

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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Council President Petrolla called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:38 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Betsy Mullaugh, 515 W Hutchinson: Ms. Mullaugh stated that she is in attendance on behalf of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. She requested volunteer assistance to maintain landscaping in the greenspace at the 376/Parkway East interchange. This is an ongoing need through the growing season.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Mr. Love moved to the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the General Fund in the amount of \$37,618.56 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$4,760.00 for a total of \$42,378.56. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love stated that the bills were fairly standard, with items of note.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Sherman moved to revise the Borough of Edgewood Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations, Section 3.3 – Full Time Civil Service Position, removing No. 3, Lieutenant from the list of full time civil service positions and all additional references to the Lieutenant position contained therein. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated that in 2018, Police Department positions were revised and the lieutenant position eliminated. The Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations just need to be updated to reflect that change.

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

M-3 Mr. Sherman moved to revise the Borough of Edgewood Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations, Section 4.3 – General Qualifications – All Applicants, paragraph (E), striking “application” and replacing with “appointment.” Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated that this change was a recommendation from Chief Payne to ensure we get a complete list of qualified candidates. As the document reads now, you must be Act 120 certified at the time of application. With new candidates, many have not had the opportunity to complete the exam yet, excluding a large number of candidates. Changing 'application' to 'appointment' would give them more time. They would still have to take and pass the exam prior to being appointed.

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

- M-4** Ms. Patel moved to appoint Campbell Durrant as legal counsel to the Borough of Edgewood uniform and non-uniform pension plans. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-5** Dr. Blasiolo moved to hire Andrew Kozub as a Summer Help employee at a rate of \$12.00/hr. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that Mr. Kozub is the nephew of a current laborer and has relevant experience.

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

- M-6** Mr. Sherman moved to authorize the borough manager to sell a Toro Zero Turn Timecutter mower for no less than \$200. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated that the company from which we purchased our new zero turn, gave an estimate of \$200 to purchase our old mower.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Mr. Zahorchak provided a report on behalf of the Fire Department.

Police Chief Payne addressed Council with a report on the Police Department.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT: Mr. Fuller stated that The Water Authority Board met April 23rd. Items discussed included phase two of the lead line replacement contract. One contractor (Bova) asked to be released from contract. The other contractor (Jet Jack) agreed to pick up balance of work equaling \$3.6 million. The Authority will apply and should receive more money in November for additional replacements. It may be possible to use in higher income communities. The plan is to do about 50 in Edgewood if this goes through. Line replacement and remediation runs about \$8,700 per line. A backhoe was totaled when someone crashed into while it was operating. The backhoe

operator was injured and is still out of work. This year's workers Comp refund was \$92, 000 this year as opposed to \$30, 00 last year. The Citizen's Advisory Board discussion is ongoing. The current format is 3 WPWJA people (executive and assistant directors and board member), 3 community members, 3 advocacy group members, and 5 members from various state house and senate. Still having some troubles with obtaining some material. Cone valves which were just ordered have 40 week lead time. Shut offs begin in May which will lead to major increase in office work. As a result the office will probably change hours to 8:30 to 4 (includes drive through window). The night deposit is available for all other hours.

RECREATION REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that Tball and Softball registration closed on Friday. We have 16 kids signed up for Tball, and over a dozen for Softball. The season will start the week of June 10. We're still looking for a few more volunteers to help coach Tball. Our first movie night is scheduled for Friday, June 14. We will be featuring Jumanji (1995). Community Day planning continues. The start time will be 12:30pm, to accommodate more live music. The community yard sale will return this year, running from 8am-noon. We are accepting applications for vendors and community groups, if anyone is interested or knows someone who would like to participate.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated that the Planning Commission will be meeting on May 16 to review a lot line revision.

COG REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak read a letter from the COG concerning the potential purchase of U.S. Steel by Nikon, with a request for municipalities to intervene regarding certain terms of the outcome.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: The solicitor had nothing to report and no need for an Executive Session.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that we are still looking for candidates for Public Works. There is a potential sewer issue on Race Street that is being investigated. Mayor O'Donnell inquired about the Koenig Field steps and drainage project. Mr. Zahorchak replied that it is in the design phase. He noted that the new steps will be made from steel, due to the prohibitive cost of remaking them in concrete.

NEW BUSINESS No new business was discussed.

M-7 It was moved by Mr. Sherman and seconded by Dr. Blasiolo at 7:58pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager