

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 1, 2025

An Executive Session was held from 7:25-7:40 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Council President Petrolla called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:43 pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following responded: Dr. Blasiolo, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. Also present were Police Chief Payne, Assistant Manager Ault, and Solicitor McDermott. Dr. Epitropoulos was absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

Alan Lucas; 121 Lacrosse St. Mr. Lucas spoke regarding the light at Maple Ave and the right turn. He requested additional signage to indicate direction.

Several unidentified individuals requested an update on council's consideration of the borough's policy regarding police cooperation with immigration enforcement.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 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 \$23,736.69 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$9995.00 for a total of \$33,731.69. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted that the biggest item was the annual police uniform purchase.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Ms. Yaney moved to ratify Resolution 2025-09; a resolution authorizing the Borough Manager to submit a Local Share Account grant application seeking \$200,000 for improvements to Memorial Park. Second by Mr. Love.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Ault stated that proposed improvements include replacement of the mulch walkway with a sidewalk, landscaping, retaining wall work, and repair of the steps to Race St. We would continue to work with a contractor on electrical work. It's possible to receive just a portion of the grant and it would likely be announced a year from now, for projects to take place in 2027.

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

M-3 Dr. Blasiolo moved to renew the real estate tax billing and collection agreement with Jordan Tax Services for years 2026 through 2029 at a rate of \$3.25 per tax bill. Second by Ms. Patel.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Ault noted that this allows Jordan Tax Service to continue to serve as our deputy tax collector. It is simply a continuation of what we are already doing.

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

- M-4** Ms. Yaney moved to enter into a post-retirement employment agreement with Robert Payne for the purpose of providing transitional guidance to his successor per the terms outlined in the Borough Manager's November 26, 2025 letter to Chief Payne. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Petrolla noted that this helps outline the transition process from Chief Payne to Mr. Altieri.

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

- M-5** Mr. Sherman moved to grant Phillips Edison & Company, Inc. a Modification request to Chapter 200, Zoning (Section 180-36.A.3) allowing for parking within 10 feet of tract boundary lines for lots 1-R, 3-R, 4-R, 5-R, and 6-R. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Solicitor McDermott explained the purpose of the waiver of zoning requirements to allow setbacks related to parking at the Edgewood Towne Center.

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

- M-6** Ms. Patel moved to approve the subdivision plan for Edgewood Towne Centre submitted by Phillips Edison & Company as recommended by Edgewood Borough Planning Commission. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Solicitor McDermott provided a brief explanation of the plan and noted that the Planning Commission recommended approval.

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

- M-7** Mr. Love moved did the first reading of Ordinance 1089: 2026 Real Estate Tax Millage Rate. Second by Ms. Yaney.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 1089

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, ESTABLISHING, LEVYING, AND ASSESSING THE REAL ESTATE TAX MILLAGE RATE FOR GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES, AND MAILING/DUE DATES, FOR TAX YEAR 2026.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Edgewood, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

ARTICLE I: Edgewood Borough hereby establishes. Levies, and assess the Borough Real Estate Tax Rate (millage) for 2026, at 8.185 [0.007185] mills (i.e. 8.185 mills = \$8.185 for each \$1,000 of assessed value).

ARTICLE II: For the tax year 2026, and for each succeeding year, the following tax bill mailing date and tax due dates (at discount, at face, and at penalty) shall apply:

- A. the Tax Collector of the Borough of Edgewood is directed to mail the Borough real estate tax bills not later than: APRIL 1 ;
- B. the Borough real estate taxes shall be due at a discount of two percent (2%) if payment is received not later than: MAY 31st ;
- C. the Borough real estate taxes shall be due at face amount if payment is received not later than: JULY 31st ;
- D. If Borough real estate taxes remain unpaid after JULY 31st, a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the unpaid taxes owed shall be added. This penalty is in addition to any other penalties, fees or interest which may be due and owing the Borough because of failure to timely pay in accordance with the foregoing.

ARTICLE III: All other ordinances are hereby repealed to the extent that they conflict with the provisions of this ordinance.

ARTICLE IV: In the event that any part of this ordinance is found invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, it is the intention of Council that the remaining provisions remain in effect as if set forth separately.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law this 1st day of December, 2025.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Nothing was reported.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT: Mr. Fuller reported that Authority held their budget meeting. Residential rates are increasing 3%, bulk rates are increasing 5%, and commercial service is increasing 5%. Money from insurance is going into the energy assistance program. Lead Line replacement eligibility for Phase II is winding down but may have availability for more lines. As part of a cone valve replacement project, a piece of pipe was cut to the wrong length, so they spent \$45,000 to have it specially made. That was deducted from the installation company is now attempting to sue the authority. The pension is 100% funded.

RECREATION REPORT: Ms. Ault reported that youth basketball registration is full. We may be able to add additional teams if we have enough volunteers. Futsal registration opens on December 15.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Nothing was reported.

COG REPORT: Nothing was reported.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott had nothing to report but noted that an Executive Session occurred prior to the regular meeting.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms. Ault reported that the new website is up and parking permits can be purchased there. We are planning for street closures for Light-up Edgewood on Saturday. We will be using the tree that exists at the park rather than purchasing one. Our annual holiday lunch is on December 11 at noon.

There was an inquiry about the house demolition on E. Swissvale. Ms. Ault replied that Steiner purchased the property and determined that it could not be salvaged. Permits were acquired and there is no impact to street traffic.

NEW BUSINESS –

None.

M-8 It was moved by Ms. Yaney and seconded by Dr. Blasiolo to adjourn at 8:13pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager