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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Council President Petrolla called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:35 pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following responded: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman (joined virtually), Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. Also present were Mayor O'Donnell, Junior Councilperson Kochupura, Borough Manager Zahorchak, Solicitor McDermott and Police Chief Payne and Fire Chief Ireland.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

The following public comments were received.

Meg Ringler, 249 Maple Ave: Ms. Ringler spoke about her neighbor's house that partially collapsed. She noted that she was aware that they were waiting on demolition through the owners' insurance, and asked Council if they could take steps to demolish it. Discussion ensued concerning the property.

Matt Divelbiss, Edgewood Foundation: Mr. Divelbiss provided an update on upcoming events, including Sleepover in the Park on September 10, the Newcomer's Reception on September 15, Oktoberfest on October 15, and Wine and Chocolate in November.

Rick Belloli, 1122 Mifflin Ave: Mr. Belloli noted that he is working on getting items documented with the sewer issue under his property and that progress is being made.

Martha Rial, 166 Race St: Ms. Rial stated that another car hit the wall on her property. She spoke about the light at Koenig Field. She noted that there is a street tree near her property in a condition that warrants removal. She inquired about the plan to improve traffic safety from Greendale to Race, specifically improved signage that is to be implemented.

Patrick McCardle, 221 Vine St: Mr. McCardle inquired about the guide rail on Vine St. Mr. Zahorchak responded that they are looking at pricing to replace the section of guide rail.

Mayor O'Donnell noted that our new County Council representative, Mr. DeWitt Walton was in attendance. He became our representative following a recent redistricting. Mr. O'Donnell opened the floor to Mr. Walton to address Council. Councilman Walton spoke about problem solving, the newly formed district, county initiatives, and building stronger communities. Mayor O'Donnell brought up some concerns facing the community to Mr. Walton, including the ongoing sewer issue, and funding issues for the VFD.

Mr. Zahorchak noted that there was an item on the agenda concerning a zoning change petition from Giant Eagle. Kevin McKeegan of the law firm Meyer, Unkovic, and Scott spoke on behalf of Giant Eagle concerning the plan to change the former Scene 75 property into a distribution center. A brief question and answer session followed.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Mr. Love moved to authorize the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the general fund in the amount of \$101,381.88 and from the sewer fund in the amount of \$500.00 for a total of \$101,881.88. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love stated that most items were standard, with some outstanding items from Community Day and a payment towards paving.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Ms. Yaney moved to accept August 18, 2022 proposal from Bronder Technical Services in the amount of \$10,919.82 for Race Street and East Swissvale Avenue intersection safety improvements. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-3 Mr. Love moved to accept and refer Giant Eagle's July 28, 2022 zoning change petition to planning commission. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-4 Mr. Sherman moved to temporarily lift the ban on overnight sleeping in Koenig field for the Edgewood Foundation's September 10, 2022 Sleepover in the Park. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-5 Mr. Sherman moved to temporary lift the ban on open burning in Koenig Field for the Edgewood Foundation's September 10, 2022 Sleepover in the Park. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Chief Ireland reported recent notable calls, including the house collapse on Maple, and an incident at Hair Depot. He noted the unsafe conditions at the building at this time, and signage that has been posted. He discussed issues with safety code violations in the borough.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller reported that the Water Authority met. They are working on lead line replacements, with fifty-two scheduled in Edgewood. About twenty five percent of total replacements are complete. More grant money may become available for this project. Some lines are still being identified for replacement.

Chief Payne reported on the recent ALICE training that was done with the Woodland Hills School District. This helps educators and staff to be prepared in case of an active shooter situation.

RECREATION REPORT Mr. Zahorchak stated thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Community Day to make that a success. It was a very nice day for our neighborhood, and we look forward to next year.

Fall Youth Soccer starts this week with about 100 kids registered to play. Practices will be weekday evenings, Monday through Friday, and games on Saturdays.

Our next movie in the park is scheduled for this upcoming Saturday when we'll be featuring 'E.T.'. This coincides with the Edgewood Foundation's Sleepover in the Park. The movie and sleep-over are free, however, to help everyone plan more accurately, a sign-up form is available online for anyone wishing to attend.

We have another collaboration planned with the Foundation for Oktoberfest/Fallfest, happening on October 15th. There will be the traditional pig roast and drinks, along with other fall themed activities. The hay wagon has received new wheels thanks to an anonymous donor.

Trick or Treat is being coordinated with the Police and Fire Departments. Sunday, October 30 has been recommended based on staff availability. Mayor O'Donnell inquired about coordinating with neighboring boroughs.

Our last movie night, featuring 'Coco' is being planned for October 21. We are working with CC Mellor Library to combine this with their annual Halloween Parade.

PLANNING COMMISSION Mr. Zahorchak stated that the Planning Commission is planning to meet soon.

COG REPORT Mr. O'Donnell had nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Mr. McDermott stated that he had nothing new to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that Public Safety will be reviewing fire codes and discussing property maintenance and ordinances for better resident safety. More information will be provided when available. There is a meeting scheduled on September 21 to discuss the paving program. We are waiting to hear from the Port Authority concerning bump-outs.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Zahorchak stated that a Public Safety meeting will be scheduled.

M-6 It was moved by Dr. Epitropoulos and seconded by Ms. Yaney to adjourn at 8:57 pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager