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Council President Petrolla called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:32 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Anna Marie Caulkins, Edgewood Foundation: Ms. Caulkins provided an update on behalf of the Edgewood Foundation. The last event was the Senior Bruch, with 12 seniors who attended. Steven Halle of the Fire Department spoke. The Brinton Road clean-up is happening on June 8 from 9:30am-12pm. No events are scheduled for July, and the next thing after that is Community Day.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Dr. Blasiole moved to authorize the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the General Fund in the amount of \$22,471.46. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love stated that there was a large tree removal payment and a payment to the library, with the rest of the list being fairly standard.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Sherman moved to hire Matthew Love as a Summer Help employee at a rate of \$12.00/hr. Second by Dr. Blasiole.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-3 Ms. Patel moved to hire Ayvind Wiegman as a Summer Help employee at a rate of \$12.00/hr. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-4 Dr. Blasiole moved to hire Kevin Bollman as a full time Public Works Laborer effective Tuesday June 4, 2024 at a starting rate of \$22 per hour as specified in the Department's collective bargaining agreement. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-5 Ms. Yaney moved to approve the Annese Lot Line Revision as recommended by Edgewood Borough Planning Commission and the borough engineer. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated that this is in regards to a property on Hawthorn St, specifically the last house before the school entrance. The owners wish to purchase property from the school district to increase the size of their side yard, necessitating an extension of the lot line. The Planning Commission has reviewed and approved the plan.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Mr. Zahorchak stated that the rescue truck is still under repair. Following a previous repair, a fluid check was done, where excess pressure was indicated. They completed a diagnostic on the truck and discovered that it had not been reassembled properly and is in the process of being fixed again. He noted that work is being done under warranty, barring any device addition that wasn't originally involved. It is estimated that the truck will be ready by the end of June.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT: Mr. Fuller stated that the Water Authority met. The new general manager is now in place. The Dollar Energy fund will be running a utility assistance program soon. They sent out a seven-stage pump for repair, and a five-stage pump was returned. This stressed the system, but the repair was only guaranteed for thirty days, and they have been unable to get the seven-stage pump returned. Phase III of the lead line replacement is taking place. The lead average went up in consumer reporting based on one unusually high reading.

<u>RECREATION REPORT</u>: Mr. Zahorchak reported that Softball starts tonight, with 22 kids signed up, and Teeball starts next week with 18 kids enrolled. We have our dedicated head coaches for Teeball, but any extra assistance would still be welcomed. Fall Soccer registration will open on July 1 and ends August 9.

Our first movie night is happening next week, on Friday, June 14, featuring Jumanji. If available, members of the Fire Department will be there with a truck to help keep everyone busy before the movie starts. Our Community Day graphics are ready and the banners and signs will be printed soon.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated that the Planning Commission met to approve the Annese lot line revision.

<u>COG REPORT</u>: Mr. Love reported that they met but did not reach quorum.

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

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the bid opening for the Brinton Road and Maple Avenue traffic island reconstruction is set for June 28. If bid tabs are received and everything is satisfactory, Council action will be requested on July 1, to award the winning bidder on July 15. A fix for the sewer issue on Race St has been suggested, which is to pull the lateral from the home and through the front yard. An easement will need to be acquired for both affected properties. Our storm sewer can be rerouted via McKay, with bidding for that likely taking place towards the end of summer. Soli Construction will be reviewing the sink hole on South Braddock Ave, to prepare a fix, at the cost of \$8,700. We will then have to reline the storm sewer and restore the sink hole, with bids to be taken later for the sewer lining. Efforts will be taken to reduce impact to traffic on South Braddock.

NEW BUSINESS Dr. Blasiole inquired about water at Memorial Park. Mr. Zahorchak replied that he will be getting an estimate for work.

Police Chief Payne addressed Council regarding the officer candidate search.

M-6 It was moved by Dr. Blasiole and seconded by Mr. Sherman at 8:09pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

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Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager