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**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 5, 2024**

Council Vice President Love 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 Ms. Yaney. Also present were Mayor O'Donnell, Police Chief Payne, Borough Manager Zahorchak, and Solicitor McDermott. Dr. Epitropoulos and Dr. Petrolia were absent.

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:** No comments received.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**M-1** Dr. Blasiolo moved to approve the minutes of June 17, 2024. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-2** Ms. Patel moved to approve the minutes of July 1, 2024, as amended. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

**M-3** Dr. Blasiolo moved to authorize the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the General Fund in the amount of \$20,976.30. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

None

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Mr. Zahorchak informed council that all repairs to the rescue truck are complete and it is back in service.

**WATER AUTHORITY REPORT:** Mr. Fuller provided a Water Authority report, including a sump pump replacement at Nadine, and a water line replacement of Negley Ave in Wilkins/Turtle Creek. The power at the water plant is not sufficient and natural gas generators are being requested. Construction has begun on a waterline replacement on Dalgate Road in Swissvale, with completion expected in mid-August. Equipment has been purchased for the Pitcairn VFD. A survey has been completed for a water line replacement on Cline Ave in Wilkins Township. Shut-offs resumed on July 8<sup>th</sup>, with 508 customers being affected.

**RECREATION REPORT:**

We've just finished another successful summer Tball and Softball season. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to make that happen. Our Fall Soccer registration is still open until August 9. Our rescheduled showing of 'Jumanji' is planned for this Friday. The Fire Department is planning to bring a truck to the field for a 'Touch-a-Truck' prior to the movie. Our final movie is planned for September 7, to feature 'Wonka.' This will coincide with the Foundation's 'Sleepover in the Park' event. We're finalizing the last details for Community Day. We do still have room for additional market vendors, as well as space on the Community Yard Sale list. The yard sale will take place from 8-12.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Nothing was reported.

**COG REPORT:** Nothing was reported.

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

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Zahorchak provided the following report. There are several engineering projects in process, including the Overflow Elimination project required under the Phase II Consent order. We are on track to release the bid by October 1 and have the contract signed by December 31, which is the deadline for ARPA funds. The GROW application, seeking funds for I&I reduction, has been submitted to ALCOSAN, with a response expected in October. The engineer is reviewing post repair CCTV footage from 2021 on Nine Mile Run and comparing it to the ALCOSAN defect report. Once footage is reviewed, we can begin to transfer ownership of sanitary lines to ALCOSAN and enter into a repair agreement with agreed upon prices. The Elmer St storm sewer extension drawings are 75% complete and will be ready for bidding in late September.

The Koenig Field Drainage project is projected for late 2024 bidding. LSSE would like to field locate existing overflow line leading to the NMR culvert and use that line to convey excess storm overflow collected by new catch basins installed along rear yards of Greendale homes subjected to flooding. Paving and profiling of the parking lot is included in this project. Koenig Field steps are slowly progressing. LSSE has completed elevation drawings and a conceptual design but would like to consult a geotechnical engineer to confirm their assessment. It will likely be another 8-12 months before we get to the construction phase. Race St storm and sanitary work is on hold until the

storm sewer can be lined. The storm sewer, which is in bad shape, sits directly above the sanitary sewer and must be lined before being cut out in order to allow work to be done on the sanitary sewer.

The specifications between automated and manual collection have been reviewed in preparation of our solid waste contract bid. We've also reviewed how the container distribution works and expected challenges. A request for bids will be released shortly. We have reviewed a request to apply for grant funding for electric charging stations on Edgewood Ave and S Braddock Ave. Lastly, our accounting platform Freedom has been acquired by gWorks and is transitioning legacy clients to a new suite. Mr. Zahorchak explained billing, service levels, and benefits of the gWorks system.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor O'Donnell inquired about the new coffee shop, following the vehicle accident and damage to the building. Brief discussion ensued.

**M-4** It was moved by Dr. Blasiolo and seconded by Mr. Sherman at 8:45pm.  
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



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Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager