

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 3, 2023

Council President Petrolla called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:36 pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following responded: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney (virtually), and Dr. Petrolla. Also present were Mayor O'Donnell and Borough Manager Zahorchak. Michael DeLorenzo was in attendance for Solicitor McDermott, who was absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Iren Evans, 1014 Blackridge Rd: Mr. Evans, of Wilkinsburg, introduced himself as a magisterial candidate.

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 \$141,040.31. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love stated that this includes payments for a hot water boiler, work on the front doors, and tree trimming. Mr. Zahorchak noted the new agenda includes a slightly revised amount.

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 authorize the Borough Manager to execute an easement agreement between the Port Authority of Allegheny County and the Borough of Edgewood granting Port Authority a permanent easement for Curb Extension Improvements at the intersection of Elm Street and Edgewood Avenue. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated that this is for an ongoing project with the Port Authority to improve bus stops along Edgewood Ave.

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 Dr. Epitropoulos moved to authorize the Borough Manager to execute an easement agreement between the Port Authority of Allegheny County and the Borough of Edgewood granting Port Authority a permanent easement for Curb Extension Improvements at the intersection of Gordon Street and Edgewood Avenue. Second by Mr. Love.

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 Mr. Reynolds stated that the department received 656 calls in 2022. He noted that the current record is 686. December set a record for a single month, with 74 calls. He noted that many of these were related to extreme freezing temperatures, with pipes breaking, etc. Elections for 2023 occurred, with a correspondence about that to be sent. Jim Ireland will remain as Chief, with Mr. Reynolds as Assistant Chief, and Steve Halle as Captain. Lizzie McCreary is being promoted to second Captain. Jadon Nardo and Clarice Sutton will be Lieutenants. Mr. Reynolds stated that he will be President of the Executive Board, with Evan Burbridge as Vice President, Lizzie McCreary as Secretary, and Harrison Leinweber as Treasurer. He looks forward to a good year ahead.

Dr. Epitropoulos thanked the VFD for attending to calls for freezing pipes, including at his own building.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Zahorchak stated that the Water Company did not meet.

RECREATION REPORT Mr. Zahorchak reported that Youth Basketball starts this week, with almost 200 kids and about 40 coaches this season. Men's Basketball is underway. These leagues meet at the Edgewood Primary Gym, with thanks to Woodland Hills for allowing us the use of their space. Futsal registration is open for this season and will run in February and March at the Edgewood Primary Gym.

PLANNING COMMISSION Mr. Zahorchak stated that the Planning Commission did not meet.

COG REPORT Mayor O'Donnell stated that there was nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Mr. DeLorenzo stated that Mr. McDermott sends his regards, otherwise there were no updates to report.

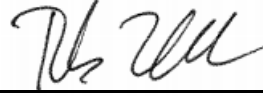
BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that for next meeting there will be a document enclosed in packets regarding a change to our delinquent tax service provider. We currently use PA Municipal Service, and will be switching to Jordan Tax Service, our current deputy collector. Our road paving list for 2023 is being created, with some items left from 2022. Our audit starts at the end of January, with results typically expected in March or April.

NEW BUSINESS Mr. Love stated that an email was received concerning the tunnels that run under the railroad. He noted that there is little we can do with them, as they are owned by the railroad. He inquired about cleaning in the tunnels. Mr. Zahorchak responded that Public Works cleans them and maintains lighting. Discussion ensued over responsiveness of the railroad and maintenance of the tunnels, as well as street lighting at the Race St. tunnel.

Mr. Sherman stated that he received a resident complaint concerning a high-pitched noise occurring on Hutchinson, near Rockwell Lane. Discussion ensued over the sound, which seemed to be a pest deterrent noise, and how it might relate to the borough noise ordinance.

Mr. Sherman inquired about a downed tree in the area of the Parkway East exit ramp. Mr. Zahorchak replied that he would look into it.

- M-13** It was moved by Dr. Blasiolo and seconded by Mr. Sherman to adjourn at 8:00 pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager