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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 17, 2024

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

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, 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.

An Lewis, Executive Director of the Steel Rivers Council of Governments: Ms. Lewis addressed council concerning the potential sale of U.S. Steel. She noted that a letter has been drafted about the regional impact of the sale and was asking council to consider signing onto the letter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of May 20, 2024. 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-2 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of June 3, 2024, as amended. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: A revision was made on the vote count for summer help hiring.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, 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 \$87,578.91 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$235,460.37 for a total of \$323,039.28. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted that the one item of note was the quarterly payment to ALCOSAN.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. Love reported that General Government met and discussed items included council packets including a resident letter regarding street paving. He noted that they are satisfied with the engineer's recommendations. Codification was also mentioned, as well as the consent agreement and building security cameras. Mr. Zahorchak noted that a brief executive session would be required after the meeting.

POLICE: Mayor O'Donnell reported that Allegheny County Councilmember Sam DeMarco awarded the department a \$30,000 grant to replace all existing body cameras.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE: The Race Street sewer and sanitary line work is ongoing. South Braddock Ave is reopened after being closed due to a sink hole. The storm line has been fixed for now but will need to be lined. Civil Service will be meeting soon to assemble a police candidate list.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Mr. Sherman inquired about preparations for Community Day. Mr. Zahorchak replied that he and the assistant manager met with Mike Hooks who coordinates our audio and musical acts to discuss the day's events. Discussion ensued over the placement of the food trucks.

PENSION AND PERSONNEL: Dr. Blasiolo stated that Pension and Personnel did not meet.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Nothing was reported.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott had nothing to report, but a brief executive session would be required after the meeting, with no action to be taken.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that bids will be taken at the end of the month for the Brinton Road traffic island project. The SSOEP report covering the requirements in the Phase II Consent Order is complete and ready to submit to the Allegheny County Health Department. The manager requested an executive session to discuss a matter contained in the SSOEP. Lastly, the manager reported that the planned showing of Jumanji was cancelled due to rain.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Ms. Patel moved to adopt Resolution 2024-17, seeking grant funding under the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority ("ALCOSAN") Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) Program to fund a project that proposes to reduce inflow/infiltration in the sanitary sewer system owned by the Borough of Edgewood tributary to ALCOSAN point of connection M-47. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that we were invited to submit to ALCOSAN for grant funding.

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 reduce the construction bond amount for the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf's site improvements from \$1,309,625.90 to \$2,200, pursuant to the borough engineer's May 17, 2024 letter. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Solicitor McDermott noted that they have fulfilled their requirements for the bond, besides one last piece. That will conclude their project.

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 accept State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from Allegheny County for the purpose of replacing all existing body worn cameras and to authorize the borough manager to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the borough. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that the cameras were due for replacement, and this grant was available to cover that.

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

- M-7** Mr. Sherman moved to amend Section 6.8 of the Borough's personnel manual establishing Juneteenth as a paid borough holiday observed annually on June 19. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love inquired about what would happen if it falls on a non-working day. It was responded that it would be observed in the same way as other federal holidays.

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

- M-8** It was moved by Mr. Sherman and seconded by Dr. Blasiolo to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

An Executive Session was held from 8:21-8:30pm.



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager