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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD APRIL 18, 2022

Council President Petrolla called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. Mayor O'Donnell, Solicitor McDermott, and Borough Manager Zahorchak were also present.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Rick Belloli, 1122 Mifflin Ave: Mr. Belloli stated that he looks forward to a resolution soon on the stormwater issue at his property, especially with spring rains happening. He noted that he is waiting for some items from the borough and hopes to hear back soon. He added that the structural engineer that he has worked with noted that the issue is not so much about water getting into the basement, but under the slab.

Andrea Maue, Edgewood Foundation: Ms. Maue stated that she had some updates to provide on behalf of the Edgewood Foundation. The annual senior brunch for the Class of 2022 is coming up this weekend at the Edgewood Club, with about 48 attendees expected. Police Chief Payne will be the keynote speaker for the event. The Progressive Dinner is returning, on May 1. This is happening at a different time of year than normal. Also being planned is the Newcomers Reception. The last one happened in the fall, which was also different than the normal timeframe. Finally, the Wine and Chocolate fundraiser is being planned for later in the fall. She noted that they have gotten questions about bricks being placed and stated that they are working on that.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of March 21, 2022 Council Meeting. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-2 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of April 4, 2022 Council Meeting. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-3 Mr. Love 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 \$57,708.88 and from the sewer fund in the amount of \$20,037.67 for a total of \$77,746.55. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted that it was a fairly standard bill run.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. Love stated that besides information on bills, there was nothing to report.

POLICE: Chief Payne stated that he had nothing to report.

Mayor O'Donnell requested that a meeting be scheduled for Public Safety.

Fire Chief Ireland stated that there was nothing of note to report. Mayor O'Donnell inquired about using the Council Chambers as a possible space for a blood drive. Chief Ireland noted that it would take place in summer. He stated that he could discuss the space with the Swissvale Fire Department as well. Following a brief discussion, Council agreed that the chambers could be used, provided that donors can receive any needed assistance leaving, especially on the stairs.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Zahorchak stated that he would set up a meeting for Public Safety and Infrastructure.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Mr. Sherman stated they met over the weekend to discuss and approve an artist market to happen in May. Ms. Yaney added that there was a note from the gardener of the plant sale about a community yard sale on the same date. Mr. Zahorchak confirmed that it was held by a different entity, and further communication would be sent to clarify that.

PENSION AND PERSONNEL: Dr. Blasiolo stated that Pension and Personnel did not meet.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Ms. Yaney stated that a meeting for CONNECT will be holding an executive committee meeting and inquired if Ms. Patel is planning to attend. Ms. Patel confirmed that she will be attending and welcomed any advice as this will be her first time at that meeting. Discussion ensued over the scope of CONNECT meetings.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott stated that there was nothing to report, and no need for an executive session.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the 2021 paving program has just closed, with reconstruction of Pliney Way wrapping up. A storm drain had to be reconstructed with that. The 2022 paving list will

be starting soon. This will likely coincide with other maintenance projects, so adjustments to the paving schedule may need to be made accordingly. Signal plans for replacement were approved by PennDOT for Race St and Pennwood Ave. Bids will open for that on May 16, with intention to present for Council's approval on June 6. Project completion time can vary widely, dependent on material availability. The School for the Deaf improvements are moving forward. Solicitor McDermott added that the multi-family dwelling at the Towne Center is moving forward as well, and the execute agreements should be received soon.

Mr. Sherman inquired if anything was known about the nearby Fern Hollow bridge reconstruction, as it affects our local traffic. Nothing definitive was known. Discussion ensued about bridge reconstruction, including the Commercial Street bridge and related issues.

Mayor O'Donnell inquired if there was any update on the local share grant. Mr. Zahorchak replied that due to the large number of applicants, it would likely take several months to receive an update.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Petrolla confirmed with Borough Manager Zahorchak that advertising for the pop-up market will be handled accordingly. Otherwise, there was no new business reported.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None.

M-5 It was moved by Ms. Yaney and seconded by Dr. Epitropoulos to adjourn at 7:53 pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager