

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 6, 2026

Council Vice President Love called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:34 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: The following public comment was received.

Roderick Lapid, 401 W Hutchinson: Mr. Lapid addressed Council about speeding on his street. Additionally, he inquired about the possibility of an "open streets" event in the neighborhood on a periodic basis.

Jen Klara, 156 Rockwell: Ms. Klara addressed Council concerning several issues, including the stop sign at Hutchinson and Race St, increased water main breaks and related issues, and motorists smoking marijuana at the Towne Center.

County Council Member DeWitt Walton addressed Council with several items, including ballot referendums for tax related considerations. The county has a budget deficit which has cause the rainy day fund to be tapped, and may be tapped again. A ballot item will be on the November ballot regarding tax assessments to attempt to make up the deficit. He has scheduled a tax assessment hearing meeting on July 29, which is open to the public. Residents may call County Council to register to speak. Mr. Walton also noted that Council is considering a measure for 18 weeks of parental leave for employees in the county. He welcomed resident comments and concerns to be emailed to dewitt.walton@alleghenycounty.us. Ms. Furman inquired about ways to notify the community about the hearing and the proposed referendums. It was noted that this could be shared in the newsletter which is due to be distributed soon. Brief discussion ensued.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Ms. Furman moved to authorize the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the General Fund in the amount of \$ 26,437.10 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$1,047.87 for a total of \$ 27,484.97. Second by Ms. Nielsen.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted that most items were standard, besides a water line for Memorial Park, backhoe repair, and body cams.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Ms. Furman did the final reading of Ordinance 1090. Second by Mr. Ellis.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

ORDINANCE NO. 1090

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, AMENDING ITS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CH. 193, ART. III, ON-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS, §193-18, TO ADD NEW PROVISIONS REQUIRING VEHICLES TO PARK IN THE DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC FLOW ON ALL BOROUGH STREETS, AND TO AMEND §193-29, PENALTIES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS, TO ESTABLISH UPDATED PENALTIES FOR PARKING ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS.

DISCUSSION: It was noted that warning tickets were being used for several weeks.

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

M-3 Council Vice President Love asked, "Shall this Ordinance pass?"

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-4 Mr. Ellis moved, pursuant to section §193-3 Experimental Regulations of the Edgewood Code of Ordinances, to prohibit parking at all times on the south side of West Hutchinson Street from S. Braddock Avenue to Pliney Way for a period of 90 days. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love provided some clarification about the space and pointed out the limited timeframe.

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

M-5 Ms. Nielsen moved to approve the Application of Glave for Conditional Use approval pursuant to Zoning Ordinance §200-39B, to operate a Bed & Breakfast at 511 Allenby Ave. in the R-1B Zoning District, subject to all Ordinance requirements and subject to all additional conditions of approval as recommended by the Planning Commission and as set forth in the formal Opinion reflecting Council's Findings, Conclusions & Decision, to be issued and served by the Borough Solicitor within forty-five (45) days. Second by Ms. Furman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Reynolds inquired about B&B rentals. Solicitor McDermott provided information on requirements for contact information. Chief Reynolds provided a report on the department. There were 454 calls so far this year. There are four new members in training. Three junior members attended firefighter camp. He provided a reminder of the Parkway East closure. Brief discussion ensued. Ms. Furman noted that she attended a new member orientation and had some notes to share with Chief Reynolds.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT: Mr. Fuller reported that there was a water break on Hutchinson and the hydrant had to be taken out of service; at the same time, there was a report of smoke in the area and several fire departments responded. It was determined that an inexperienced member of the Wilkins VFD was opening and closing hydrants looking for water and the rapid opening and closing created a water hammer which ruptured two additional lines. Additional discussion on this matter ensued. Their new website should be up and running in August. New accounting software should be implemented in August. Lastly, the authority's website will be transitioning to a .gov domain by years end.

RECREATION REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak provided the following report. T-ball/Softball season is about halfway through and going well. Our coaches have commented on how well the fields have been maintained this year. Thanks to DPW for that. Fall Soccer registration is open now though August 7.

We had our first summer movie. Although the weather was humid, the rain held off and the crowd seemed to enjoy the film and our special guest (George Washington). Our next movie, sponsored by Shaolin Studios, is scheduled for July 24, featuring 'Shaolin Soccer'.

Community Day plans are well underway. Just a reminder that the date for it is August 29. Vendor applications are coming in, with room for more. Submissions for the new Community Day art exhibit can be accepted starting today until August 14.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Mr. Zahorchak reported that Planning Commission met and recommended approval of the conditional use application.

COG REPORT: Nothing was reported.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott had nothing to report and no executive session was needed.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the road paving bid is out, to be received on July 13. There is a complex tree removal with a power outage planned for Harlow on July 14. DLC will handle resident notifications. We have largely completed the traffic signal replacement on S Braddock Ave. The demolition date for the bridge is slated for July 14 and July 15 is the backup date. The tree inventory project is still in discussion. Brief discussion occurred on the bridge project.

NEW BUSINESS –

Ms. Yaney inquired about the tree inventory project. Mr. Zahorchak responded with information about the cost and noted that the documents are very thorough. Discussion ensued on this matter. Discussion occurred concerning park upgrades at Dickson. Mayor Sherman inquired about putting a speed sign at W Hutchinson.

- M-6** It was moved by Ms. Furman and seconded by Ms. Nielsen to adjourn at 8:40pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rob Zahorchak", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager