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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call the following responded: Mr. Fuller, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrolla, and Ms. Yaney. Also present were Solicitor Tom McDermott, Borough Manager Rob Zahorchak. Mayor Wilson, Mrs. Gleba, and Mr. Wainright were absent.

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:** The following public comments were made.

Merrill Mercovsky, 204 Dewey Street – Ms. Mercovsky stated that she was present to request funding on behalf of upkeep for Memorial Park. She noted that there is a group that has been maintaining the park, informally called Friends of Memorial Park, but there is no official organization in charge of that. She stated that some of the maintenance items includes addressing a fungus that has been affecting some dog woods, including treatment and/or removal and replacement of the affected trees/plants. She added that there could be some perennial flowers and design features added to the park, and signage to help educate visitors of native plants being used, as well as general maintenance of the space, including improved access to water. Discussion ensued over options for the park. Mr. Love inquired if there was funding planned within the 2022 budget for Memorial Park. Mr. Zahorchak confirmed that there was.

Isabelle LaFace, 318 Laurel Street: Ms. LaFace stated that she would like to discuss safety issues on her street. She noted that there are cars that speed through on their way to the Towne Center. She added that she plays with her friends in that area. She asked for a 'dead end' or 'no outlet' sign to be posted at the end of Laurel and Ivy Streets. Discussion ensued over the placement of high visibility signage in the area of Lincoln, Laurel, Ivy And Swissvale Streets. Mr. Zahorchak confirmed that there was an order placed, and signage will be added to that area.

Ms. LaFace added that there is a playground on Laurel Street that is in need of repair. She stated that it currently has nails that are rusted, and equipment that is wearing out. She requested that the playground would be replaced. Mr. Zahorchak confirmed that the Laurel Street playground will be replaced in 2022. He added that construction may not be immediate as the work must be publicly bid prior to construction but the replacement will occur in 2022.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**M-1** Mr. Fuller moved to approve the minutes of October 18, 2021 Regular Meeting. Second by Dr. Petrolla.

DISCUSSION: None

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

**M-2** Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes of November 1, 2021 Regular Meeting. Second by Mr. Love.

DISCUSSION: None

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

### **AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

**M-3** Mr. Love 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 \$36,266.61 and from the sewer fund in the amount of \$5,527.15 for a total of \$41,793.76. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted that there was a payment for sewer line cleaning of about \$2,000 and a payment of \$17,000 for the Maple Ave traffic signal. Otherwise the bills were standard.

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT:** Mr. Fuller stated that there was nothing else to report.

**POLICE:** Mr. Wilson was not present. Mr. Zahorchak stated that there was nothing to report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Mr. Fuller stated that Public Safety did not meet.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Ms. Yaney stated that Community Development did not meet.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Mr. Love stated that Public Works did not meet.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Ms. Yaney stated that Community Service did not meet.

**PERSONNEL:** Dr. Petrolla stated that Personnel did not meet.

**PENSION:** Mr. Fuller stated that Pension did not meet. He noted that third quarter results came in and that they look good.

**CONNECT:** Ms. Yaney stated that she has not attended any CONNECT meetings recently. Mr. Zahorchak also had nothing to report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Mr. McDermott noted that an executive session would be required following the regular meeting to follow up on a few items. No action would be taken.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Zahorchak reported that the 2021 paving program is moving along. Curb work has been completed. Milling and paving will start Thursday and continue through Thanksgiving. There have been some issues with shortages in equipment and staffing. The final payment was made for the Maple Ave traffic signal. He noted that the revised budget has been provided to Council, with edits from the Budget Meeting. He added that it could be adopted via resolution at the first meeting in December.

There is an item on the agenda to schedule a public hearing for a conditional use of land at the Towne Center by A.M. Rodriguez for zoning approval to construct multifamily housing. There will be an agenda item to adopt Comcast Franchise Agreement likely at the first December meeting. The 2022 sewer bid opening happened Wednesday. A proposal should be made to Council in December to vote on. The bid includes basic maintenance to the sewer lines around the School for the Deaf and Walnut Street, including televising as needed and exploratory work, manhole replacement and review of the line at the fieldhouse to further understand the overflow issue. If approved, work would begin early 2022.

Mr. Fuller requested that the Mayor and Police Chief be asked to lift the parking restriction for Thanksgiving weekend.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business was reported.

### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

**M-4** Mr. Fuller moved to make the 2022 Proposed Budgets available for Public Review starting November 16, 2021. It will be available on the Borough website, in the C.C. Mellor Library and in the Borough Office. Second by Dr. Petrolla.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-5** Mr. Love moved to hold a public hearing on the Proposed 2022 Budget on December 6, 2021, starting at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers and advertise for same. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-6** Ms. Yaney moved to hold a public hearing regarding the conditional use application submitted by A.M. Rodriguez to construct a multifamily residential development in the C-3 zoning district on December 20, 2021 at 7pm in Council Chambers and advertise for same. Second by Mr. Love.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-7** Mr. Fuller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Second by Dr. Petrolla. The Aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



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Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager