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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 1, 2024

Council Vice President Love called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:40 pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following responded: Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, and Ms. Yaney. Also present were Mayor O'Donnell, Police Chief Payne, Borough Manager Zahorchak. Charlee Rosini was in attendance for Solicitor McDermott, who was absent. Dr. Blasiolo, Ms. Patel, and Dr. Petrolla were absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: No public comment was received.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Ms. Yaney moved to the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the General Fund in the amount of \$23,238.18 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$337,666.99 for a total of \$360,905.17. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted a large payment from the sewer fund.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: No report given.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT: Mr. Fuller stated that the authority is negotiating with the DEP over lead service line replacement. Shut off's for nonpayment will commence April 1, 2024. The authority is hiring for summer help.

RECREATION REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the winter sport leagues have wrapped up, and registration is now open for summer T-ball and Softball until May 3. As always, we're looking for dedicated volunteers to help out. There have been some inquiries about the possibility of creating a spring soccer league next year.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the commission did not meet.

COG REPORT: Mr. Love reported that a meeting was scheduled but ultimately canceled due to lack of quorum. Mr. Zahorchak reported that the Cohen Law Group submitted a proposal for Franchise Fee negotiations with Verizon to the COG for member consideration. Edgewood has previously used Cohen's services and our agreement with Verizon expires in 2025 so council should consider this proposal.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: The solicitor had nothing to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that 6,000 eggs were plucked from Koenig Field at the Egg Hunt. He thanked everyone who helped to distribute those. We've received the police union's negotiating points for the new contract. We have executed a service agreement with the engineer to start preparing the source flow reduction project work and bid later this year. Mr. Zahorchak requested a motion to amend the agenda under new business for the purpose of accepting a resignation letter. Race St will be closed in mid-April for about three weeks for Norfolk Southern to work on the wall. The demolition of the property at 147 Washington by TriCOG landbank is complete and the lot will be listed for sale. Action on the Verizon Franchise Agreement renewal notice will be included on the April 15 meeting agenda. Street sweeping starts Wednesday, April 3.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Ms. Yaney moved to accept Sue Kaskie's letter of early retirement dated March 27, 2024. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-3 Dr. Epitropoulos moved to authorize the civil service commission to establish a police officer candidate eligibility list. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-4 Mr. Sherman moved to accept the 2023 borough financial audit as presented and to instruct the borough manager to publicly advertise the audit results in the New Pittsburgh Courier. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-5 Mr. Sherman moved to authorize the borough manager to sell or otherwise dispose of a borough-owned 2012 Ford Expedition for an amount not exceeding \$2,000. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-6 Mr. Sherman moved to amend the agenda to add additional motions. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-7** Mr. Sherman moved to accept Brandon Sepsey's resignation effective April 12, 2024 and to advertise his position. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Topics discussed included Koenig Field Rules, the purchase of tractors, and the possibility of renting out the Koenig Field House. The following motions were offered after discussion:

- M-8** Dr. Epitropoulos moved to authorize the borough manager to purchase one Kubota BX2380 tractor at a price not to exceed \$15,100. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-9** Ms. Yaney moved to authorize the borough manager to purchase one Toro zero-turn 77283 from EH Griffith Equipment for \$7,461.41. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Fire Chief Reynolds arrived late and briefly addressed Council about department matters. Mr. Love noted that the COG is still working on a regional fire chief program but needs to find funding sources before going further.

- M-10** It was moved by Mr. Sherman and seconded by Dr. Epitropoulos to adjourn at 8:11pm.
The ye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager