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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 7, 2025

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

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

OATHS

Mayor O'Donnell swore in new Police Officers, Andre Dixon and Dylan Shoaf (attachment).

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

The following public comment was received.

Curtis Abbott, 306 Garland St: Mr. Abbott addressed Council regarding storm clean-up. He noted that properties on that side of Garland extend onto the hillside towards Greendale Ave. The borough cleaned up tree debris there. Mr. Abbott inquired as to who is responsible for the area. Mr. Zahorchak noted that debris was entangled across multiple private properties. Brief discussion ensued.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Dr. Blasiole moved to authorize the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the General Fund in the amount of \$268,348.61 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$134,938.95 for a total of \$403,287.56. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Blasiole noted that the larger payment was for tree clean-up.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Dr. Blasiole did the second reading of Ordinance 1085, Police Pension Plan Restatement (title only). Second by Mr. Sherman.

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.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Mr. Sherman did the final reading of Ordinance 1085. Second by Dr. Blasiole.

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DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-4 Council President Petrolla asked, "shall this Ordinance pass?"

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-5 Ms. Yaney moved to award the Brinton Road Traffic Island Reconstruction Contract to Jet Jack, Inc in the amount of \$50,000. Second by Dr. Blasiole.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that this award is being made in accordance with Pennsylvania bidding law. The borough advertised the project twice in a newspaper of general circulation as required and both times received no bids. The borough contacted the contractors listed below requesting an estimate and Jet Jack responded with the lowest bid at \$50,000.

- -Hoy Concrete no estimate
- -Philip Saar Enterprises no estimate
- -Youngblood Paving no estimate
- -Mele, Inc no estimate
- -Pugliano Construction no estimate
- -Liberoni no estimate
- -Avelli Construction no estimate
- -Santa Maria Concrete no estimate

-Costa Construction – no estimate

-Folino - \$77,350.74

-El Grande Industries - \$68,948.50

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

BUSINESS MEETING

<u>VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:</u> Fire Chief Reynolds provided a report on the department. There were 48 calls in June and 403 for year so far. The department recently received a grant worth \$105,000 to replace their radios. Chief Reynolds expressed concerned about the fire garage getting hot and requested council consider air conditioning it. He went on to discuss the overall value of the department.

<u>WATER AUTHORITY REPORT:</u> Mr. Fuller reported that met and discussed the Lead Line Phase II replacements, sewer line insurance, and other topics.

RECREATION REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak provided the following report. T-ball and Softball are just over halfway through the season and are going well. Soccer registration is open today through August 15. Our next summer movie, featuring Kung Fu Panda, is on July 25, sponsored by Shaolin Studios. 1:11 Juice Truck will also be joining us before the film. Signs for Community Day have been ordered and should be available soon. Pony rides, games and other activities are scheduled for the day. We may not have mini-golf this year, due to a scheduling conflict, however we will have O'Ryan the O'Mazing, clown/stilt-walker joining us. There will be fireworks to end the event. We're still accepting vendor applications for food and market vending.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Nothing was reported.

COG REPORT: Nothing was reported.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott had nothing to report except that an Executive Session would be held following the regular meeting, with no action to be taken.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that Jet Jack will be paving Elmer and Mckay soon. They successfully installed the manhole along Greendale Avenue to access the storm sewer from Koenig. This will give us the ability to locate, clean, inspect and map the pipe with the goal of eliminating the overflow in Koenig Field. PennDOT has completed their review of the traffic signal replacement project on S. Braddock so that project can go out to bid. The bid opening for the borough parking lot reconstruction will occur before the July 21 meeting so that an award can be made at that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

M-6 It was moved by Mr. Sherman and seconded by Dr. Blasiole to adjourn at 7:58pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

An Executive Session was held from 7:59-8:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ALLEGHENY COUNTY

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Andre Dixon, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and that I will discharge the duties of Police Officer for the Borough of Edgewood with fidelity.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED

BEFORE ME THIS 7th DAY OF JULY, 2025

MAYOR RYAN O'DONNELL

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ALLEGHENY COUNTY

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Dylan Shoaf, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and that I will discharge the duties of Police Officer for the Borough of Edgewood with fidelity.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED

BEFORE ME THIS 7th DAY OF JULY, 2025

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