

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

Council President Petrolla called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:38 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: The following public comment was received.

Martha Rial, 166 Race St: Ms. Rial spoke concerning traffic on her street, and property damage to her home from traffic accidents.

Erin Pierce, CC Mellor Memorial Library: Ms. Pierce provided an update from the library. She noted that 'Love Your Library' month just started. The annual 'Adopt a Book' party is upcoming. The community survey is available on their website and at both library locations. Another candidate event is being planned for October. Early planning is happening for a capital project at the building including roof replacement, restroom updates and a re-do of the second floor.

Rick Belloli, 1122 Mifflin Ave: Mr. Belloli inquired about paving work that will be done behind his home on Horace Way. The borough manager informed him that it is tentatively planned for mid-October.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Mr. Love moved to authorize the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the General Fund in the amount of \$25,123.41. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mayor O'Donnell inquired about a difference in the total from the previously sent agenda. Mr. Zahorchak noted that there is an updated agenda that includes a bill from the school related to an active shooter drill.

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 ACTION

M-2 Mr. Sherman moved to approve the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf Lot Consolidation Plan dated April 8, 2023 as recommended by the borough's planning commission. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated the applicant sought a lot consolidation and lot line revision. He noted that this was reviewed by our engineer and approved by the planning commission. There are no zoning changes, just a change to the property line related to a home sale.

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

M-3 Ms. Yaney moved to adopt Resolution 2023-06: ALCOSAN Transfer Agreement. 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.**

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT The Fire Chief was not present and there was nothing to report.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller reported that the water company met. There have been many non-rate paying speakers at the most recent meetings leading to a change in public comment policy. There are plans to form a citizen advisory committee to address the concerns of these speakers. Most of phase one lead line replacement is done, with some restoration work still to be completed. The second phase of the service line identification process is almost completed in Rankin, with McKeesport being next. Electrical rates for the company have been increasing. Some additional projects are upcoming, which will use a substantial portion of the budget. Paperless billing is being released.

RECREATION REPORT Mr. Zahorchak thanked everyone who helped with and attended Community Day. He noted that the current arrangements and offerings for the day seem to be working well, and we plan to keep it fairly similar next year. Mayor O'Donnell thanked Mr. Zahorchak and borough staff for their efforts. Fall Soccer starts tonight. The last outdoor movie is planned for Saturday, featuring 'Jumanji.' This is combined with the Edgewood Foundation's Sleepover in the Park. We're working with the Foundation again for our annual Fallfest and Oktoberfest, from 3-6pm, with hayrides, vendors, crafts, plus food and beer tickets for sale through the Foundation.

COMMITTEE ACTION Part 2

M-4 Mr. Love moved to amend the agenda to add a motion for 'Sleepover in the Park' on September 9. Second by Ms. Yaney.

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.**

Ms. Yaney inquired about Light Up Night. No current plans were known.

PLANNING COMMISSION Mr. Zahorchak reported that the Planning Commission met to review some items that Council took action on, and to reorganize for the next year. The new Chair is Evan Burbridge and the Vice-Chair is Samara Wheaton.

COG REPORT Mayor O'Donnell had nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Mr. McDermott stated that there was nothing to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that work is starting on the bulb-outs on Edgewood Ave. Work should take approximately four weeks, with paving to take place after that. A meeting is planned with our concrete contractor to discuss spot repair. That work should take two to three weeks. A project meeting will take place with our engineer to discuss bid preparation and to start looking at budget numbers for work to be done at Koenig Field. Brief discussion ensued concerning sewer work and collaboration with Wilkinsburg.

The General Government Committee is now satisfied with their recent draft of the plastic bag ban ordinance. Discussion ensued over imposing a mandatory fee as part of this ordinance as the current draft does not impose such a fee, as well as other aspects of the proposed ban.

NEW BUSINESS No new business was reported.

M-5 It was moved by Mr. Sherman and seconded by Ms. Yaney to adjourn at 8:40pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager