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Council Vice President Love called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, and Ms. Yaney. Mayor O'Donnell, Solicitor McDermott, Fire Chief Ireland, and Borough Manager Zahorchak were also present. Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Petrolla, and Junior Councilperson Kochupora were absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Angel Lehrian, Edgewood Foundation: Ms. Lehrian provided an update on the Foundation. She stated that fourteen new residents were welcomed at the New Member reception, with fifty representatives from the borough. The Sleepover in the Park event, which was combined with a Borough movie night, was a success, with fifteen tents set up at the field, and coffee and donuts in the morning. Oktoberfest went very well, with approximately sixty attendees who purchased wristbands, and positive feedback was received. The Wine and Chocolate event is coming up on November 19, with all proceeds to benefit the Foundation. Light up Edgewood is being planned for December 3, and additional details will be provided at a later meeting.

Ms. Yaney noted that there would be some doors in the building being replaced and inquired if the Foundation may be interested in auctioning them off if they are available then.

Rick Belloli, 1122 Mifflin Ave: Mr. Belloli provided an update concerning the water overflow under his property. He noted some difficulty coordinating contractors and other concerned parties for work to be completed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 M. Yaney moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2022 Council Meeting. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-2 Ms. Yaney moved to approve the minutes of October 3, 2022 Council Meeting. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-3 Ms. Yaney moved to authorize the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the general fund in the amount of \$223,818.37 and from the sewer fund in the amount of \$5463.00 for a total of \$229,281.37. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Yaney noted that there was a large MMO payment, and a payment for the fire department emergency reporting module.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Ms. Yaney reported that General Government did not meet, other than to pay bills.

POLICE: Chief Payne stated officers are preparing for additional patrolling on Halloween for Trick of Treat in the borough.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Ms. Yaney that Public Safety and Infrastructure did not meet.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Mr. Sherman stated that Community Affairs did not meet.

PENSION AND PERSONNEL: Ms. Patel stated that Pension and Personnel did not meet.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Mr. Zahorchak stated that CONNECT is interested if finding ways for more involvement. Ms. Yaney noted that there is an event coming up for anyone who wants to attend and learn more about CONNECT.

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

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak stated that Fallfest with Oktoberfest went well. He reported that he met with members of the police union to discuss how to control health insurance premium costs. With the current option for 2023, there is a price increase of fourteen percent. Any increase over eight percent automatically triggers a negotiation. He will be meeting again to discuss comparable but lower cost options. An offer was accepted by a candidate for a position in DPW. The candidate has a CDL license. There is still one position to fill. Leaf collection is slated to start October 31.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor O'Donnell stated that there was a meeting, which included the Borough Manager and Solicitor, with representatives from County Executive Rich Fitzgerald's office, plus Three Rivers Wet Weather, ALCOSAN, and the

Borough of Wilkinsburg to discuss the sewer overflow issue at Koenig Field. The issue, along with potential solutions, and financing options were discussed. He noted that the sewer has not blow this year, with the reason being unknown; and that was also discussed. We have an application in for a grant to provide some temporary relief from the issue. This meeting helped to bring attention to current regional government representatives. Brief discussion ensued over the overflow issue and the challenges around it.

Dr. Petrolla arrived at 7:51pm.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that there is a lawsuit, Crawford vs the Commonwealth, that is working to sue municipalities in Pennsylvania, including Harrisburg and several others, over Second Amendment rights. Edgewood is not involved in this lawsuit; however Mayor O'Donnell is adding himself to it, in hopes of overturning preemptive gun laws. The goal of which is to allow municipalities the right to set their own restrictions on firearms. He noted that he is acting in response to the Tree of Life shooting, where an Edgewood resident's life was lost due to that mass shooting.

Mr. Love inquired if a date could be set for the Annual Budget Meeting. Discussion ensued about a date and a Doodle poll would be sent around.

Ms. McCreary of the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department presented information about an upcoming 'virtual' firefighter's experience opportunity. She stated that this event will provide an immersive experience of what is involved in being a firefighter.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Ms. Yaney moved to authorize the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments to make partial payment #1 to Swede Construction in the amount of \$28,777.50 for ADA Curb Ramp and Sidewalk Improvements CD Year 47 Project consistent with the borough engineer's recommendation letter dated October 5, 2022. Second by Mr. Love.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that is a community grant project to make sidewalk upgrades, specifically around the School for the Deaf. We have to authorize Turtle Creek Valley COG to pay the contractor, following a project review by our engineer.

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

M-5 It was moved by Ms. Yaney and seconded by Dr. Epitropoulos to adjourn at 8:13 pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager