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

President George 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 Petrolla and Wallace were absent. Solicitor Tim Barry was present. Mayor Wilson was absent.

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. O'Donnell read the following proclamation:

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**  
**PROCLAMATION 2019-03**

**WHEREAS**, the Edgewood Borough Council has a responsibility to provide and to promote good governance to the residents of the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, Patricia M. Schaefer has contributed nineteen years of service to the Borough of Edgewood and served with dedication and integrity; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Schaefer, a two-time graduate of the Local Government Academy's Newly Elected Official's class, has served the residents of Edgewood as Council President for over a decade and has worked tirelessly in promoting volunteerism, civic engagement, and good governance; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Schaefer has served on numerous Borough committees, held the position of vice-president and president on borough council, worked on the Borough's Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan, and most recently helped to develop the Borough's Make the 2<sup>nd</sup> Count campaign as a response to gun violence. the board of 3 Rivers Wet Weather, the Customer Municipality Advisory Committee at ALCOSAN, and the Congress of Neighboring Communities advisory board, and as a representative to the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments, and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Schaefer earned the title of "Sewer Queen" through her work on wet weather and sewer regionalization matters serving as an municipal representative and board member of 3 Rivers Wet Weather, earning an appointment by the Allegheny Conference of Community Development to be a member of the Sewer Regionalization Review Panel, and serving on select committees tasked with developing transfer agreements and ALCOSAN governance, and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Schaefer's fondness of local government stretches beyond the borders of Edgewood as demonstrated by her appointment in 2012 to County Executive Rich Fitzgerald's Intergovernmental Cooperation Vision Team, her chairing the Congress of Neighboring Communities (CONNECT) from 2009-2011, working on the 2009 multi-municipal comprehensive plan between Edgewood, Rankin, and Swissvale Boroughs, representing Eastern Corridor Committees in PennDot's I-376 Parkway East Corridor Transportation Network Project in 2014, and speaking at the first Women in Leadership Networking Event (with Sally Wiggin) at the Allegheny League of Municipalities Conference in 2017, and

**NOW, THEREFORE** the Mayor of the Borough of Edgewood, in partnership with Borough Council, recognizes and thanks Patricia M. Schaefer for her years of dedicated, loyal, and positive service to the Borough and its residents and proclaims Friday, December 20, 2019 as “**Pat Schaefer Day.**”

**PROCLAIMED** this, the 16th day of December, 2019, by the Mayor of the Borough of Edgewood.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Sherree Goldstein of the Square Café addressed council regarding pending ordinance 1068 and voiced her displeasure over her inability to have input into the ordinance revisions.

Maggie Sitko (1045 Mifflin Ave) stated she has been trying to work with the borough as a resident and lawyer regarding the sidewalk café ordinance. She feels Sherree has not been treated fairly in this process.

Jonathan Fortier (Mifflin Ave) supports the Square Café.

Richard Berezna, owner of the salon next to the Square Café, informed council that tables and chairs remain in front of the doors to his business today. He asked that council include language in the ordinance about wait lines not blocking neighboring businesses.

A discussion between Mr. Berezna, Ms. Goldstein ensued about the placement of tables and chairs in front of the salon and on the pedestrian ramp leading to other businesses.

Ms. Goldstein requested council allow her to place tables and chairs in front of businesses not immediately adjacent to her business, and Solicitor Barry further clarified her request to mean that she wants to leap frog businesses who would not consent and only place tables and chairs in front of consenting businesses.

Council entered executive session at 8:00 p.m. to deliberate Ordinance 1068. Council adjourned from executive session at 8:15 p.m.

President Fuller announced that council would table Ordinance 1068 until the January 21, 2020 meeting. Comments should be directed to Solicitor Barry.

**M-1** Mr. Wainright moved to approve the meeting minutes as amended from November 18, 2019. Second by Mr. O'Donnell.

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

**M-2** Mr. Wainright moved to approve the meeting minutes from December 2, 2019 Public Hearing. Second by Mr. O'Donnell.

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. Wainright moved to approve the meeting minutes from December 2, 2019. Second by Mr. O'Donnell.

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

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

**M-4** I move 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 \$82,419.86 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$161,586.35.35 for a total of \$ 244,006.21.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Wainright stated the bill payment contained the ALCOSAN quarterly payment.

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

**M-5** Mr. Love read the following resolution:

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RESOLUTION 2019-13**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Edgewood has approved the budget for the 2020 fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Edgewood has established the salaries for those employees not covered by a bargaining unit.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Edgewood Borough Council hereby authorizes staff salary increases of three percent (3%) for the fiscal year 2020 for those employees listed below:

Jared Amos	Steven Halle
Greg Lauffer	Jacob Plitchta
Adam Zelenko	Paul Nye
Garett Wagner	Douglas Greer

And a salary increase of five percent (5%) for the fiscal year 2020 for Police Chief Robert Payne.

And a salary increase of five percent (5%) for the fiscal year 2020 for the Borough Manager Rob Zahorchak and Finance Administrator Janet Gerber.

And a salary increase of six percent (6%) for the fiscal year 2020 for the Public Works employees listed below:

John Antolovich	Bruce Ruffing	Louis Sloan	James Wissman
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And a salary increase for Abigail Ault to \$16/hour.

**ADOPTED THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> day December, 2019 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.**

Second Mr. Wainright

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. Wainright read the following resolution:

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RESOLUTION 2019-14**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Edgewood recognizes the importance of scheduling all public meetings throughout the year beginning in January; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Edgewood acknowledges that all meetings are open to the Public in accordance with the Sunshine Law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following schedule is established:

<b>Borough Council:</b>	First and Third Monday of every month; if the meeting day is a national holiday, the meeting will be held the following day.
<b>Planning Commission:</b>	Fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm, as needed.
<b>Zoning Hearing Board:</b>	Upon demand.
<b>Committee Council Meetings:</b>	Second and Fourth Monday of every month, as needed.
<b>Civil Service Commission:</b>	Upon demand.

All meetings will convene at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers (unless otherwise specified above), in the Municipal Building, 2 Race Street, Edgewood, PA.

The Borough will advertise all meetings and changes to the meetings, if legally required, in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

**ADOPTED** the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

Second Mr. O'Donnell.

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. Wainright made a second reading of 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**

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-8** Mr. Wainright made a Final Reading of Ordinance 1069. 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-9** Mr. Fuller asked shall this ordinance pass?

The Aye vote on Ordinance 1069 was unanimous, Ordinance 1069 was adopted.

**M-10** Mr. O'Donnell moved to award the contract for traffic signal construction at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Swissvale Avenue to Traffic Systems and Services in the amount of \$159,338. Second Mr. Bright

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated that the low bid price was approximately \$15,000 higher than the engineer's estimate and funding amount which would be covered by the borough.

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. Love moved to award Contract 19-M01 in the amount of \$19,898.60 to "Your Independent Mobility" to install a wheel chair lift from the first to the second floor of the borough building based on the borough engineer's letter of recommendation and bid report dated December 11, 2019.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated that the CDBG award amount would completely cover the cost of this installation and would not require the borough to contribute \$45,000 towards installation costs as originally estimated.

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

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT:** Mr. Wainright said he reviewed the bills and found them to be routine including the quarterly ALCOSAN payment.

**POLICE:** Mayor Wilson was not in attendance, no report given.

**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 that the committee did not meet

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

**PENSION:** Mr. Zahorchak said that a meeting with the plan advisor and actuary has been scheduled for December 18, 2019 at 7 pm in council chambers.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES-**

**3 RIVERS WET WEATHER:** Nothing to report..

**CONNECT:** Nothing to report.

**WOODLAND HILLS SD EDUCATION CONSORTIUM:** Did not meet.

**VOILENCE PREVENTION COALITION:** Did not meet.

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

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Zahorchak briefed council on the contract award for the traffic light installation at Maple Avenue and the contract award for the wheelchair lift.

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**M-12** Mr. Wainright motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Second by Mr. O'Donnell.  
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



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Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager

