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This meeting was held virtually using GoToMeeting.

Council President Wainright called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrola, Ms. Yaney, and Mr. Wainright. Solicitor Tim Barry and Mayor Wilson were present. Junior Councilperson Ben Bermann was also present.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

Edgewood VFD President Steve Halle addressed council on the success of the department's pasta dinner fundraiser and food distribution events. He announced another pasta dinner for October 24 and a food give away in front of Scene 75 for September 26.

George Petrone spoke in favor of the proposed senior living development situated in Edgewood Towne Centre.

Council was in executive session to discuss a personnel matter from 7:38pm to 8:10 pm.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Mr. O'Donnell 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 \$39,712.91 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$265.50 for a total of \$39,978.41. Second Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Donnell reviewed the bill payment list, highlights include payments to the library and consulting engineer for preparing the Oakview Ave retaining wall specifications.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. O'Donnell moved to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise and receive bids for the 2021-2024 Solid Waste Contract. Second Dr. Petrola

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak remarked on the preparation and details of the bid specification. The borough will need to update its recycling ordinance before the end of the year, the Community Services Committee will work on this.

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

- M-3** Mr. Love moved to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise and receive bids for the reconstruction of the Oakview Avenue Borough Parking Lot Retaining Wall Reconstruction Project. Second Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak reviewed the specifications and bid deadlines. A notice to proceed will not be issued until 2021 after it is accounted for in the 2021 budget.

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

- M-4** Mr. O'Donnell moved to execute the Operations and Maintenance Agreement between Nine Mile Run Watershed Association and Edgewood Borough related to the construction of a storm water tree pit on Maple Avenue. Second Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak explained the details of the tree pits and the terms of the agreement.

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

- M-5** Mr. Loved moved to grant a 90-day no cost contract extension to Traffic Systems and Services for their installation of the Maple Avenue traffic signal. The revised deadline for completion is now November 28, 2020. Second Dr. Petrolla.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bright asked why the extension was needed. Mr. Zahorchak explained that delays have mounted due to both the pandemic and multiple underground utility conflicts that are being worked through.

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

- M-6** Mr. Bright moved to amend the Borough's zoning ordinance to create Zoning District C-3 from plots presently contained in the C-2 zoning district, specifically known as Parcel D, and to include Class One and Class two Multiple Family Dwellings as a Conditional Use within the C-3 zoning district and to instruct the Borough Manager to schedule and advertise a public hearing regarding the amendment for 7pm on October 19, 2020 at the Borough Building. Second Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: President Wainright asked each council member to voice their opinion on the motion and a discussion ensued. Victor Rodriguez of AM Rodriguez also addressed council at this time and further explained his vision for the site.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Mr. Halle addressed council during the public comment period.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller reported the authority is installing venting systems on water holding tanks and revenues are down \$200,000 due to the suspension of late fee charges during the pandemic. Many line breaks have occurred over the unusually dry summer because the ground contracts when the water table drops.

RECREATION REPORT Mr. Zahorchak reported soccer has started with about 85 participants and over 20 coaches. Dad's food truck will serve the September 26 tournament. Socially distant tai chi and yoga have been taking place and instructors are evaluating fall lessons.

PLANNING COMMISSION Mr. Zahorchak said a meeting will be scheduled to review the zoning ordinance amendment.

COG REPORT Mr. Wilson had nothing to report.

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

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT : Mr. Zahorchak updated council on several items including a second road paving walk through, paving is scheduled for late September. The police department has requested advertising for part time police officers in local papers. Due to the pandemic, Duquesne Light will not be supplying LED streetlights in 2020. Two projects were submitted for CDBG funding; the construction of ADA ramps and a sewer line improvement project. Lastly, plans are coming together for a 'Fall Fest' in mid-October.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Yaney stated she received a call from a member of the shade tree committee asking whether the committee should remain. Council recommended the committee pause for the rest of the year but their expertise is always welcomed.

M-7 It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to adjourn at 9:00 pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager