

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 2, 2024**

Council Vice President Love called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:35 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:** None.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

**M-1** 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 \$49,705.26 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$3,103.43 for a total of \$52,808.69. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Blasiolo noted that there were several checks for police and fire calls.

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

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

**M-2** Dr. Blasiolo moved to accept Jordan Tax Service's August 5, 2024 proposal for garbage fee billing and collection services pursuant to the terms contained therein. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that Jordan already does tax collection for us. This will be billed quarterly and online payment will be available. Brief discussion ensued.

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

**M-3** Ms. Yaney moved to award contract No. 24-ST2, Elmer Street and Beech Street Stormwater Improvements to Independent Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$759,000. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that this is the storm sewer extension plus paving and reconstruction. We will use LSA funding and a large part of our paving program will be designated for this. Discussion ensued on this matter.

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

**M-4** Ms. Patel moved to make the 2025 General Fund, Sewer Fund and Highway Fund Budgets available for public review immediately. They shall be available on the Borough website, in the C.C. Mellor Library and in the Borough Office. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that there are some things in the budget still to finalize. Some projects are outstanding as we are waiting for cost estimates. He added that there is a contingency surplus. Discussion ensued on this matter.

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

**M-5** Mr. Sherman moved to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2025 General Fund, Sewer Fund and Highway Fund Budgets on December 16, 2024, starting at 7pm in Council Chambers and advertise for same. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Mr. Zahorchak stated that the rescue truck is running well, following some recent work on it.

**WATER AUTHORITY REPORT:** Mr. Fuller reported that there will be a 5% service increase next year. The dollar energy assistance program is in place; he noted that there seemed to be an issue with applications going through early on. Forest Hills is joining the sewage program. The authority sent letters about lead water lines and free replacements in Phase 3 of the lead line replacement project. The McKeesport tank replacement has been delayed. There was a notable line break recently in the east hills.

**RECREATION REPORT:** Mr. Zahorchak provided the following report. Due to interest in our oldest Division in our Youth Basketball league, we expanded from 4 teams to 6. We could still use a couple more coaches in that age group though, if anyone would like to assist. We may condense our youngest Division from 6 teams to 4, to even things out, depending on our final numbers in that group. We have 200 kids signed up now and registration closes Friday. We are planning our coaches meeting for this Wednesday to discuss the season, and our annual draft is scheduled for December 14, to finalize teams.

We've been in contact with WPSD about getting gym time for Futsal. They are not able to accommodate weekday requests, but we may be able to get some weekend time. We are tentatively planning on Saturday mornings, pending coach availability. We hope to run this for about 6-8 weeks starting in mid to late January. We'll be announcing and advertising this as soon as the details are finalized.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** We received a partially complete subdivision application from Phillips Edison to divide the Towne Center into several separate parcels.

**COG REPORT:** Mr. Love stated that the annual meeting is coming up. Mr. Zahorchak noted that he will be attending the southwest tax collection committee meeting on Thursday. He noted that appointment/reappointments for council committees will take place soon.

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

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Zahorchak reported that Saturday is Light-up Edgewood. Public Works and the police will be closing off Maple Ave and we have secured a tree for the event. The leaf collection machine is being repaired. Any further collection for the year will depend on amenable weather. We will be meeting with Big's Sanitation on Thursday to finalize details for the transition. We should hopefully have a police agreement to vote on at the next meeting. Mr. Zahorchak stated that he is meeting tomorrow with Penn Line concerning tree trimming for Duquesne Light. A public safety committee meeting needs to be scheduled soon. We have one Public Works candidate in consideration right now.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Yaney inquired about employee salaries. Brief discussion ensued.

**M-6** It was moved by Mr. Sherman and seconded by Ms. Yaney to adjourn at 8:56pm.  
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



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Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager