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Council President Petrolla called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Ross Pfile, 519 Greendale Ave: Mr. Pfile wanted to know why property that is adjacent to his was marked with survey stakes. The Manager responded that they represent the approximate location of existing storm sewer line. These lines will be used to drainage control project in Koenig Field. Exploratory excavation is needed in these areas to confirm pipe location and condition.

Andrea Maue, 206 Elm St: Representing the Edgewood Foundation, Ms. Maue gave updates on Foundation events and their plans for Community Day.

Mark Calabro, 530 Greendale Ave: Mr. Calabro stated that the retaining wall at rear of his property is shedding concrete. This is the Nine Mile Run culvert. He asked Council if they could consider budgeting for repairs in the 2025 budget.

Jacob Poole, Allenby Ave: Mr. Poole addressed Council regarding his ongoing mental health problems and living situation. Dr. Petrolla advised him to seek professional legal counsel or social worker to assist.

Eddie Lowy, 105 McKelvey: Requested a speed bump be installed between stop signs at Pennwood and W. Swissvale and W. Swissvale and McKay intersections to prevent motorists from running the stop signs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Dr. Blasiolo moved to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2024 Council meeting. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-2 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 \$135,614.82 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$4,991.50 for a total of \$140,606.32. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Blasiolo stated most of the expenses were related to engineering and building inspection fees.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. Love provided a report from General Government.

POLICE: Mayor O'Donnell had nothing to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Ms. Yaney had nothing to report.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Mr. Zahorchak reported that community day is August 24 starting at 12:30pm.

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, except that an Executive Session would be needed following the regular meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak advised council of grand opening luncheon at Edgewood Center Retirement Residence 9/11/24, noon. All are welcome to attend. The solid waste bid is being finalized and prepared for release. Community Day updates -Volunteers are needed to help run games, a signup email will be circulated. The day starts at 12:30pm with music, games and other activities begin at 2pm, fireworks are at 9pm. A request was received from a local addiction recovery nonprofit looking to coordinate pickleball games for its patients and requested that Council waive the court reservation fee. Council agreed.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-3 Dr. Epitropoulos moved to authorize the borough manager and solicitor to advertise the 2025 Solid Waste Contract Request for Bids (RFB) in compliance with the dates and times set forth in the bid documents. Second by Ms. Patel.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-4 It was moved by Dr. Epitropoulos 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 8:21-8:37 to discuss a personnel matter.



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager