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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Council President Petrolla called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Dr. Blasiolo, Mr. Ellis, Ms. Furman, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Love, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. Also present were Mayor Sherman, Borough Manager Zahorchak, Police Chief Altieri, and Solicitor McDermott. Dr. Blasiolo was absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

The following public comment was received.

Adam Young, 147 Race St: Mr. Young spoke regarding traffic incidents and inquired about who is responsible for property repairs. Brief discussion occurred on this matter.

Ashley Laber, 147 Race St: Ms. Laber addressed Council concerning traffic on Race St.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Ellis.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Ellis, Ms. Furman, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Love, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **The motion carried.**

M-2 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Ellis.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Ellis, Ms. Furman, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Love, 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 \$103,488.21 from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$9,182.72 for a total of \$112,670.93. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted that it was a fairly standard list.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes to the bills: Mr. Ellis, Ms. Furman, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Love, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. Love stated that they met and discussed account balances and a borough credit card.

POLICE: Mayor Sherman reported thanked Chief Altieri for his updates to the public and for updating the police website. He further thanked him for working on policy updates. He discussed some resources available through the county regarding mental health and sensory challenges. Maps of the neighborhood schools have been updated. Chief Altieri addressed Council regarding recent department policy updates. He noted that bags will be available for those who may be in need of certain services, with training upcoming on that. He commended Officers Dixon and Shoaf for their efforts in a recent arrest. He is awaiting his request for a crime reporting app through the county dispatch. Discussion continued on this matter.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Nothing additional was reported.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: A meeting with a fireworks vendor recently took place in advance of a potential agreement. Brief discussion ensued on this matter.

PENSION AND PERSONNEL: Mr. Zahorchak reported that recent statements were received and looked good. He noted that there is a motion on the agenda to accept Sgt Libell's retirement and end the workers comp claim.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Mayor Sherman reported that he attended Representative Abigail Salisbury's recent community leadership meeting and submitted our top funding needs. In the past two years we have received over a million dollars in state grants. Roughly the same amount was received over 10 years prior to that. The Commercial Street bridge project was discussed, with South Braddock Ave being considered a detour route and the possibility of funding for road work there. Discussion ensued on that project.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor McDermott just noted the separation agreement on the agenda and stated that it is all in order. He stated that there is no need for an Executive Session.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the audit is ongoing with a few outstanding items. Public Works has been filling potholes. The reallocation of funding from the grant for the Koenig Field steps has been approved. A bike tunnel will be built with that funding. The rescue truck is being worked on, including new brakes and other items being diagnosed. Our old street signs are no longer available and we have a number that need to be replaced. New signs need to be decided on. Replacement will take place over several years due to cost.

NEW BUSINESS –

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Mr. Ellis moved to approve the Separation and Release Agreement between Sergeant Michael Libell and Edgewood Borough effective February 28, 2026. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Ellis, Ms. Furman, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Love, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-5 Ms. Nielsen moved to approve the Tax Collector Deputization Agreement between Tax Collector George Fuller and Jordan Tax Service for the duration of Mr. Fuller's term. Second by Mr. Ellis.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that this is just a continuation of the existing arrangement.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Ellis, Ms. Furman, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Love, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-6 Ms. Furman moved to appoint Roderick Lapid to a four-year term on Planning Commission. Second by Ms. Nielsen.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Ellis, Ms. Furman, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Love, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-7 Mr. Love moved to accept Pyrotecnico's Community Day fireworks proposal for years 2026, 2027 and 2028. Second by Ms. Furman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Ellis, Ms. Furman, Ms. Nielsen, Mr. Love, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-8 It was moved by Ms. Yaney and seconded by Ms. Nielsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager