

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 2, 2019

President Fuller 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. Love, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Fuller. Councilmembers Wallace and Petrolia were absent along with Mayor Wilson. Solicitor Tim Barry was also present.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Mr. Wainright moved to 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 \$279,992.65 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$6,257.00 for a total of \$286,249.65. Second Mr. O'Donnell

DISCUSSION: Mr. Wainright said this bill payment contained the first installment for the 2019 road paving program.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Wainright moved to adopt the 2020 General Fund, Sewer Fund, and Highway Fund budgets. Second Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-3 Mr. O'Donnell made a second and final reading of the following Ordinance:

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
ORDINANCE 1067

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

SECTION 1: That a tax be levied on all real property within said Borough, subject to taxation for Borough purposes, for the fiscal year 2020 as follows:

Tax rate for general Borough purposes, the total of seven and one hundred eighty five thousandths (7.185) mills on each thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

1 mill = \$1.00 for every \$1,000 assessment
7.185 mills = \$7.185 for every \$1,000 assessment

SECTION 2: That any ordinance, or part thereof, conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be and hereby repealed insofar as the same is affected by this Ordinance.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law this 2nd day of December, 2019. Second by Mr. Wainright

DISCUSSION: None.

M-4 Mr. Fuller then asked "Shall this ordinance pass?" Upon a roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Love, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Fuller. The Ordinance passed.

M-5 Mr. Wainright made the first reading of the following ordinance by title only:

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
ORDINANCE 1068**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, REPEALING AND REPLACING IN ITS ENTIRETY THE BOROUGH'S CURRENT ORDINANCE AS CODIFIED AT CHAPTER 167 OF THE EDGEWOOD BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES, THEREBY ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 167 ENTITLED "BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD SIDEWALK CAFÉ ORDINANCE."

DISCUSSION: Council reviewed the changes to the ordinance with the solicitor and manager. After discussion, provisions would be included for umbrellas and language clarifying sidewalk café's for restaurants on corner lots would be included in the text.

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

M-6 Mr. O'Donnell moved to advertise Ordinance 1068. Second Mr. Wainright

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-7 Mr. O'Donnell made the first reading of the following Ordinance:

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
ORDINANCE 1069**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD ENTERING INTO AGREEMENT WITH OTHER MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES OF THE TURTLE CREEK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE BOARD OF APPEALS AS

REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE AND HEREBY DISSOLVING THE EDGEWOOD BOROUGH UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood has received a request from the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments to participate in a joint Uniform Construction Code (UCC) Construction Appeals Board, and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council feels that it would be advantageous to participate in a joint UCC Board of Appeals, and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to dissolve the Edgewood Borough Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by the Council for the Borough of Edgewood that:

1. The Borough of Edgewood shall enter into an intergovernmental cooperative agreement with the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments and its member municipalities to participate in a joint UCC Construction Appeals Board.
2. The Borough of Edgewood shall dissolve the Edgewood Borough Uniform Construction Code Construction Appeals Board.
2. The Borough of Edgewood shall pay its pro-rated share of costs for the establishment and operation of the joint Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments Uniform Construction Code Construction Appeals Board with the understanding that a large share of the operating expenses shall be borne by the individual applicants to the Appeals Board.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 16th day of December, 2019.

DISCUSSION: The manager explained that this appeals board would hear appeals for property maintenance violations and Uniform Construction Code variances. Mr. Barry discussed his dislike of the indemnification language as he felt it was unnecessary.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Love, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Fuller. Mr. Bright abstained from voting. **Motion carried**

M-8 Mr. Wainright moved to advertise Ordinance 1069. Second Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Love, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Fuller. Mr. Bright abstained from voting. **Motion carried.**

M-9 Mr. Love moved hire LeRoy Johnston as a part time police officer at a rate determined by the current collective bargaining agreement conditioned upon Mr. Johnston successfully obtaining a MPOETC Number and undergoing a satisfactory background examination. Second Mr. Wainright.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Fuller said the Public Safety Committee interviewed Mr. Johnston and were impressed with his responses.

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

- M-10** Mr. Wainright moved to accept Joseph Susalla's letter of resignation as a part time police officer effective December 6, 2019. Second Mr. O'Donnell

DISCUSSION: The manager reported he was offered a full time position with the Monroeville Police Department.

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

- M-11** Mr. O'Donnell moved to appoint Melody Farrin to the Shade Tree Committee for a term of two (2) years. Second Mr. Wainright

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-12** Mr. Love read aloud Resolution 2019-12: Application for Traffic Signal Approval. Second Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: The manager explained the Speed Minder signs being installed along South Braddock Avenue as part of the TAP Grant require a permit from PennDOT and this resolution is part of the permit process.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Love, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Fuller. **The Resolution passed.**

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT No report given.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller stated there will be a 5% rate increase to finance a \$30 million bond issue for infrastructure repairs..

RECREATION REPORT Mr. Zahorchak reported the following:

Soccer: Our soccer season concluded at the end of October. Thank you to our outstanding coaches for their dedication.

Youth Basketball: Our registration for youth basketball ended Friday, with our draft day happening Saturday to finalize teams. We have 140 participants.

Men's Basketball: Paper registration forms are being accepted for our men's basketball league starting in January. Thanks to Matt Dettore for helping with that this year.

Futsal: Registration will open soon for our new futsal open gym nights, to start in January.

Tai Chi: The fall tai chi session is wrapping up soon, to be followed by the winter session in the new year. A special feature was included on this class in our recent newsletter.

Light Up Edgewood, sponsored by the Edgewood Foundation, is Friday December 6 at 7pm in Memorial Park.

PLANNING COMMISSION Mr. Zahorchak said the commission did not meet.

COG REPORT Mayor Wilson was absent and had nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT The solicitor had nothing to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT : Mr. Zahorchak reported that the 2019 road paving program is complete except for repainting the traffic control lines and crosswalks. Leaf pickup ends December 13 and the Maple Avenue traffic light replacement bid opening is December 6.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Fuller announced Pension Committee will meet on December 18 at 7pm in council chambers.

M-13 It was moved by Mr. Wainright and seconded Mr. O'Donnell by to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager