

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 4, 2023

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

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

County Council Member DeWitt Walton addressed Council. He thanked the constituents for his recent reelection and stated that he would like to further engage with the borough. Mr. Zahorchak thanked Council Member Walton for a recent letter of support.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Dr. Epitropoulos moved to authorize the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the General Fund in the amount of \$123,810.11. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted that larger amounts included some end of year payments and donations.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Sherman moved to adopt the 2024 General Fund, Sewer Fund, and Highway Fund budgets. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-3 Dr. Blasiolo read Resolution 2023-09: 2024 Property Tax Levy. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION 2023-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, Edgewood Borough Council has adopted the 2024 General Fund, Sewer Fund, and Highway Fund Budgets, and;

WHEREAS, Act 51 of 2019 allows boroughs to establish their millage rate by resolution if the rate remains the same or is decreased from the prior year, and;

WHEREAS, the borough's 2024 General Fund Budget balances without the need for a property tax increase.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a tax shall be levied for the fiscal year 2024 on all real property within Edgewood Borough as follows:

The 2024 tax rate for general borough purposes shall total seven and one hundred eighty five thousandths (7.185) mills on each thousand dollars of assessed valuation, unchanged since 2016.

1 mill = \$1.00 for every \$1,000 assessment
7.185 mills = \$7.185 for every \$1,000 assessment

ADOPTED this the 4th day of December, 2023 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-4 Dr. Blasiolo read Resolution 2023-10: 2024 Sewage Rate. Second by Mr. Sherman

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION 2023-10

A RESOLUTION EDGEWOOD BOROUGH, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FIXING ITS SANITARY SEWER RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

WHEREAS, Edgewood Borough Council has adopted the 2024 General Fund, Sewer Fund, and Highway Fund Budgets, and;

WHEREAS, Chapter 165 (Sewers), Article 3 (Sewer Rates and Charges), Section 13 (Establishment) of the Borough Code of Ordinances, §165-13 is hereby amended, repealed, and replaced in its entirety, so as to read hereafter as follows:

§165-13. Established Rates and Charges:

This article hereby imposes and establishes rates or charges for the use of, and services provided by, the sewer system in Edgewood, said rates or charges being based upon the quantity of water used. The following rates or charges, together with applicable ALCOSAN sewage treatment and disposal charges, shall be assessed to each user of the Borough's sanitary sewer system, and shall be invoiced by the Borough's collector and payable to the Borough on a quarterly basis, as follows:

Basic service:

***\$5.70** per 1,000 gallons of water used and for any collection costs applicable to the Borough of Edgewood*, PLUS*

ALCOSAN Fees/Charges:

*ALCOSAN sewage treatment and disposal charges as billed to the Township and passed on to the rate payer, as part of the total rates and charges established hereby, as follows: **\$11.14/1,000 gal. for ALCOSAN Sewage Treatment/Services, plus a quarterly ALCOSAN Sewage Service Charge of \$23.41/quarter****

**The foregoing Borough rate/charge of \$5.70 is exclusive of and in addition to all of the above ALCOSAN Fees/Charges levied upon the Borough for sewage treatment and disposal services, which ALCOSAN charges shall be added to the above Borough sewer rate(s) and shall become part of the total Borough Rates and Charges to be invoiced to and payable by the user to the Borough.*

ADOPTED this the 4th day of December, 2023 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

DISCUSSION: Brief discussion occurred over the amount being charged. Mr. Love noted that the rate has not changed from the 2023 amount.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Nothing to report.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT: Mr. Fuller reported that the Water Authority met and spent most of the meeting discussing the budget. There will be a rate increase for 2024 due to increasing costs of chemicals, materials and labor.

RECREATION REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that Youth Basketball registration has closed, with 189 kids currently signed up. Division 2 (grades 3-5) closed early due to reaching capacity (80). There are several kids that are on a wait-list for that age group. Teams will be finalized following the draft, which will take place on December 16.

Youth Futsal registration starts January 2, for kids ages 8-12. The fee is \$20. Games will take place at the Edgewood STEAM Academy.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated that the planning commission did not meet.

COG REPORT: Mr. Love reported on his attendance at the monthly board meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott had nothing to report but requested a brief executive session after the meeting to discuss ongoing personnel matters.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the last payment for the new traffic signal at Race Street and Pennwood Ave was approved tonight. The 2023 paving program is complete and walk through is scheduled for December 6. Contract negotiations between the borough and public works department are ongoing. There is a potential issue with the sanitary sewer on Aberdeen and Chestnut Streets and more investigation is needed to identify the problem. Lastly, Edgewood Borough was again named a Banner Community for 2023 by the Allegheny League of Municipalities.

NEW BUSINESS

M-5 It was moved by Dr. Blasiolo and seconded by Mr. Sherman to adjourn at 7:47pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

An Executive Session was held from 7:50-8:01pm.



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager