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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 18, 2024

Council President Petrolla called the meeting to order at 7:34pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, and Dr. Petrolla. Also present were Mayor O'Donnell, Borough Manager Zahorchak, and Solicitor McDermott. Ms. Yaney was absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: The following public comment was received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of February 20, 2024. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-2 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of March 4, 2024. Second by dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, and Dr. Petrolla. **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 from the General Fund in the amount of \$110,662.91 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$224,664.43 for a total of \$335,327.34. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. Love stated that the bill run was mostly standard, with one large tree payment. General Government met and discussed pickleball noise mitigation options. He noted that potential options are rather costly. Mr. O'Donnell inquired about a large repair payment. Mr. Zahorchak replied that it was for the engine on the rescue truck. Mr. Love reported that there may be some Public Works expenses upcoming and noted a request for time off.

POLICE: Police Chief Payne stated that the system that was being used to create a monthly report was recently changed to be more in-line with the county system. The parking revenue has not transferred yet and should be updated soon. Council will be receiving reports again shortly. Chief Payne briefly discussed some recent car thefts.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Zahorchak stated that on Wednesday we will be meeting with representatives to discuss a site selection process for EV charging stations.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Mr. Sherman stated that Community Affairs did not meet. Mr. Zahorchak noted that we are working on Community Day plans, including acquiring a list of participating food vendors.

PENSION AND PERSONNEL: Mr. Zahorchak noted that RFPs for pension council are due on Friday, March 29.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Nothing was reported.

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

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak provided a reminder that Saturday is the Easter Egg Hunt, with the possible rain date Sunday. If anyone is available to help, set-up starts at noon, with the hunt at 1pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Epitropoulos brought up the new bags at Giant Eagle, following the plastic bag ban. He noted that he hopes they are biodegradable. Mayor O'Donnell noted thanks on behalf of a resident for work on the sewer issue in the park.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Mr. Sherman moved to exonerate the Tax Collector and his deputy Jordan Tax Service for all current 2023 real estate tax collections totaling \$26,391.27 as reflected in the deputy's January 19, 2024 Open Accounts Report and to turn the accounts over for delinquent collection. This motion supersedes and amends the February 20, 2024 exoneration motion correcting the delinquent tax amount. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that there was an error in the number provided previously, necessitating a new exoneration.

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

M-5 Dr. Epitropoulos moved to appoint Jeff Lower to Civil Service Commission for a term of six years. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-6** Ms. Patel moved to appoint Eric Nielson to Planning Commission for a term of four years. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-7** Dr. Epitropoulos moved to authorize the Borough Manager in consultation with the Borough Engineer to select Option A as the Edgewood Borough SSOEP in accordance with Paragraph 7 of the October 28, 2021 Phase II Consent Order and Agreement between the Allegheny County Health Department and Edgewood Borough. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-8** It was moved by Mr. Sherman and seconded by Ms. Patel to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager