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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: Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. Also present were Mayor O'Donnell, Police Chief Payne, Assistant Manager Ault and Solicitor McDermott. Dr. Blasiole and Dr. Epitropoulos were absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dr. Blasiole arrived at 7:40pm.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

The following public comment was received.

Susan Berman, 410 Willow Place: Ms. Berman addressed Council with concern about ICE agents in Edgewood. She inquired about any policies regarding enforcement or cooperation. Police Chief Payne responded that there is no policy regarding ICE. It was noted that ICE is a federal entity and we don't have jurisdiction over them and that the focus of the Edgewood Police department is to protect and serve the residents of our neighborhood. Discussion ensued on this matter.

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 \$268,348.61 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$134,938.95 for a total of \$403,287.56. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted that large items were related to engineering costs, primarily for work on McKay Street.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION None.

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Nothing was reported.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT: Mr. Fuller reported that the authority met and discussed equipment replacement of a coupling. He noted that the coupling size needed was not available and the affected pipe will need to be replaced in its entirety. The max capacity of the new pipe is 16 million gallons. Normal flow is 14 million gallons per day. Phase III of the lead line replacement is ongoing. There are 70 homes in Edgewood flagged for replacement, 68 of those have been inspected or scheduled for inspection. A recent legal issue came up regarding water service to a home named in

a trust. The authority has decided to stop issuing rule books automatically to new account holders. If a rule book is desired, it can be requested from the office.

RECREATION REPORT: Ms. Ault reported that our recent movie night went well and was well attended. There was a threat of rain during set up, that thankfully just missed us. Special thanks to Shaolin Studios for sponsoring our film and providing demos and to 1:11 Juice Truck for joining us prior to the film. Our next and final summer film will take place on Saturday, September 6, featuring the recent hit, "A Minecraft Movie." This will be in conjunction with the Edgewood Foundation's 'Sleepover in the Park' event. Soccer registration is open now until August 15. We are still accepting volunteer coaches; clearances are required.

Community Day is coming up in just a few weeks. Vendor forms are coming in, and are still being accepted for those who are interested. Mike Hooks has our musical line-up prepared. Something new this year, we will have a stilt walker who also does a stage performance, named 'O'Ryan the O'mazing. We've been coordinating activities and logistics with our community groups. The Fire Department will have their pulled pork sandwich dinners, the Police will have the golf cart, DUI goggles and more. In addition to their booth and the raffle, the Foundation will be running a duck pond game. We will also have two games to run, Break and Plate and Roller Ball. Sign-ups are available for anyone interested in helping to run those.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Nothing was reported.

COG REPORT: Nothing was reported.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott had nothing to report except that an Executive Session would be held following the regular meeting, with no action to be taken.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms. Ault provided the following report. The front staircase has been removed from the project scope of the Municipal complex rehab. A change order will be prepared to memorialize its removal and council approval will be needed at a later date. DPW will begin removing the stairs tomorrow. Doing so allows us to use the summer help employees and be out of the way once the full project starts. Race Street will be closed to accommodate large equipment with the removal between Pennwood and East Swissvale on Wednesday from 9am-3pm. Additionally, crosswalk work will take place while the road is closed. A project meeting date is still being worked out. As noted in a prior email, the change to the project conservatively nets us about \$18,000 in savings. That brings our 'on paper' cost down to about \$478,000. It's also very unlikely that we will end up using all \$36,000 in base repair for the parking lot. It's likely we'll use about 1/3 to 1/2 of the quantity on areas like the fire engine pad and the alleyway access behind the building. That conservatively nets us another \$18,000 in savings, or \$36,000 total. Assuming no other add-ons or issues, our final contract amount could end up being around \$460,000 which leaves us about \$35,000 over our grant amount. That can be covered by our \$50,000 contingency budget.

John Antolovich retired on Thursday and a luncheon was held in his honor. Mike Meagar is serving as interim supervisor for now, subject to a final interview and Council's approval, formally appointing him to the position. At the August 18 meeting there will be potential action to take to award the S. Braddock traffic signal upgrade contract and to award the Koenig Field Staircase replacement contract. A letter is being prepared to mail to residents on East End Ave notifying them of the forthcoming tree trimming and removal work being performed by Penn Line on behalf of Duquesne Light Co. We expect that work to take place in the Fall and we are requesting a date for it. We'll be meeting with the

management of BIG's to discuss their performance over the last seven months. A meeting can hopefully be had before the 8/18 meeting. We've also requested they attend the 8/18 meeting for Council's benefit.

Ms. Yaney inquired about talking points to bring up with Big's. It was noted that some things related to service could be clarified, but that overall service needs to be improved.

NEW BUSINESS –

It was noted that the Police Chief candidate search is progressing and next steps in the process should be taking place soon.

M-2 It was moved by Ms. Yaney and seconded by Dr. Blasiolo to adjourn at 8:06pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

An Executive Session was held from 8:07-8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager