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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 20, 2023

Council President Petrolla called the meeting to order at 7:37pm.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Beth Battaline, 150 Washington St: Ms. Battaline spoke concerning several items in the neighborhood.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-2 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2023 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, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Yaney arrived at 7:41pm.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-3 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 \$ 98,921.99 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$190,342.79 for a total of \$289,264.78. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love stated that notable items included a sewer pass through to ALCOSAN and tree removal.

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 reported that General Government met to discuss the resolutions included on the agenda.

POLICE: Mayor O'Donnell discussed a grant received from the state for some upcoming borough projects. Mr. Zahorchak noted that testing is in process for new police applicants.

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

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Mr. Sherman stated that Community Affairs met to discuss the Koenig Field resolution.

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

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Ms. Patel stated that she attended a meeting for the Commission Against Violence where they discussed an upcoming Stop the Bleed training, happening March 27 at the Edgewood Club.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott stated there was nothing to report, besides a brief Executive Session to happen following the meeting over a personnel matter, with no action to be taken.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the police have a list of curb areas that need to be painted. Public Works is completing their annual catch basin inspection with cleaning and maintenance. Our engineer is working on the 2023 paving program, with a focus around Edgewood Ave. Locations are being chosen for line painting around the borough, and we are collaborating Swissvale Borough to paint S. Braddock Ave. Street sweeping starts in April. He discussed a recent grant to be used for several different projects in the next year, including storm sewer work near Elmer St, Beech St, and Locust St. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place April 1.

NEW BUSINESS Mr. Zahorchak stated that televising work is being done on portions of the sewer system under the borough's contract with JetJack.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Ms. Patel read Resolution 2023-02: Newspaper of general circulation. Second by Mr. Sherman.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
RESOLUTION 2023-02**

WHEREAS the Council of the Borough of Edgewood recognizes the importance of transparency in local government;

WHEREAS the Council of the Borough of Edgewood desires to advertise all meetings, contracts, bids and other announcements,

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Edgewood has determined that it will not advertise in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette until an agreement is reached between the paper and the Newspaper Guild of Pittsburgh.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Edgewood hereby designates the **NEW PITTSBURGH COURIER** and **THE VALLEY MIRROR** as its official newspapers of general circulation.

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-5 Mr. Sherman read Resolution 2023-03: Koenig Field user fees & permits. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
RESOLUTION 2023-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD IN THE COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING USER FEES AND REQUIRING
PERMITS FOR KOENIG FIELD**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Edgewood recognizes the importance of recreation programs and offerings, and;

WHEREAS, Borough Council understands that regular upkeep and maintenance on borough facilities is vital and user fees can assist in offsetting the cost of recurring maintenance, and;

WHEREAS, establishing a field use permit system ensures that field space is available for both groups and individuals to maximize recreational opportunities while ensuring equity amongst all users.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood that the following user fees and permit rules are hereby adopted:

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-6 Ms. Yaney moved to exonerate the Tax Collector and his deputy Jordan Tax Service for all current 2022 real estate tax collections totaling \$27,619.90 as reflected in the deputy's January 19, 2023 Open Accounts Report. 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-7 It was moved by Ms. Yaney and seconded by Ms. Patel to adjourn at 8:01pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

An Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter was held at 8:02 and adjourned at 8:35pm. No action was taken.



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager