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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 21, 2025

Council President Petrolla called the meeting to order at 7:40pm.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Eliza Bowman, 28 Love Place: Ms. Bowman inquired about the process to turn a property into a rental and what permits are needed. Mr. Zahorchak took note of Ms. Bowman's information to assist. Ms. Bowman also spoke briefly about snow removal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024 Budget Public Hearing. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-2 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-3 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2025 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-4 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 \$86,318.50 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$20,296.80 for a total of \$106,615.30. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love and Mr. Zahorchak reported that there was a minor mathematical error adding the general fund and sewer fund payments together and that the total will be revised in the minutes. The payments included the COG's annual contribution.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. Love stated that General Government did not meet.

POLICE: Nothing was reported.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Zahorchak reported that Public Works has been very busy with the recent weather and that more salt has been ordered.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Mr. Sherman stated that Community Affairs did not meet. Mr. Zahorchak brought up the date for Community Day. It was decided to hold that on August 23.

PENSION AND PERSONNEL: Mr. Zahorchak updated council on progress made towards updating and restating the police and nonuniform pension fund documents.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Nothing was reported.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott had nothing to report but requested an Executive Session on a personnel matter with action to be taken.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak noted that COG delegates for 2025 need to be determined and opened the question to Council for volunteers. He reported that trash collection is on track for the week and that service is improving from the start of the year. We have run into some challenges in scheduling time at the WPSD gym for our Youth Futsal league and are working on resolving that. Brief discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS –

Mayor O'Donnell commended Public Works for their recent efforts through inclement weather.

An executive session regarding a police personnel matter was held from 8:00pm-9:20pm. Council adjourned executive session and resumed the public meeting.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-5 Mr. Love moved take action on police personnel matter as discussed in executive session. Second by Ms. Patel.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

An Executive Session regarding a contractual matter was held from 9:25pm-9:30pm. No action was taken and the executive session was adjourned.

M-6 It was moved by Mr. Sherman and seconded by Ms. Patel to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager