

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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Council Vice President Love called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

POLICE OFFICER OATHS

Andrew Hakos and Maura Alford were sworn in as Edgewood Borough Police Officers by Mayor Ryan O'Donnell.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

Evan Burbridge updated council on the actions of the fire department.

The following residents expressed displeasure over the pickleball courts being constructed in Koenig Field due to noise concerns:

Lousie DeRiso, 412 Greendale Ave
Ron Nelson, 435 Greendale Ave
Sharon Borovetz, 430 Greendale Ave
Martha Rial, 166 Race St
Karen Protheroe, 410 Greendale Ave

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Ms. Patel moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-2 Mr. Sherman moved move to authorize the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the General Fund in the amount of \$ 307,732.39 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$12,964.23 for a total of \$320,696.62. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love and Mr. Zahorchak stated that the bill payment included a large bill to Brodner Traffic Systems for the completion of the Race Street traffic Signal but that most items were fairly standard.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Ms. Yaney reported that the committee was still working on the single use plastics ban ordinance.

POLICE: Mayor O'Donnell stated that he had nothing to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Ms. Yaney stated that Public Safety and Infrastructure did not meet.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Mr. Sherman stated that Community Affairs did not meet.

PENSION AND PERSONNEL: Dr. Blasiolo stated that the committee did not meet.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor McDermott requested a brief executive session after the meeting to discuss a personnel matter. No action would be taken.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the Pennwood and Race traffic signal replacement project was nearly finished and the thirty-day test period starts tomorrow. Both the Dewey Street parking lot paving and Dewey Street emergency sewer work start next week. Soccer registration ends August 4 but it may be extended by one week based on numbers. The Community Day music lineup has been finalized but we're still accepting vendor registrations. street sweeping would be postponed for Wednesday due to a mechanical problem with the sweeper. He also reported that construction on the tennis courts and Dewey Street parking lot was continuing as planned.

NEW BUSINESS None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-3 Dr. Blasiolo moved to authorize the Borough Manager to engage Jordan Tax Services, Inc. to perform delinquent Property/Real Estate Tax collection services commencing in January 2024, and to provide notice of non-renewal/termination of the existing PAMS Agreement effectively at the conclusion of the current term of the Edgewood-PAMS agreement ending on December 31, 2023. Seconded by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that this agreement brings all real estate tax collection under Jordan Tax Service and the borough will not have to pay for delinquent tax collection services like it does currently.

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

- M-4** Ms. Yaney moved to ratify the agreement between Jordan Tax Services, Edgewood Borough tax collector George Fuller, and Edgewood Borough deputizing Jordan Tax Services to collect current Property/Real Estate Tax as provided for under Pennsylvania law. This agreement is valid for the duration of Mr. Fuller's term and expires December 31, 2025. Seconded by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that the execution of the physical agreement was overlooked back in early 2022 but that Jordan Tax Services has been collecting current real estate taxes on Mr. Fuller's behalf as his deputy since January 1, 2022. This agreement formally acknowledges the borough will reimburse Jordan Tax Service for the cost of producing and mailing the tax bills since the tax collector is not taking a salary and cannot pay Jordan Tax Service for these services.

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

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

Council held an executive session from 8:35pm – 9:00pm regarding a personnel matter.



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager