

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 2, 2025

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, Ms. Patel, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. Also present were Borough Manager Zahorchak and Solicitor McDermott. Dr. Epitropoulos and Mr. Sherman were absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Sherman arrived at 7:32pm.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

The following public comment was received.

Tom Reichner, 540 Allenby Ave: Mr. Reichner stated that he witnessed another example of someone speeding on his street. He noted that the license was provided to the police. Mr. Zahorchak provided a report taken in May with an average speed of 26.5 mph and volume of 25 cars per day.

Jo Schlesinger, 119 Lacrosse St: Ms. Schlesinger addressed Council with concern for safety of neighbors regarding immigration raids. She stated that she volunteers with those residing in the area who are legally seeking asylum. She noted that she hopes for our neighborhood to be proactive and educated on this topic.

Allan Willinger, 119 Lacrosse St: Mr. Willinger addressed Council regarding immigration concerns. He requested that the borough consider adopting a policing policy similar to the City of Pittsburgh on this matter and for borough police to not be involved in actions related to immigration.

Rich Weinber, 448 Locust St: Mr. Weinber addressed Council regarding immigration concerns. Council President noted that the Chief Police is not in attendance to respond, however our police department's focus is to enforce local matters. Brief discussion ensued on this matter.

Christine Furman, 1201 Savannah Ave: Ms. Furman thanked the borough for their efforts in cleaning up tree debris.

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 \$80,102.02 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$4,415.18 for a total of \$84,517.20. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted that it was a fairly standard bill run.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

- M-2** Ms. Yaney moved to purchase a 2025 ODB LCT650 Trailer Mount Tow Behind Leaf Loader from Stephenson Equipment in the amount of \$83,697.00 under CoStars contract # 4400028339. Second by Dr. Blasiole.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak briefly discussed the model proposed for purchase and noted that it would be well suited to the needs of the Public Works Department.

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

- M-3** Dr. Blasiole moved to appoint Steven Stegner the borough's zoning and code enforcement officer. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-4** Ms. Yaney moved to extend the May 1, 2025 disaster declaration until July 7, 2025. Second by Ms. Patel.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Nothing was reported.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT: Mr. Fuller reported the water authority pension committee met and the fund is down but doing well otherwise. Sump pumps are being replaced at the treatment plant. Jet Jack is in the middle of the Phase II lead line replacement program.

RECREATION REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak provided the following report. Tee ball and Softball start this week. Our first summer movie was moved to Friday, June 13 to allow more time to plan and advertise following the storm. We are playing 'The Mitchells vs the Machines' and we will have a Kona Ice truck join us at the field before the movie, starting at 8pm. The next movie is being planned for July 25. Based on the successful collaboration last year, this will be sponsored by Shaolin Studios. The feature film is 'Kung Fu Panda' and Shaolin will be at the field before the movie to do demonstrations. We are also tentatively planning to have a juice truck join us. We are accepting vendor applications at this time if anyone knows of interested food or market vendors for Community Day. On June 24 at 6pm there will be a 'Kona and Kickball' event happening at Koenig Field. Kids can participate in kickball games, and the Kona Ice truck will be available. The event is free and open to the public.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Mr. Zahorchak had nothing to report but there was an issue with the crosswalk placement at the Edgewood Elementary which would need to be addressed per the Commission's approval.

COG REPORT: Mr. Love stated that there was a meeting but he could not attend. The COG offices are moving this month which may cause minor disruptions to daily operations for about a week.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott had nothing to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that concrete sidewalk and curb restoration from April 29 storm damage will start on June 16th. Work includes tree removal, stump grinding and sidewalk and curb restoration. He noted that a portion of the work takes place on private property. The total projected cost is approximately \$35,000. Greendale Avenue sidewalk cleanup is complicated because it's private property cleanup, but we have a contractor who can perform the work if needed. Work on the Elmer reconstruction is progressing, and the McKay Street storm sewer relocation is underway again.

NEW BUSINESS –

Ms. Yaney noted that she recently spoke to a representative from a solar company that would like to partner with us. Brief discussion ensued on this matter.

M-5 It was moved by Mr. Sherman and seconded by Ms. Yaney to adjourn at 8:03pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager