

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 7, 2024

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. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney and Dr. Petrolla. Also present were Mayor O'Donnell, Police Chief Payne, Borough Manager Zahorchak, and Patrick Gannon substituting for Solicitor McDermott. Ms. Patel was absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: No comment was received.

Erin Pierce, CC Mellor Library: Ms. Pierce briefed council on her 2025 budget request.

Dewitt Walton, Allegheny County Council: Mr. Walton address Council, informing them of the forthcoming budget briefing by the County Executive. She will be discussing the proposed tax increase.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 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 \$87,704.88. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION None.

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Nothing was reported.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT: Mr. Fuller provided an update on lead line replacement and the progress on building an onsite chlorine generator. He noted challenges with the power supply and backup generators. He reminded Council about the resuming of water shut offs.

RECREATION REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak provided the following report. Fallfest went well. In spite of some rain early in the event, we had a good turnout for hayrides, crafts, and music. Soccer is a little over halfway through the season, and going well. Basketball registration is set to open at the end of the month. We have been in communication with the school district regarding the gym and the construction happening at Edgewood Primary. We will not be able to use the Edgewood gym this season, but the district is working with us to provide space at Dickson Intermediate in Swissvale.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Mr. Zahorchak reported that they are working through final phase of the Edgewood Elementary land development project. The school is providing a revised landscape plan concerning the tree planting list, and cross walk work. We are also working on a storm water management agreement.

COG REPORT: Mr. Love reported that they scheduled a meeting, but did not reach quorum.

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

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the Borough was awarded a grant from ALCOSAN for over \$101,000 to offset expenses on our Phase II consent order project. We have about \$350,000 in ARPA money. There are several projects planned for that funding that will be presented for bid to be on the agenda to be awarded at the next meeting. Senator Costa notified us of funding to upgrades at Memorial Park. We're awaiting a sketch from Lennin Smith for that. Our health care premium has increased 9%. We need to keep that to 8%, and may need to look at some adjustments in the policy. Mr. Zahorchak provided an update on the tunnel work. The wall work is tentatively to be completed on 10/18, with all work to be done by 11/18. Brief discussion ensued on this matter. Mr. Zahorchak requested a brief Executive Session following the regular meeting.

Ms. Yaney inquired about the Fire Chief's safety plan for the borough. Mr. Zahorchak responded that our emergency management coordinator would work with the county in the event of a large emergency. Brief discussion ensued on this matter. Dr. Blasiolo inquired about the Brinton Ave project. Mr. Zahorchak provided an update. He noted that the challenge is that it's a small job. Dr. Epitropoulos inquired about a fire at the Towne Center. Brief discussion ensued on this matter. Mr. Sherman inquired about check fraud occurring recently. Mr. Zahorchak noted that the police are aware of this issue. Brief discussion ensued on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

M-2 It was moved by Dr. Blasiolo and seconded by Mr. Sherman at 8:10pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

An Executive Session was held from 8:10pm-9:00pm.



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager