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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 1, 2021

Council Vice President O'Donnell called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Fuller, Mrs. Gleba, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Wainright, and Ms. Yaney. Mayor Jack Wilson, Manager Rob Zahorchak, Chief Robert Payne and Solicitor Tom McDermott were also present. Dr. Petrolla was absent for the roll call.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: The following public comments were received.

Molly Eggleston, 179 Gordon St: Ms. Eggleston noted that she is a longtime Edgewood resident, and is attending the meeting on behalf of the CC Mellor Memorial Library. Ms. Eggleston stated that she would like to make a budgetary request for funding for the library. She would like to see the standard donation be increased, to help cover library costs. She went on to discuss some of the ways that the library is involved in the community, and benefits it provides. She noted that these services were able to continue, without pause, through the pandemic.

Mrs. Gleba inquired about the budget for the library, and if the past several years of budgetary spending could be shared with the borough. Ms. Eggleston responded that the budget information could be provided.

Dr. Petrolla arrived at 7:32 pm.

Carol Ide, 515 Greendale Ave: Ms. Ide inquired whether the budget meeting would be available to attend virtually (on Zoom), or whether it was a private meeting. Council discussed the option of live streaming. Mr. Fuller noted that there was difficulty trying to live stream the meeting in the past. Mr. O'Donnell noted that the meeting was open to the public for live attendance. Ms. Ide further inquired if, concerning the budget request for the library, there would be a review period. Mr. Wainright responded that they pass a preliminary budget first, which will be posted online, with paper copies available at the office. This will be available at least 10 days prior to adoption of the budget. He added that there will be one council meeting before the budget is passed, where public comments can be accepted.

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 \$5,805.89. Second by Mr. Love.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Donnell noted that it was a routine bill list, with one item for \$16,000 to Building Inspection and Underwriting Services.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Fuller moved to amend section 5.4 of Edgewood Borough's Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations, revising the passing score on the written examination for promotion or appointment to the position of Sergeant from 75% to 70%. Second by Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Wainright noted that this was change was recommended by the Civil Service Committee. Mr. Fuller added the Chief Payne, and Public Safety agree with the change as well.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Mr. Zahorchak stated that there was nothing to report.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller reported that the Water Authority Met. He noted that he believed that there may be an upcoming rate increase but was not certain at this time. The reason for that is that the cost of chlorine, which is an essential material, would soon be rising from \$600 per ton to \$4,000 per ton. He added that they are still having trouble getting piping. Mr. Fuller stated that the union and the authority agreed on a one year extension on the labor contract, with a 3% increase. The audit showed no material weaknesses. Mr. Fuller noted that it may a good idea to avoid Ardmore Blvd during the day next year as it will be limited to one lane while they perform maintenance.

RECREATION REPORT Mr. Zahorchak reported that the fall soccer season ended on Saturday, and in spite of some challenges due to Covid and weather related issues, it was a good season, and the kids had a great time. A special thank you goes to everyone who volunteered this season. We will have Winter Youth Futsal at the Edgewood Primary Gym, details will be coming soon for that. Men's Basketball will meet Thursdays, 7-9pm at the Edgewood Gym, with the start date TBD. Matt Dettore will be coordinating that and registration will take place on Teamsnap.

Mr. Zahorchak stated that we are planning to have Youth Basketball this year, with a good number of participants expected. Registration will open on Teamsnap on November 15, and the season is slated to start early to mid-January. We are currently looking for volunteer coaches. Please contact the office, or Rob or Abby directly if you are able to help. Also, our long-time Volunteer Coordinator, Ted Tragard will be stepping down this year. Ted has participated in our league in some capacity since the late 60's, as a player, coach, and coordinator. Ted put in countless hours making sure everything ran smoothly, and everyone who wanted to play was able to. We are seeking out a new Volunteer Coordinator to help this year, and Ted will be available until the end of December to help with the transition.

PLANNING COMMISSION Mr. Zahorchak stated that the Planning Commission did not meet. They are holding a pre-application conference with staff and engineers, for the Senior Housing project.

COG REPORT Mr. Wilson stated that COG did not meet.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Mr. McDermott stated that he had nothing to report, but there would be an executive session following the meeting with no action to be taken after.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the 2021 paving program has started, with the handicap/ADA ramps being put in place, and paving scheduled to start this week or next week. Allegheny County has announced that they may be able to offer financial support to help the Police Department obtain new communication equipment. This is something that was a planned line item for the 2022 budget. Mr. Zahorchak noted that we will proceed with that item in the budget, just in case, but will accept the assistance if it is available to cover those items.

Mr. Zahorchak stated that our engineer, along with representatives from Wilkinsburg Borough, reviewed the CCTV inspection footage of the overflow at Koenig Field. It did not reveal much more than was already known, and footage was limited due to bends in the pipe. Further exploration of the pipes will be included in our bid opening November 10, for work to begin in 2022.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. McDermott inquired as to what equipment we plan to advertise for sale in the near future. Mr. Zahorchak responded that the items included are a pick-up truck, police car, bucket truck, and some traffic signals. Those can be posted soon, to try to sell by the end of the year.

M-3 It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to adjourn at 8:04 pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

An executive session took place following the meeting, with no action to be taken.



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager