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Council President Petrolla called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Dr. Blasiolo, Mr. Love, Ms. Nielsen, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. Also present were both Jr. Council People, Mayor Sherman, Borough Manager Zahorchak, and Solicitor McDermott. Mr. Ellis and Ms. Furman were absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Deborah Rosen, 1406 East End Ext: Ms. Rosen addressed Council concerning trash collection and a sewer grate on Allenby Avenue.

An additional unidentified resident addressed Council regarding trash collection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2026 Council Meeting. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-2 Mr. Love moved to approve the amended minutes of the August 3, 2026 Council Meeting. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Mr. Love, Ms. Nielsen, 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 \$169,867.66 and from the sewer fund in the amount of \$5,626.45 for a total of \$175,494.11. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that this included the purchase of a police car. It was noted that there was a small discrepancy in the total from the agenda, which was listed as \$175,424.13.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Dr. Blasiolo reported that General Government met and decided to table a motion for an agenda item to purchase rock salt.

POLICE: Mayor Sherman reported that there is a vacation watch program available now for residents who go out of town. Speed enforcement has been taking place on Savannah and W Hutchinson and stop sign enforcement has been going on W Hutchinson and Beech. Officer Ferguson attended training related to crisis intervention for juveniles. He noted that in the crime stats in packets, shoplifting is down this year and overall crime is also down this year from last year. Chief Altieri noted that the public has been very concerned about traffic safety. Residents have been allowing officers to use their driveways for police cars can monitor stops. A vigil was held for resident who was struck by a train. Police responded to an incident of a mental health crisis. He noted that the crisis training has been working. Chief Altieri added that there is additional time to be filled at the dunk tank if anyone is able to volunteer. Mayor Sherman noted that they are seeing results regarding traffic safety. Discussion ensued on this matter.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Ms. Yaney stated that Public Safety and Infrastructure did not meet.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Ms. Nielsen stated that Community Affairs did not meet, but Community Day is upcoming

PENSION AND PERSONNEL: Dr. Blasiolo stated that Pension and Personnel committee did not meet, but discussion has occurred regarding cost of living adjustments for retirees.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Nothing was reported.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott had nothing to report, but an Executive Session would be needed following the regular meeting for Council matters, with no action to be taken.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the preconstruction meeting for the paving program took place, with focus on catch basin work, concrete work, and sidewalk repair, especially in front of the building. Some cost will be split with the water company. Repair work should start at the end of August, with the paving to happen in the Fall. Mr. Zahorchak discussed the road closure plan for Race St. We submitted the GEDTF grant for improvements at Dickson Park. He spoke with County Council Member regarding additional grant money. There is a motion on the agenda concerning the salt bid. He recommended tabling that, based on disappointing bid results. Brief discussion ensued on this matter. Mr. Zahorchak stated that he anticipates advertising for bids prior to the September meeting for the steps that go from Allenby to the Mon Alley as well as the Mon Alley culvert work and drainage improvements.

Public Works has been doing line painting. They have wrapped up vector work but still have the machine for a few days if any emergency work comes up. The police have created a detail plan for Community Day. Vendors are scheduled for the event. We will mark the field in advance and vendor spaces will be pre-determined. Music is scheduled and food trucks are lined up. Officer Ferguson will run his DUI gold cart driving course. We have our new fireworks vendor this year and had a recent site visit. They are planning to bring a trailer to pull out around the back stop to shoot. There are street signs available if Council wishes to sell those. A staffed Council table will be available. The art contest has been extended to the end of the week. The game sign up will be redistributed for anyone who might be able to help.

COMMITTEE ACTION

- M-4** Ms. Yaney moved to table the motion to award the 2026-2027 Rock Salt Contract to American Rock Salt. Second by Dr. Blasiole.

DISCUSSION:

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

- M-5** Dr. Blasiole moved to amend the agenda so that the Solicitor can give advice and guidance to Council on any legal/procedural matters related to the following:
-Police promotional testing
-Suspension of park rules for Edgewood Community Day. Second by Ms. Nielsen.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-6** Ms. Yaney moved to authorize the Chief of Police to conduct a Sergeant's promotional examination administered by Mark Kavakick at a cost of \$925 and to forward those results, along with the results of the oral examination, to the Civil Service Commission to establish a promotional eligibility list. Second by Mr. Love.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-7** Ms. Nielsen moved to lift the restriction on alcohol consumption at Koenig Field solely for the purpose of Edgewood Community Day on Saturday August 29, 2026. Second by Dr. Blasiole.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-8** Ms. Nielsen moved to lift the restrictions on animals in Koenig Field solely for the purpose of permitting pony rides at Edgewood Community Day on Saturday August 29, 2026. Second by Mr. Love.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

NEW BUSINESS – None.

- M-9** It was moved by Dr. Blasiole and seconded by Ms. Yaney to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

An Executive Session was held for a personnel matter immediately following the adjournment of the regular meeting. The session adjourned at 8:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Zahorchak', written in a cursive style.

Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager