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Council Vice President O'Donnell called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Fuller, Mrs. Gleba, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, and Ms. Yaney. Mayor Jack Wilson, Manager Rob Zahorchak, Chief Robert Payne and Solicitor Tom McDermott were also present. Dr. Petrolla and Mr. Wainright were absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Wilson read the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION 2021-05

WHEREAS, the Edgewood Borough Council has a commitment to provide and to promote good governance for the residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tim Barry served borough council in the role of borough solicitor for over two decades; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mr. Barry faithfully and dutifully executed his many responsibilities as borough solicitor, always keeping the interests of borough council and the borough foremost in his mind; and

WHEREAS, not being one to sit idly by, Mr. Barry resolved countless legal and personnel matters, negotiated the successful sale of Parcel D, and laid the groundwork for a positive working environment amongst borough staff, just to highlight a few of his many accomplishments over the last twenty-one years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 4th day of October, 2021 the Office of the Mayor of the Borough of Edgewood, in partnership with Borough Council, recognizes and thanks, Tim Barry for his many years of dedication and positive, productive, and gracious service to the Borough and proclaims Friday, October 8, 2021 as "TIM BARRY DAY."

PROCLAIMED this 4th day of October, 2021 by the Mayor of the Borough of Edgewood.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: The following public comments were received.

Beth Battaline, 150 Washington St: Ms. Battaline requested that the presenter speak loudly on the scheduled engineer's presentation.

A presentation was given by engineer Jason Stanton of Lennon, Smith, and Souleret, on Phase II of the Administrative Consent Order, which affects the maintenance and upkeep of the sewer system of Edgewood as well as neighboring boroughs.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Mr. Fuller 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 \$216,027.14. Second by Mr. Love.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Fuller noted that there was a large payment, in the amount of \$174,000 for the MMO (minimum municipal obligation) for pensions.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021 Regular Meeting. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that these were the minutes that were not able to be approved at the prior meeting, and with this approval we are now caught up.

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

M-3 Mr. Fuller moved appoint Evan Burbridge to borough planning commission. Mr. Burbridge will fill the remainder of a four-year term which ends on December 31, 2023. Second by Mrs. Gleba.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-4 Mr. Love moved to appoint Gregg Michaels to borough planning commission. Mr. Michaels will fill the remainder of a four-year term which ends on December 31, 2021. Second by Mrs. Gleba.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Mayor Wilson stated that there was nothing to report.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller reported that the Water Authority met. He stated that there was a group from Get the Lead Out which spoke about the grant money to replace lead lines in the district. He noted that there is \$9.3 billion available to replace lead lines, starting with those that should have already been replaced (where the homeowner already replaced their line). If the homeowner had replaced the line with copper pipes then the authority is supposed to use copper on their side as well. Mr. Fuller added that some communities have very few lines to replace. He also noted that about 70% of lines being replaced are in lower-income communities. In some cases, the authority will replace customer lines as well as their side, for homes that sit between other lines being replaced.

The preliminary audit is in. The formal audit will be available next month. Mr. Fuller stated that there have been problems getting chemicals and pipe. About half of the expected amount of pipe has been received in shipments. He added that he believes water rates may go up, based on the increased cost of the chemicals.

RECREATION REPORT Mr. Zahorchak reported that soccer is about halfway through their season, and is going well. It will wrap up at the end of October. Adult QiGong starts tomorrow and continues through the end of the month. We have been receiving questions about basketball. It is dependent on use of the district's gymnasium, and we have not yet heard back from them.

Thanks to everyone who helped with Fallfest. There was a nice turn-out, attendees enjoyed the hayrides, and the Fire Department had a successful pumpkin sale. Mr. Zahorchak noted that the Foundation also received a good turn out for Oktoberfest.

PLANNING COMMISSION Mr. Zahorchak stated that several members were not able to attend the recent meeting due to Planning Commission training. Otherwise, there will be some matters to discuss soon. Ms. Yaney inquired about additional spots that may expire at the end of the year. Mr. Zahorchak replied that one seat that was just filled does expire then, but the candidate will likely wish to continue. He believes that there is one other spot opening up, with the possibility that they may run for another term as well.

COG REPORT Mr. Wilson stated that COG did not meet.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Mr. McDermott introduced himself as the new Borough Solicitor, and noted that he looks forward to serving the borough.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that there was a strategy planning session with Mr. Barry, to help acclimate Mr. McDermott into his new role. He noted that there are some issues developing with the Planning Commission that will be discussed within the next few weeks. Budget season is quickly approaching. Mr. Zahorchak stated that he will be working the Police and Public Works departments to see what their requests are. The new phone system has been installed at the Borough Building, and everyone is satisfied with that.

We are in the initial design phase of the new signal for Race St and Pennwood Ave. The design should be completed before the end of the year, to start taking bids for construction. Mr. Zahorchak noted that the estimated time for needed components to be received could be between four and eight months. He added that it is a complicated signal to install.

An ad has been placed in the paper, to run for the next two weeks, to advertise our 2021-22 O&M sewer project, which includes cleaning, televising, and repairing the lines. This was originally to be launched in the spring, but after reviewing sewer lines near Nine Mile Run, it was decided that it should be included as well. That set the project back, but should give us better information to work with, especially as it relates to regionalization, on top of fixing our own pipes. Besides the Nine Mile Run portion, the area that is being focused on is located in the area of the Borough Building, the School for the Deaf, E Swissvale Ave/ W Swissvale Ave and E Hutchinson St. Bids are due to be open November 10.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Fuller stated that a Public Safety meeting needs to be called. That was scheduled for Wednesday, October 13 at 6:30pm. Mr. Love inquired about when the budget meeting is to be scheduled. Mr. Zahorchak responded that it will take place in November, with possible dates being November 6, 12 or 13.

M-5 It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Ms. Yaney to adjourn at 8:35 pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager