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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Council Vice President Love called the meeting to order at 7:38pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, 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. Petrolla was absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Al Caruso, Edgewood Foundation: Mr. Caruso addressed Council about upcoming items for the Foundation, including the Progressive Dinner.

Christine Furman, 1201 Savannah Ave: Ms. Furman spoke of her interest in becoming more actively involved in the inner workings of the Borough, with potential interest in running for Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Dr. Epitropoulos moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025 Verizon Franchise Public Hearing. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-2 Dr. Blasiolo moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-3 Dr. Blasiolo moved to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2025 Council Meeting. Second by Ms. Patel.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-4 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 \$187,775.31. Second by Ms. Patel.

DISCUSSION: Some of the larger bills were noted, including property tax refunds, a payment to BIU, and tree removal.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Dr. Blasiolo provided a report from General Government.

POLICE: Nothing was reported.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Ms. Yaney stated that they met with Police Chief Payne to discuss some safety related items, including reporting of issues as they happen. Discussion ensued on this topic.

Dr. Petrolla arrived at 8:20pm.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Mr. Sherman stated that Community Affairs did not meet.

PENSION AND PERSONNEL: Dr. Blasiolo reported that Pension and Personnel did not meet but the latest statement was released.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Nothing was reported.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott had no updates.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak requested an emergency motion to be able to move forward with replacing the engine on the fire truck.

M-5 Dr. Blasiolo moved to approve the replacement of the fire truck engine. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

We received three candidates and scheduled interviews for the Public Works position and two did not show up at their scheduled time. More salt has been ordered, following more inclement weather recently. We have received our

official copy of the police contract. Trash bills have been mailed. There was an issue with names on some bills and Jordan Tax has fixed the problem and reissued the bills. Exploratory work is being done as part of the Koenig Field. A geotechnical firm has been at Koenig Field in preparation for the replacement of the steps. Surveying will begin in March for the municipal complex updates.

NEW BUSINESS –

Dr. Blasiolo inquired about expectations for salt use for the remainder of the season. Mr. Zahorchak replied that our supply is adequate with about 300 tons on hand.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-6 Dr. Blasiolo moved to exonerate the tax collector and his deputy for 2024 real estate tax collection remittances and to turn over all delinquent unpaid real estate taxes totaling \$40,150.04 to the delinquent tax collector. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-7 Mr. Sherman moved to revise the rate at which under which all borough crossing guards are compensated for their holiday, personal, and sick days from 3.5 hours per day to 4.25 hours per day. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-8 It was moved by Dr. Blasiolo and seconded by Dr. Epitropoulos to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager