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**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 16, 2025**

Council President Petrolla called the meeting to order at 7:37pm.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Tom Reichner, 540 Allenby Ave: Mr. Reichner addressed Council regarding the speed of traffic on his street. He inquired about the efficacy of new signage. Police Chief Payne responded to explain the purpose of radar speed detection, and noted that it is indicated for the purpose of data collection. He additionally noted state limitations on enforcement. Mr. Zahorchak provided traffic data that was captured from Allenby Ave, which did not indicate a speeding issue. Discussion ensued on this matter.

Boy Scout, Dominic Gualtieri, of 323 Dewey St: Mr. Gualtieri addressed Council concerning Scouting requirements.

Dotty Bruchez, 543 Allenby Ave: Ms. Bruchez addressed Council concerning a manhole behind her property. She noted that there is smell emanating from it. Mr. Zahorchak replied that we would check it.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**M-1** Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2025 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Sherman.  
DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-2** Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2025 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, 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 \$71,519.48 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$238,762.48 for a total of \$310,281.96. Second by Dr. Blasiole.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted that there were some larger sewer bills and fire gear from the general fund.

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT:** Mr. Love reported that General Government met and discussed a few items, including the Edgewood sign and newsletter items.

**POLICE:** Police Chief Payne provided an update on the department. The graduation of our two police candidates took place Friday. Some additional minor items will be addressed with them in anticipation of their start on July 7.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE:** Mr. Zahorchak reported that Public Works is completing some work on Dewey. Our summer help is in place now to assist with seasonal tasks.

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:** Mr. Sherman stated that Community Affairs did not meet. Mr. Zahorchak noted that plans are progressing on Community Day.

**PENSION AND PERSONNEL:** Mr. Zahorchak reported that evaluation of the plan is up for review and action may be advisable to make changes.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES:** Nothing was reported.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Mr. McDermott had no updates and no need for an Executive Session.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Zahorchak reported that we are about two weeks from grading work and other preparation before paving on Elmer. Davey is still working through the list of tree removals and trimming. The bid for work on the borough complex parking lot will be opening soon and should be available at the second meeting in July. Movie night went well, in spite of the weather. The next movie is scheduled for later in July.

### **NEW BUSINESS –**

Mr. Zahorchak stated that we have received fifteen applications so far for the position of Chief of Police. Brief discussion ensued over next steps in the hiring process.

**COMMITTEE ACTION** None.

- M-4** It was moved by Mr. Sherman and seconded by Dr. Blasiolo to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



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Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager