

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 3, 2020

President Wainright 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. Fuller, Mr. O'Donnell, Ms. Yaney, and Mr. Wainright. Mayor Wilson was present. Councilmember Petrolla was absent and councilmember Love arrived at 7:35 pm. Greg Evashavik, Esq. sat in for Solicitor Tim Barry.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

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 \$27,070.12. Second Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Donnell said this bill payment contained payments for boiler work and the renewal of our IT service agreement.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. O'Donnell read the following resolution:

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
RESOLUTION 2020-17

WHEREAS, the Edgewood Borough Council recognizes the importance of youth participation with regard to Borough activities; and

WHEREAS, the Edgewood Borough Council created a Junior Council position with Resolution 2006-26 on April 17, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, applications were accepted and candidates were interviewed for this position.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Benjamin Bermann be appointed as a Junior Councilperson per the terms outlined in Resolution 2006-26.

ADOPTED THIS the 3rd day of February, 2020 at the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Mayor Wilson administered the oath office to Benjamin Bermann.

- M-3** Mr. Fuller moved to accept James Wissman's letter of resignation from the Department of Public Works effective February 29, 2020. Second Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated Mr. Wissman was retiring after 22 years of service to the borough.

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

- M-4** Mr. Fuller moved to hire Joe Paiano as an Emergency Services Worker at a rate of \$11/hr. Second Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated Mr. Paiano had previously worked for the borough in this position and was familiar with the duties. The ESW desk is currently understaffed and Mr. Paiano will help fill the schedule.

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

- M-5** Mr. Love moved to reappoint Stephanie Ulmer to the Shade Tree Committee for a term of three years. Second Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Steve Halle reviewed the 2019 call volume and statistics with council. He stated 2019 was the busiest year ever for the fire department with over 600 calls, 2,800 training hours with Allegheny County and 17,000 volunteer hours.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller stated the Kenmawr Bridge replacement is underway and customers should have received the first bill containing the 5% rate increase to finance a \$30 million bond issue for infrastructure repairs.

RECREATION REPORT Mr. Zahorchak reported the eggs for the Easter Egg hunt have been delivered, a revised field use permit has gone out to all leagues and coaches, and preparations for spring sports are underway.

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

COG REPORT Mayor Wilson reported he would attend the annual COG dinner on Friday, February 7.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT The solicitor had nothing to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT : Mr. Zahorchak reported that the boroughs annual internal audit was underway and would be reviewed with the General Government Committee when complete. Edgewood Borough was again named a Banner Community by the Allegheny League of Municipalities. Coordination meetings are ongoing for the traffic light replacement at Maple Avenue. Mr. Zahorchak was also exploring moving Community Day to July 25 to accommodate a vendor fair and would have more information at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Bright recapped the Community Development Committee's meeting with A.M. Rodriguez and Associates regarding a their desire to construct a fix and market rate income senior housing facility on parcel D3 in Edgewood Towne Center. A discussion followed about the possible need to amend the zoning ordinance to allow residential development in the commercially zoned space. Additional discussion occurred regarding the environmental remediation of the site by the developer to build a residential building. Mr. Wainright advised the Community Development Committee to gather more information about the remediation and encouraged all members to do their homework so that further discussion could occur.

M-6 It was moved by Mr. Love and seconded Mr. O'Donnell by to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

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



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager