

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 4, 2024

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

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following responded: Dr. Blasiolo, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, and Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. Also present were Mayor O'Donnell, Police Chief Payne, Fire Chief Reynolds, Borough Manager Zahorchak, and Solicitor McDermott. Ms. Patel arrived at 7:35pm. Dr. Epitropoulos was absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Borough Engineer Jason Stanton of Lennon, Smith, and Souleret provided a presentation to Council on the Consent Order.

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

Brian Werner, 329 Maple Ave: Mr. Werner spoke about pedestrian safety at the intersection of E Swissvale and Maple Ave. This follows two recent traffic incidents at that location. He noted that he leases space at 101 E Swissvale.

Louise DiRiso, 412 Greendale Ave: Ms. DeRiso spoke concerning noise levels at the pickleball court.

Sharon Borovetz, 430 Greendale Ave: Ms. Borovetz spoke concerning noise levels at the pickleball court.

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Reynolds stated that the rescue truck is back in service after the engine rebuild. He reported that the department is receiving two grants, one of \$5,000 from the Department of Health, and one of \$15,000 from the office of the State Fire Commissioner. An application for the AFG grant is being submitted for \$139,000 for radios and another \$10,000 grant.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT: Mr. Fuller reported that the Water Authority met. They are still having issues with their software and are not doing any shut-offs at this time. Customers are receiving scam calls for water payments and he reiterated that the water company does not call customers about their delinquent bills. February was a busy month for breaks because of the fluctuating temperatures. Phase I of the lead-line replacements is complete. Any remaining funds from that will go towards restoration. Phase II is starting this spring. The authority received a right to know request for seven years' worth of meeting minutes. Lastly, the authority is entering into a bulk water agreement with Monroeville.

Police Chief Payne addressed Council concerning the recent accident at the train station.

RECREATION REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that Basketball will be wrapping up soon. Registration for summer tee ball and softball opens on March 25. Koenig Field reservations are being accepted now for spring field use. The Easter Egg hunt is happening on Saturday, March 23 at 1pm (rain date March 24), if anyone is available to help spread eggs on the field starting at noon.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Mr. Zahorchak had nothing to report.

COG REPORT: Mr. Love stated that they met. Code enforcement was discussed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott had nothing to report. An Executive Session would be needed.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that there was an accident at the train station on Friday evening. We lease the station from the Port Authority and are working with them to coordinate repairs. The audit is ongoing, with nothing notable to report at this time. We've signed off on our notice of funding award for traffic light upgrades on S Braddock Ave. There is a ninety-day window for contract preparation. Work is expected to take place in 2025. The emergency sewer work on Chestnut Street has been completed. The manager and assistant manager held a kick-off design meeting to revamp the borough's website. The plastic bag ban ordinance is now in effect and appears to have been well received overall by local businesses. Lastly, Mr. Zahorchak thanked Mr. Stanton for his presentation and his efforts in getting multiple groups on board with regionalization efforts.

NEW BUSINESS None.

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 \$26,683.93 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$1,412.15 for a total of \$28,096.08. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

An Executive Session was held at 8:30pm lasting until 8:53 pm.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Ms. Patel moved to re-appoint Samara Wheaton to Edgewood Borough Planning Commission for a four-year term. Second by Mr. Love.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-3 It was moved by Dr. Blasiolo and seconded by Mr. Love to adjourn at 8:54pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager