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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 6, 2020

This meeting was held virtually using GoToMeeting.

Council Vice President O'Donnell called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, and Ms. Yaney. Solicitor Tim Barry and Mayor Wilson were present. Councilmember Petrolla joined at 7:35 pm.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: No public comments were received. Comments were to be submitted either telephonically or by email to the manager by 4pm so that they could be entered into the public record.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Mr. Fuller moved to authorize the payment of bills, for goods and services received by the Borough, having been reviewed and approved by the General Government Committee, from the General Fund in the amount of \$ 36,737.90. Second Mr. Bright.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Fuller remarked that the bills were very routine.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, and Ms. Yaney. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Fuller moved to authorize the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments to fulfill the payment request in the amount of \$20,898.00 to Your Independent Mobility, LLC for work completed on the above referenced project as recommended by the borough engineer in his June 23, 2020 letter. Second Mr. Love

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Donnell stated he was very happy to see this project completed, previous councils had worked hard on this and it's a very needed item.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrolla and Ms. Yaney. **Motion carried.**

M-3 Mr. Fuller moved to enter into a contract with Hoffman's Boarding Kennels to provide Dog Catcher services to the borough at a rate of \$155 per month through December 31, 2021. Second Mr. O'Donnell

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Donnell remarked that the borough needs a dog catcher for public safety reasons. Mr. Love remarked that we are committed to pay for these services through 2021. Ms. Yaney asked if this information would be communicated to residents and the manager responded that it would be advertised.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrolla and Ms. Yaney. **Motion carried.**

- M-4** Mr. Love moved to accept and authorize the borough manager to execute Service Order 274 for 2020/2021 Sanitary Sewer Repair Project as submitted by the borough engineer in his June 23, 2020 proposal. Second Mr. Fuller

DISCUSSION: Mr. Fuller asked if the manhole identifiers could include additional information so residents would know where the work is occurring, or a more detailed map? Ms. Yaney asked if addresses could be included? Mr. Zahorchak will look into this and share the detailed plan drawings once they are available.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrolla and Ms. Yaney. **Motion carried.**

- M-5** Mr. Love moved to award the 2020 road paving program contract to A. Liberoni in the amount of \$239,992.50 as recommended by the borough engineer in his July 2, 2020 letter. Second Mr. Fuller

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak remarked that the six bids received were competitive. Approximately \$63,000 of the total paving cost will be reimbursed to the borough by Peoples Gas for S. Braddock paving work.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrolla and Ms. Yaney. **Motion carried.**

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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-22

Be it RESOLVED, that the Borough of Edgewood hereby request a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant in the amount of \$160,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Laurel Street Park Improvements.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Edgewood and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Ryan O'Donnell, Vice President of Edgewood Borough Council, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Edgewood Borough Council at a regular meeting held July 6, 2020 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Edgewood Borough Council and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Borough of Edgewood, this 6th day of July, 2020. Second Ms. Yaney

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak briefed council on the need to rejuvenate the Laurel Street playground. There is a 15% match requirement associated with the grant award and the outcome of the application should be known by years end. The project will include soft surface and ADA accessible facilities with brand new play structures. A parking spot will have to be removed from the borough parking lot at this location to accommodate the handicapped parking spot required under the grant.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrolla and Ms. Yaney. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Mr. Halle informed council that the new engine has been placed into service and has responded to several structure fires. Its performance is exceeding expectations. The department is holding a drive through spaghetti dinner fund raiser on August 15 at the borough building. Meals are \$10. Ms. Yaney asked if council could assist in any way and Mr. Halle thanked her but said the department feels they have everything ready.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller reported the authority is still waiting to finalize the bond issue. If the bond goes through then they may plan work for W. Hutchinson. Currently they are focused on CDBG-funded projects. A. Liberoni won the bid for pavement restoration. The authority has around 4,000 delinquent accounts at this time and they are not engaging in shut offs. Mr. Love asked how the current number of delinquent accounts compares to non-COVID delinquencies. Mr. Fuller said that there are more delinquencies, perhaps up to 2 times as many, than before COVID. Lastly, the latest consumer quality report for the authority is available.

Ms. Yaney asked if the authority is collecting late fees on the delinquent accounts? Mr. Fuller said the authority has placed a moratorium on delinquent fees. Also, some rules have been changed to accommodate payment plans in an effort to work with customers.

RECREATION REPORT Mr. Zahorchak reported that T-ball and softball practices and scrimmages are underway. Registration has been extremely light with less than 20 kids total. Cleaning and distancing protocols have been instituted for the safety of our coaches and participants. The borough has acquired a fogging machine to sanitize equipment and grounds. Mr. Love stated that Coach Kipp will hold smaller games within the leagues.

Mayor Wilson informed council that he was asked by the local boy scout troop if they would consider waiving the borough's gun restrictions so that they troop can conduct an air rifle demonstration at Koenig Field on August 15. A brief discussion about the BB gun range ensued. Mr. Barry stated he doesn't feel exceptions to the rule should be done but he won't stand in the way of what council wants to do. Mr. Love asked if making one exception requires council to make another exception at a later time. Mr. Barry said this does not unequivocally create a situation where exceptions would be required in the future, but the chance is not completely mitigated either.

After some additional discussion, it was agreed Mr. Zahorchak will draft a motion for the next meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION Mr. Zahorchak said the commission did not meet.

COG REPORT Mr. Wilson reported that the COG did not meet.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Mr. Barry responded that he has been discussing the COVID's impact on our borough and that we may need to review the Families First Act.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT : Mr. Zahorchak updated council on several items included the ongoing preparation of the garbage bid specifications and the traffic light installation on Maple Avenue. Several new trees have been planted in Memorial Park by some volunteers and our Shade Tree Committee. The steps and sidewalk in the park have been removed and repaired. Council was updated on the gazebo construction project and a Community Services Committee should be scheduled to meet with the scout.

NEW BUSINESS: The Community Services Committee will meet in Memorial Park on Wednesday, July 8 at 5:30 pm to discuss the gazebo construction project.

M-7 It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded Ms. Yaney by to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager