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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 21, 2020**  
*The meeting was held virtually via GoToMeeting due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.*

President Wainright called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Fuller, Mr. O'Donnell, Ms. Yaney, and Mr. Wainright. Solicitor Tim Barry, and Mayor Wilson were also present. Junior Councilperson Ben Bermann was absent. Mr. Love joined at 7:40 p.m. and Mr. Bright joined at 7:50 p.m.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:**

No public comments were submitted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**M-1** Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the November 16, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Second Ms. Yaney.

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

**M-2** Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the December 7, 2020 budget public hearing minutes. Second Mr. Fuller.

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

**M-3** Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the December 7, 2020 zoning public hearing minutes. Second Ms. Yaney.

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

**M-4** Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the December 7, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Second Mr. Fuller.

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

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

**M-5** Mr. O'Donnell 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 \$255,648.06 and from the Sewer fund in the amount of \$184,413.18 for a total of \$440,061.24. Second Mr. Fuller

DISCUSSION: Mr. Fuller included his comments in the General Government report.

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

**Committee Reports:**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT:** Mr. Fuller noted two large checks which made up a majority of the bill payments. The payments were for the 2020 road paving program to A. Liberoni and to ALCOSAN for quarterly sewage.

**POLICE:** Mayor Wilson remarked that the department responded to a cardiac arrest victim who unfortunately passed, it is believed this death was due to COVID-19.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Mr. Fuller said the committee did not meet.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Ms. Yaney reported the committee did not meet.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Mr. Love reported the committee met to discuss resumes for the vacant laborer position and there is a motion to hire a candidate on tonight's agenda.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Ms. Yaney reported the committee did not meet.

**PERSONNEL:** Mr. Fuller said the committee did not meet.

**PENSION:** Mr. Fuller stated the committee did not meet.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES-**

**CONNECT:** Ms. Yaney reported that CONNECT is working on a solid waste and recycling model ordinance. The Environmental and Economic Development Committee of CONNECT is creating consistent language for all member communities to use.

Mr. Wainright remarked that at the start of the new year, Republic Services will stop collecting glass and he is concerned most of the contaminated recycling will be disposed of in the conventional trash stream. He asked the manager to communicate these changes to residents. Mr. O'Donnell noted that there is a public education component to our trash contract. The manager added that the glass dumpster would be delivered Wednesday and Mr. O'Donnell asked we explore marketing that around the borough. Mr. Wainright recommended hanging a banner on the busway fence.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Barry had nothing to report.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Zahorchak reported that the 2020 paving program is largely complete except for one segment of Trenton Avenue which was skipped by Liberoni. The borough is holding a small retainage amount until this segment is paved. Mr. Zahorchak summarized year end operations and the office schedule for the remainder of the year. Lastly, the manager informed council that he was approached by Swissvale Borough administration about merging police departments. Swissvale Borough Council directed their Borough Manager and Assistant Borough Manager to talk with Edgewood Borough Manager Zahorchak to find out whether Edgewood Borough Council would consider such a request. A lengthy discussion followed and council decided that now was not the time to move forward with such discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Fuller commented that a long time resident, Dick Keller, of Edgewood, passed away recently. Mayor Wilson noted that he passed away last week and would like to issue a proclamation at the next meeting.

Ms. Yaney asked if anyone from council attended the CONNECT Infrastructure and Utilities meetings? Mayor Wilson stated he has in the past but Mr. Wainright cannot attend due to work commitments.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

**M-6** Ms. Yaney performed the second reading of Ordinance 1070 by title only:

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORDINANCE 1070**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING SECTION 200-26 OF ORDINANCE 1048 CREATING THE C-3 ZONING DISTRICT AND PERMITTING MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN THE C-3 ZONING DISTRICT.**

Second by Mr. Fuller

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak explained at the request of Mr. Wainright, the intent of Ordinance 1070.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Fuller, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, Ms. Yaney. Mr. Bright and Mr. Wainright voted no. **Motion carried.**

**M-7** Ms. Yaney performed the final reading of Ordinance 1070 by title only. Second Mr. Fuller

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Fuller, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, Ms. Yaney. Mr. Bright and Mr. Wainright voted no. **Motion carried.**

**M-8** Mr. Wainright asked "shall this ordinance pass?"

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Fuller, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, Ms. Yaney. Mr. Bright and Mr. Wainright voted no. **Motion carried.**

- M-9** Mr. Fuller moved hire Rick Susalla as a full time police officer effective January 1, 2021 at a rate of \$28.46/hr. as defined in the pay schedule contained in the collective bargaining agreement. Second by Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Wilson spoke positively about Mr. Susalla's long part time career within the department.

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

- M-10** Mr. Love moved to hire Timothy Kozub as a full time public works laborer effective January 4, 2021 at a rate of \$16.00/hr. with an increase to \$17.25/hr upon his successful attainment of a Class B Commercial Drivers License. Second Mr. Bright.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak summarized why Mr. Kozub was the best candidate for the position.

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

- M-11** Mr. O'Donnell moved to appoint Patrick Gauselmann as the borough's Zoning Officer effective immediately. Second Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak informed council that Mr. Gauselmann will be taking over for Lee Miller who retired at the end of November.

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

- M-12** Mr. Bright moved purchase a 2021 Ford F350 pickup truck from Tri-Star Motors under COSTARS contract #025-340 in the amount of \$29,811. Second Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-13** Mr. Love moved to accept Trans Associates proposal dated December 16, 2020 for engineering services related to the borough's 2019 PennDOT ARLE Grant. Said services shall not exceed \$17,500. Second Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak explained that PennDOT awarded the borough an ARLE Grant in the amount of \$65,000 to study and make improvements to vehicular and pedestrian safety at the Brinton Road and Maple Avenue intersection and the Race Street and Swissvale Avenue intersection.

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

M-14 Mr. O'Donnell read Resolution 2020-30 - Verizon Franchise Agreement by title only:

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RESOLUTION 2020-30**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA LLC.**

Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak explained that this resolution is the joining mechanism accepting the franchise agreement negotiated by Cohen Law Group between the borough and Verizon.

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

M-15 Mr. O'Donnell read Resolution 2020-31 - 2021 Meetings:

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RESOLUTION 2020-31**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Edgewood recognizes the importance of scheduling all public meetings throughout the year beginning in January; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Edgewood acknowledges that all meetings are open to the Public in accordance with the Sunshine Law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following schedule is established:

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| <b>Borough Council:</b>            | First and Third Monday of every month; if the meeting day is a national holiday, the meeting will be held the following day. |
| <b>Planning Commission:</b>        | Upon demand.   |
| <b>Zoning Hearing Board:</b>       | Upon demand.   |
| <b>Committee Council Meetings:</b> | Second and Fourth Monday of every month, as needed.  |

**Civil Service Commission:** Upon demand.

All meetings will be held online for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic until the expiration or cancellation of the May 4, 2020 Disaster Declaration, unless otherwise advertised.

The Borough will advertise all meetings and changes to the meetings, if legally required, in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

**ADOPTED** the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2020 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-16** Mr. Fuller wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Second Ms. Yaney.

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



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Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager