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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 17, 2025

Council President Petrolla called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

The following public comment was received.

Andrea Mau, Edgewood Foundation: Ms. Mau provided an update from the Edgewood Foundation. Wine and Chocolate went well and was a successful fundraising opportunity with 108 people in attendance. December 6 is Light-up Edgewood. Santa will light the tree at Memorial Park at 6:30, with the evening continuing on Maple Ave. Carriage rides will be returning this year. The Progressive Dinner will take place on February 28. The annual retreat for 2026 planning is coming up in January. The board hopes to incorporate some celebrations around the 250th anniversary.

Adam Young 147 Race St: Mr. Young addressed Council about a vehicle hit and run that occurred on Race St. He expressed concern around safety at the intersection of Race and Vine.

Gino Faraci, 122 Lincoln: Mr. Faraci addressed Council spoke with concern for Edgewood Club events and obstruction of pathways for emergency vehicles on Pennwood Ave, and Lincoln and Laurel Streets. He noted that he sent an email six weeks earlier and was advised to call 911 when that happens. He stated that he did, but without resolution.

Sophia Sulzer, 420 Greendale Ave: Ms. Sulzer spoke about traffic on Greendale Ave. She noted that she witnessed two accidents since moving here a year ago.

The following individuals requested council consider the borough's policy regarding police cooperation with immigration enforcement.

Allan Willinger, 119 Lacrosse St, Darcy Zotter, 154 Gordon St, Jen Klara, 156 Rockwell Lane, Marta Pelusi, 219 Race St, and other unidentified individuals.

It was responded that council is still in process of drafting a policy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2025 Council Meeting. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-2 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2025 Council Meeting. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, 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 \$94,786.03 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$9,739.66 for a total of \$104,525.69. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted that larger items included vehicle maintenance and engineering fees.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. Love stated that General Government did not meet, except to sign checks.

POLICE: Nothing was reported.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Nothing was reported.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Nothing was reported.

PENSION AND PERSONNEL: Nothing was reported.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Nothing was reported.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott had nothing to report and no need for an Executive Session.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms. Ault stated that the parking lot is scheduled for milling and paving to start Thursday.

NEW BUSINESS –

It was noted that an article concerning the tax increase was included in the recent newsletter. The last increase was ten years ago.

Solicitor McDermott noted that, regarding the motion concerning the subdivision, a pre-motion would be needed to address set-back requirements. Brief discussion ensued on this matter. Council decided to table the motion until the following meeting.

COMMITTEE ACTION

- M-4** Ms. Patel moved to make the 2026 General Fund, Sewer Fund and Highway Fund Budgets available for public review immediately. They shall be available on the Borough website, in the C.C. Mellor Library and in the Borough Office. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-5** Mr. Sherman moved to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2026 General Fund, Sewer Fund and Highway Fund Budgets on December 1, 2025, starting at 7pm in Council Chambers and advertise for same. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-6** Mr. Love moved to instruct the borough manager to advertise Borough Ordinance 1086, an ordinance establishing and levying the 2026 real estate tax rate at 8.185 mils. Second by Ms. Patel.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-7** Dr. Epitropoulos moved to table the motion to adopt the subdivision application submitted by Phillips Edison & Company for Edgewood Towne Centre. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-8** It was moved by Mr. Sherman and seconded by Ms. Yaney to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Zahorchak", is centered on the page.

Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager