

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

Council Vice President Love called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:37 pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following responded: Dr. Blasiole, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, and Ms. Yaney. Also present were Mayor O'Donnell, Police Chief Payne, Borough Manager Zahorchak and Solicitor McDermott. Dr. Epitropoulos, and Mr. Sherman. Dr. Petrolla arrived at 8:30 p.m.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

The following public comment was received.

Mike Hiller, Upstream Pittsburgh: Mr. Hiller addressed council with concern over trees. Vice President Love addressed Mr. Hiller's concerns by assuring that the purpose of removal is regarding safety. He noted that the trees have been reviewed by an arborist and only unhealthy trees would be removed. Discussion ensued on this matter

Virginia Farnsworth, 211 W Hutchinson: Ms. Farnsworth addressed council with concern regarding a fence being installed along an adjacent neighbor's property and impact on access to her property.

Sue Cemette, 1100 E End Ave: Ms. Cemette expressed concern over tree removal. Discussion continued on this matter.

Gino Faraci, 122 Lincoln: Mr. Faraci address Council regarding trees.

Cindy Kirch, 1035 Savannah Ave: Ms. Kirsch addressed Council regarding trees.

Ellen Kitzerow, 1120 Mifflin Ave: Ms. Kitzerow addressed Council regarding trees. Additionally Ms. Kitzerow requested new pickleball nets be installed at Koenig Field and that usage rules be posted.

Alatheia Nielson, 410 Morris: Ms. Nielson addressed Council regarding the pedestrian crosswalk at E Swissvale/Maple/Edgewood. She asked if it could be reset to allow more time to get across both parts of the intersection. Mr. Zahorchak replied that he could look into that.

Ronni Weis, City of Pittsburgh: Ms. Weis addressed Council regarding trees. Further discussion occurred on this topic.

Marta Pelusi, 219 Race St: Ms. Pelusi inquired about tree reference in Minutes.

Tricia Burmeister, 119 Washington: Ms. Burmeister addressed Council about information distribution.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT: Mr. Fuller reported that the authority met and discussed Phase III of Lead Line Replacement. They are having difficulty getting people to sign up. They will be issuing a video about replacement.

They will be doing an application for Pennvest. The estimated total of lead line replacement is about 60 million. There was a customer who has not received a bill since December of 2023. That customer is still responsible for the accumulated total.

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 \$41,823.15 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of 7,254.19 for a total of \$49,077.34. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Dr. Blasiolo moved to reject all bids received for Contract No. 25-S01, Koenig Field Stairway and Bicycle Runnel. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: It was noted that this is being done due to the prohibitive cost of this project.

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

M-3 Ms. Yaney moved to award the South Braddock Avenue ARLE Signal Improvement contract, including Add Alternate #1, to Bruce and Merrilees in the amount of \$297,890.24. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that it is under our grant amount and is being done with Swissvale Borough.

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

M-4 Ms. Patel move to appoint Michael Meagar to Public Works Foreman effective September 7, 2025. Mr. Meager shall be paid a rate of \$29.73/hour in accordance with the department's collective bargaining agreement. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Mr. Zahorchak noted that the Fire Department sold out their pulled pork dinners on Community Day. Otherwise, coordination is underway to make adjustments for the department during parking lot renovations.

RECREATION REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak provided the following report. Soccer practices start today, with games starting Saturday. This Saturday is our final summer movie for the year. We are featuring 'The Minecraft Movie.' This coincides with the Edgewood Foundation's 'Sleepover in the Park' event. Additionally, we plan to have a Kona Ice truck selling shaved ice. Fallfest is coming up on October 4, overlapping with the Foundation's Oktoberfest. Fallfest runs from 3-6pm, Oktoberfest is 3-7. We'll have the usual activities including crafts, hayrides, and market vendors. We are still accepting applications for vendors if anyone is interested in joining us.

Thanks to everyone who came out for Community Day. The day ran very smoothly and have received a lot of positive feedback from the community.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Nothing was reported.

COG REPORT: Nothing was reported.

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

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that we received bid tabulations for 2025-26 salt purchasing, which was 10 cents less than what we were previously paying. Public Works is installing signage for free mulch collection for residents, available in Dickson Park. Mr. Zahorchak suggested creating an asphalt parking pad for the leaf machine.

NEW BUSINESS –

Mr. Zahorchak reminded Council that we are interviewing more Police Chief candidates on Thursday.

M-5 It was moved by Dr. Blasiolo and seconded by Ms. Yaney to adjourn at 9.03pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager