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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 20, 2026**

Council President Petrolla called the meeting to order at 7:39pm.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Sherman read the following proclamation.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**  
**ALLEGHENY COUNTY**  
**PROCLAMATION 2026-01**

**WHEREAS**, Edgewood Borough Council wishes to recognize and honor Edgewood Borough Police Sergeant Michael Libell for his twenty-one years of service to the borough and its residents, and;

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Libell retired February 28, 2026 after devoting over three decades of his life to law enforcement officer in a variety of capacities, and;

**WHEREAS**, a graduate of Franklin Regional School District, Sergeant Libell worked for several local law firms performing investigatory and paralegal work before entering the police academy, and;

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Libell began his career in law enforcement as a patrol officer for the Borough of Oakmont in 1993. After eight years working for Oakmont, he became a full-time patrol officer in the Borough of Wilkesburg where he worked from 2001 until 2003, and;

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Libell joined the Edgewood Borough Police Department in 2004 as a patrol officer and was promoted to Sergeant in November 2013. He spent the next thirteen years in this supervisory role until an injury sustained while making an arrest prematurely concluded his otherwise exceptional career.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, Edgewood Borough Council and the Mayor wish to congratulate Sergeant Libell on his retirement and thank him for his dedication to the community, its residents, and fellow officers during his career. Furthermore, Borough Council and the Mayor wish to honor Sergeant Libell by proclaiming Tuesday, April 21, 2026 "Sergeant Michael Libell Day" in Edgewood Borough and wish him nothing but the very best in his well-deserved retirement.

**PROCLAIMED** at the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood on the 20th day of April, 2026

Retired Sgt Libell addressed Council with his thanks for his time in service to the borough. Those present congratulated Sgt Libell.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:**

The following public comment was received.

Jen Klara, 156 Rockwell Lane: Ms. Klara addressed Council regarding the intersection at Vine/Race and Greendale. Mr. Zahorchak replied that he has been in contact with People's Gas and noted that work is still in progress, including restoration of the area by the intersection and should be completed soon.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**M-1** Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2026 Council Meeting. Second by Ms. Nielsen.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-2** Mr. Love moved to approve the amended minutes of the April 6, 2026 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Ellis.

DISCUSSION: There was a typo noted on the minutes.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Ellis, Ms. Furman, Mr. Love, Ms. Nielsen, 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 \$102,714.28. Second by Mr. Ellis.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted that most items were standard with the exception of some bunker gear for the fire department.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT:** Mr. Love reported that several things were discussed including our first summer movie night which will have an America 250 theme and trees that are to be removed. Mr. Zahorchak provided additional details about the tree removal and noted that this includes more complicated removal which will span multiple days. Discussion ensued on this matter.

**POLICE:** Mayor Sherman reported that Coffee with a Cop took place on April 6. On April 11 investigation training took place. The county has identified suspects from the incident at Wendy's. The department has received positive feedback on the business check program at the neighborhood business areas. Chief Altieri attended a recent COG meeting where they discussed a joint agency venture on accident reconstruction and commercial truck inspection. He also attended a county Chief of Police meeting. Mayor Sherman provided a reminder that street sweeping has started and enforcement is taking place. Chief Altieri added that there is a Coffee with a Cop event being planned for the senior living community. He is planning to have a discussion with the security people at the Towne Center. He recently attended a traffic meeting for the Parkway project. Ms. Nielsen inquired about the alternate route. Chief Alteri noted that the information there is a public site with information on the project and updates will be provided on the department Facebook page. Brief discussion ensued on this matter.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE:** Mr. Zahorchak noted that a meeting should be held soon to discuss some infrastructure items.

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:** Mr. Love reported that they received more information concerning the garden club speaker. There is no money budgeted for that type of event currently. Brief discussion ensued on this matter.

**PENSION AND PERSONNEL:** Pension and Personnel did not meet, however, Mr. Zahorchak noted that he was authorized to sign revised MMO.

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

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

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Zahorchak reported that the library was awarded the grant to fix their roof. We have three summer help employees available for Public Works. A temporary absence will need to be discussed within Public Works. The service engine is back in use. PennDOT is interested in rehabilitating the Chestnut St bridge. It would take place after the Parkway closure and would be closed for about 30 days. Two way traffic will be considered on Elm St with parking on both sides, otherwise we may need to displace parking from Elm. Brief discussion ensued on this matter. Our contractor will be performing repairs to the damaged railing and fence at Koenig Field resulting from a vehicle crash. Replacement should happen towards the end of the week and all costs will be covered by insurance. Grant funded traffic signal replacement work on S. Braddock Avenue has started and should last about a month.

#### **NEW BUSINESS –**

Mr. Love inquired about a 'Do Not Enter' sign on Race. Mr. Zahorchak replied that our Public Works Foreman has been working with PennDOT on that. Brief discussion ensued on this matter.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

**M-4** Mr. Ellis moved to accept the 2025 audit results as presented. Second by Ms. Furman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated that the audit results were unremarkable.

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

- M-5** Ms. Nielsen moved to authorize the borough manager to advertise the 2025 audit results in the New Pittsburgh Courier. Second by Mr. Ellis.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-6** Mr. Ellis moved to adopt borough resolution 2026-20: Allegheny County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Second by Ms. Nielsen.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that this is just a house-keeping matter.

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

- M-7** Ms. Furman moved to adopt the revised 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) dated March 17, 2026. Second by Ms. Nielsen.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that this refers to the pension plan.

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

- M-8** Ms. Nielsen moved to amend resolution 2026-10: Newspaper of General Circulation, by adding the Tribune Review Pittsburgh Edition as an additional newspaper of general circulation for all borough legal notices. Second by Mr. Ellis.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that this provides an option of the Post Gazette becomes unavailable.

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

- M-9** It was moved by Ms. Furman and seconded by Ms. Nielsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



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Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager