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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 2019**

President Schaefer called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:30 pm in the Municipal Building.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Wallace, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer. Councilmember Petrolla was absent. Mayor Wilson and Solicitor Tim Barry were present.

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:** Matthew Divelbiss of the Edgewood Foundation thanked the Edgewood VFD and Police for their response to the Garland Street house fire. He also thanked them for all of their work on Edgewood Community Day. Unfortunately, the sleep over in the park was cancelled due to low turnout. The Foundation is preparing for the upcoming Oktoberfest and thanked the borough for the help with the event.

Regina Beck (135 Oakview Avenue) asked for an update on the Oakview Avenue parking lot and recommended additional signage be placed along Edgewood and Swissvale Avenues to alert trucks to the low clearance at the Race Street tunnel. The borough manager stated that a contract for geotechnical engineering services at the Oakview Avenue parking lot was being approved tonight.

**M-1** Mr. Wainright moved to approve the meeting minutes from August 19, 2019. Second by Dr. Wallace.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Wallace, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried.**

**M-2** Mr. Wainright moved to approve the meeting minutes from September 3, 2019. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Wallace, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer. **Motion carried.**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

**M-3** Mr. Wainright moved authorize the payment of bills, for goods and services received by the Borough, having been reviewed and approved by the General Government Committee, from the General Fund in the amount

of \$54,674.23 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$2,108.33 for a total of \$56,782.56. Second by Dr. Wallace.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Wallace, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer.. **Motion carried.**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT:** Mr. Wainright reported a light bill list that included payments for roof repairs, insurance premiums, and engineering work on the Maple Avenue traffic light replacement.

**POLICE:** Chief Robert Payne addressed council regarding the home explosion and fire on Garland Street that occurred on September 14, 2019. He commended Officer Rick Susalla for his leadership as the borough's Emergency Management Coordinator and the fire department for their response. Chief Payne also spoke about an event planned by Officer Fred Livingston inviting retired Columbine School District principal Frank De Angelis on November 7, 2019. The event is centered around violence in schools and takes place at 5:30 pm at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Mr. Fuller said the committee did not meet.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Mr. Bright said the committee did not meet.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Dr. Petrolla said the committee did not meet.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Mr. O'Donnell said the committee did not meet.

**PERSONNEL:** Mr. Wainright said the committee did not meet

**PENSION:** Mr. Zahorchak said the committee did not meet.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES-**

**3 RIVERS WET WEATHER:** Ms. Schaefer announced the upcoming sewer conference in November.

**CONNECT:** Mr. Zahorchak announced the next meeting at 10am at Castle Shannon on September 19, 2019.

**WOODLAND HILLS SD EDUCATION CONSORTIUM:** no report given

**VOILENCE PREVENTION COALITION:** no report given.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Barry had nothing to report.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Zahorchak briefed council on the TAP Grant improvements along S. Braddock Avenue. The crosswalks will be completed by October 1. There is a meeting with EPA and ALCOSAN officials on Thursday September 19 to discuss the forthcoming second consent order.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilmember Pat Schaefer tendered her resignation letter effective immediately. She is stepping down after 19 years of service because she's moving out of the borough. Solicitor Barry and

Councilmember Bright both praised Ms. Schaefer's accomplishments and service to the borough and wished her the best.

**M-4** Mr. Wainright moved to accept Ms. Schaefer's letter of resignation and declare her seat vacant. Second by Dr. Wallace.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Barry informed council that they have 30 days to appoint a resident to fill the vacant position.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Wallace, and Mr. Fuller. **Motion carried.**

**M-5** Mr. Bright move to accept the proposal # 19092 for a geotechnical engineering investigation of the parking lot retaining wall failure at Oakview Avenue submitted by Garvin, Boward, and Beitko Engineers dated August 14, 2019 in the amount of \$5421.30 as recommended by the Borough Engineer. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak explained that the contract was for boring, analysis, and design of a retaining wall solution to the collapsing parking lot. The borough's engineer felt it was best to determine the composition of the parking lot substrate before proceeding with a design. The solution can be budgeted for in the 2020 budget.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Wallace, and Mr. Fuller. **Motion carried.**

**M-6** Mr. Fuller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Second Dr. Wallace  
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager