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Council President Petrolla called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

The following public comment was received.

Jennifer Klara, 156 Rockwell Lane: Ms. Klara addressed Council with concern about a pothole on Greendale Ave. Ms. Klara also spoke with concern about issues with trash collection, including missed collections and unsatisfactory customer service.

Dan Mooney, Edgewood Foundation: Mr. Mooney provided an update from the Edgewood Foundation. He stated that there were 46 participants at Sleepover in the Park. The Newcomer's Reception is happening on September 18. Oktoberfest is also coming up, coinciding with Edgewood Fallfest. There will be beer, pork and sides and a Moe's Food truck with be there will free chips and gueso.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2025 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Sherman. DISCUSSION: None.

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

Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2025 Council Meeting. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. Dr. Epitropoulos and Mr. Sherman abstained. **The motion carried.**

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

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 \$110,711.02 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$312,546.49 for a total of \$423,257.51. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted that there was a large payment towards the McKay St storm sewer project.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: General Government did not meet.

POLICE: Nothing was reported.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Ms. Yaney stated that the committee has been doing interviews for the Police Chief position and requested an Executive Session following the regular meeting to discuss.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Mr. Sherman stated that they did not meet but offered his congratulations on a successful Community Day.

PENSION AND PERSONNEL: Mr. Zahorchak stated that quarterly statements were sent, and investments look good. There is a motion to approve 2026 non-uniform/uniform pension funds in black for 2026.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Nothing was reported.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott had nothing to report but stated that an Executive Session would be needed after the meeting with no action to be taken.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that on Wednesday he will attend a meeting with our health insurance broker for a 2026 review. He asked council consider several options for a new borough logo.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Dr. Epitropoulos moved to adopt Resolution 2025-04: Keystone Grant for Public Library Facilities Application for \$750,000 for CC Mellor Library facility improvements. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that the way the state administers grants to libraries is to go through municipalities. This request is for infrastructure.

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

M-5 Ms. Patel moved to authorize the Borough Manager to certify the 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation as presented by the borough's actuary. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that this is just a formality, and the amount of the obligation is set by our actuary.

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

Mr. Sherman inquired about upcoming tree removal. Mr. Zahorchak confirmed that the trees are dead/diseased and the list was shared online. Brief discussion ensued.

M-6 It was moved by Ms. Yaney and seconded by Ms. Patel to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

An Executive Session was held from 7:53pm-8:31pm.

Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager

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