Friday, to see the retaining walls that have been built, and verify the state of construction as well as neighbors' yards that were affected.

Mr. Zahorchak stated that he was notified by SHACOG that Cargill, our salt supplier, has agreed to extend the contract we have with them as an auctioneer for salt deliveries for 2021 and 2022. The price offered was reduced. The expected amount was \$80.87 per ton. The amount agreed was \$78.82, which is the same amount as last year. This base price will hold for two years, dependent on the consumer price index adjuster.

Mr. Zahorchak stated that he is working with Officer Susalla and emergency services worker Paul Nye to update the emergency operations plan. He noted that Mr. Nye has a Master's Degree in Disaster Management. The process will take a few months, in order to formulate a response plan for dealing with disaster/emergency situations that is much more clear and comprehensive than what is currently on file.

The candidate hired to help with summer work for DPW has backed out, and the position now needs to be filled. Mr. Zahorchak noted that the hourly pay being offered may need to be increased to entice committed candidates. The amount currently being offered is in the \$10-11 range. The age limit, currently set at 18 and older, could also be reduced to 16 and older. Tasks include things such as weeding/cutting grass, etc.

The bid openings for the road program will be available for the first June meeting. Mr. Zahorchak reported that the gazebo project at Memorial Park is coming along well. The build date is scheduled for May 23. The Boy Scouts will be there to construct the gazebo. On May 27 a volunteer group from Friendship Circle will plant flowers around the new gazebo, and Public Works will help with mulching along the pathway. The project should be completed just in time for Memorial Day.

Jordan Tax service will be at the Borough building on May 25 from 1-5pm for in-person property tax payments. Mr. Zahorchak stated that if anyone is interested in attending the ALOM conference at Seven Springs, to contact him. He noted that he will be out of the office for the Memorial Day holiday, from May 27 until June 2.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Wilson noted that the air conditioning unit for the Police Department's changing room is failing. Mr. Zahorchak responded that he will follow up with that. Mr. O'Donnell inquired whether Council will be returning to in-person meetings soon. Mr. Wainright asked members of Council if they felt comfortable meeting in person starting with the first meeting in June. In the absence of any objections, it was decided to meet in person, starting with the meeting on June 7.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Mr. Fuller moved to hire Andrew J. Hakos as a part time police officer conditioned upon his successful completion of a physical and psychological evaluation and background investigation at a rate of \$19.58/hr as specified by the collective bargaining agreement. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-5 Mr. O'Donnell read Resolution 2021-11: GTRP grant application. Second by Mr. Love.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION 2021-11**

Be it RESOLVED, that the Borough of Edgewood hereby request a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant in the amount of \$160,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Laurel Street Park Improvements.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Rob Zahorchak, 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.

I, Ryan O'Donnell, Vice President of Edgewood Borough Council, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Edgewood Borough Council at a regular meeting held May 17, 2021 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Edgewood Borough Council and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Borough of Edgewood, this 17th day of May, 2021.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Mr. Wainright reminded Council that the next meeting will take place in person, in three weeks. He noted that there is a dress code, to include a collared shirt if possible. Casual clothing, such as jeans or flip-flops, is discouraged.

M-6 Mr. Fuller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Second by Mr. O'Donnell. The Aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager