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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 4, 2020

This meeting was held virtually using GoToMeeting.

Council 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. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, and Ms. Yaney and Mr. Wainright. Mayor Wilson and Solicitor Tim Barry were present. Councilmember Petrolla was absent. .

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, it is determined that the viral disease COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, and a public health emergency by the U.S. Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf; is of serious concern to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the PA Department of Health, and the Allegheny County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Edgewood Borough, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Edgewood Borough may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this Disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in Edgewood Borough,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jack Wilson, Mayor of Edgewood Borough pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S., Section 7501), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Edgewood Borough,

FURTHER, I, Jack Wilson, Mayor of Edgewood Borough direct the Edgewood Borough Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

STILL FURTHER, I, Jack Wilson, Mayor of Edgewood Borough authorize officials of Edgewood Borough to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: No public comments were received. Comments were to be submitted either telephonically or by email to the manager by 3pm so that they could be entered into the public record.

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, on April 3, 2020 from the General Fund in the amount of \$38,606.20 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$9,700.54, on April 17, 2020 from the General Fund in the amount of \$20,118.55 and from the Sewer fund in the amount of \$74.00 and on May 1, 2020 from the General Fund in the amount of \$6,093.80. Second Mr. Fuller

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Donnell highlighted the payment for the borough audit on April 3, payments to BIU for inspection services, payment for the fire apparatus and payment to Soli Construction for emergency sewer work on Edgewood Avenue. Mr. Zahorchak explained the payment process for the fire apparatus and the emergency sewer repairs.

April 17 bill payments included bills for Duquesne Light and workers compensation invoices. The May 1 bill package was unremarkable.

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 moved to approve the minutes of March 16, 2020.

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.**

M-3 Mr. Fuller moved to keep in effect the Edgewood Borough's COVID 19 Disaster Declaration until Pennsylvania's disaster declaration is lifted by the Governor of Pennsylvania. Second Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated that the purpose of this extension was to indicate the borough's intention follow the Commonwealth's lead on disaster response. Mr. Love asked if there was any motivation to extend the declaration longer than the Governor's declaration. Mr. Zahorchak responded that there could be and that guidance would likely come from the Allegheny County Health Department. Mr. Zahorchak also explained that Rick Susalla would be in charge of the borough's disaster response under this declaration. Solicitor Barry shared his belief that it was important the borough follow the state disaster response guidelines.

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. O'Donnell moved to ratify the First Option Year notice with Cargill, Inc. for rock salt delivery from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 at a price of \$79.30 per ton delivered.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak explained the option year process and the favorable pricing offered by Cargill. He also elaborated that the borough would likely adjust downward its anticipated tonnage for next

winter. Mr. Fuller asked if we can buy more than our estimated quantity and Mr. Zahorchak responded that we can buy up to 120% of our anticipated need without penalty and that we can buy an unlimited amount after that but at penalty.

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 read the following resolution:

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
ALLEGHENY COUNTY
RESOLUTION 2020-20**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the authority of the Edgewood Borough Council, Allegheny County, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the Borough Manager of the Borough of Edgewood be authorized and directed to execute the grant agreement bearing Agreement No. 2019ARLE031 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's files, as well as all future grant-related documents.

ADOPTED THIS THE 4th day of May, 2020 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

Second Mr. Fuller

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak explained that this the accompanying resolution for the \$65,000 ARLE grant received by the borough for traffic calming work. It allows the manager to execute the agreement between PennDOT and the borough. Mr. Barry responded that he reviewed the agreement and found it favorable.

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 Mr. Zahorchak

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller reported the water authority held its first virtual meeting two weeks ago to authorize the sale in \$35 million in bonds for infrastructure improvements. Mr. Fuller also commented that the authority paved the intersection of Race and Vine.

RECREATION REPORT Mr. Zahorchak that recreation is at a standstill for the moment. Tai Chi and Yoga are being transitioned online. The Recreation Coordinator is attending a webinar about summer sports and COVID 19 this week to learn about ways to conduct alternative sports programs. Mr. Zahorchak also commented that the gates to Koenig Field and the dog park have been opened. The playground and tennis courts remain closed. Mr. O'Donnell asked if there was any guidance from ACHD on reopening. Mr. Zahorchak replied that all local guidance defers to CDC guidelines and we will closely monitor crowd size to see if proper social distancing requirements are being followed.

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

COG REPORT Mayor Wilson did not meet and likely won't meet in May.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT The solicitor reported that council did not meet during the month of April since the legislation allowing for virtual meetings had not been passed into law. Mr. Barry asked if there were any actions taken by the manager that should be ratified by council at this time. No actions were taken.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT : Mr. Zahorchak reported he had distributed a 2020 paving plan to the public works committee in early April but will likely be revisiting that plan based on revenues received. The manager is also working on a reopening strategy and discussed the protective precautions made available to all departments. Lastly, the purchase of large capital items like a new dump truck for DPW may need to be placed on hold based on revenue.

Ms. Yaney asked if there is a way for businesses to communicate with the borough. Mr. Zahorchak responded that the borough is reaching out to businesses to compile a list of services offered and their operational status.

Mr. O'Donnell asked if first responders were coming in contact with COVID 19 patients and if they had all of the protective gear needed. Mr. Zahorchak answered that our police and fire department have adjusted their response protocols to limit their exposure. Allegheny County 911 Dispatch does notify first responders that they are being dispatched to a Coronavirus patient home.

Mr. Wainright asked about the status of the fire engine. Mr. Zahorchak replied that the department is transitioning gear over to the new unit. The borough is waiting on the vehicle title to arrive from the selling fire company. The department also needs to perform some mechanical work on the vehicle to suit their needs. Once the new apparatus is in service the old apparatus will be sold in alignment with applicable law.

Mr. Love asked if the manager could prepare an FAQ on the website outlining what services are and aren't available. The manager will explore this.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

M-6 It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded Mr. O'Donnell by to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

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



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager