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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 21, 2025

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

ROLL CALL

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

Ms. Patel arrived at 7:34.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Beth Battaline, 150 Washington St: Ms. Battaline thanked Council for making the tennis/pickleball courts available.

Christine Furman, 1201 Savannah Ave: Ms. Furman commented on errors on Allegheny County's voter information website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Mr. Love moved to table the minutes of the March 17, 2025 Council Meeting. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love and Mr. Zahorchak noted there were several corrections needed to the minutes before approval.

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

M-2 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2025 Council Meeting. 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, and Dr. Petrolla. **The motion carried.**

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-3 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 \$97,606.93 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$675.00 for a total of \$98,281.93. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. Love commented on the bill payment list noting that the engineering expenses were the largest item besides the borough's regular insurance payments.

POLICE: Nothing was reported.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Ms. Yaney reported that the committee did not meet, but will meet following the regular meeting.

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

PENSION AND PERSONNEL: Dr. Blasiolo reported that Pension and Personnel did not meet.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Nothing was reported.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott had no updates, but an Executive Session would be required to discuss a personnel matter with no action to be taken.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that Steve Halle, who works at the ESW desk, is on the mend. His return to work is still to be determined. Mr. Zahorchak suggested making a proclamation to recognize the efforts of Paul Nye and Officer Rick Susalla in aiding Mr. Halle. The contractor from the elementary school asked about doing exterior window work. The Elmer Street storm sewer and reconstruction project is moving along and Wilkinsburg Penn Joint Water Authority has agreed to replace the water line while the road is being reconstructed. A meeting with our engineer is planned for Wednesday to discuss work on the building grounds. Tomorrow there is a meeting with the Edgewood Foundation to discuss Community Day. Next week there will be a meeting with representatives of C.L.A.S.S., Abigail Salisbury's office, and Swissvale's Borough Manager to discuss potential road work there. Mr. Zahorchak thanked those who came to help at the Easter Egg Hunt.

NEW BUSINESS –

Dr. Petrolla noted that there would be a Public Safety meeting following the regular meeting. Dr. Blasiolo inquired about the state of the generator at the building, following a recent power outage. Mr. Zahorchak replied that it is being worked on now.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Ms. Patel did the first reading of Ordinance 1085: Police Pension Plan Restatement (title only). Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 1085

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD,
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA, TO AMEND AND RESTATE THE
BOROUGH'S POLICE PENSION PLAN AND REPEAL ANY
ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood (the "Borough") has previously enacted an Ordinance establishing the Borough of Edgewood Police Pension Plan (the "Plan") under the provisions of P.L. 1804, 53 Pa. Con. Stat. Ann. 767 ("Act 600") for the benefit of the Borough's Police employees, which has been amended and restated by Ordinances and Resolutions of the Borough Council thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council reserved the right to amend the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council now desires the Plan to be amended and restated.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by the Council for the Borough of Edgewood, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same as follows:

Effective January 1, 2025, the Plan shall be amended by entirely deleting the provisions of said Plan and substituting the Plan document attached to this Ordinance as "Exhibit A." All ordinances that conflict or are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance and Exhibit A are hereby repealed to the extent of that conflict or inconsistency.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that no changes are being made to content. This document is just a consolidation of existing documents.

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

- M-5** Dr. Blasiolo moved to authorize the borough manager to advertise the police pension plan restatement ordinance. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-6** Ms. Yaney moved to adopt Resolution 2025-02, a resolution affirming borough council's desire to apply for a Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer Projects Grant seeking \$500,000 from the Commonwealth

Financing Authority to be used for the Monongahela Way/Nine Mile Run Culvert Improvements Project.
Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated that this is a grant application for funds intended to address issues with the Nine Mile run culvert which runs under Monongahela Alley.

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

M-7 It was moved by Dr. Epitropoulos and seconded by Ms. Yaney to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

An Executive Session was held from 7:55 to 8:02PM to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken.



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager