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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2020

President Wainright called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:30 pm in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrolla, and Mr. Wainright. Ms. Yaney was absent.. Greg Evashavik, Esq, filled in for solicitor Tim Barry. Mayor Wilson was absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. O'Donnell, on the Mayor's behalf, read the following Proclamation:

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
PROCLAMATION 2020 – 01

WHEREAS, the Edgewood Borough Council has a commitment to provide and to promote good governance to the residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Edgewood Borough Council recognizes that dedicated and professional employees are a vital part of good governance, and

WHEREAS, the employees of the Edgewood Borough Public Works Department work hard every day performing the countless tasks that go into maintaining a safe, clean, and attractive community, and

WHEREAS, the employees of the Public Works Department face dangers every day working along roadsides, in confined spaces, and around heavy equipment, and

WHEREAS, the employees of the Public Works Department are always on call and sacrifice nights, weekends, and holidays to respond to severe weather events and other hazards impacting the borough, and

WHEREAS, Jim Wissman has given 22 years of service to the Public Works Department and now wishes to retire from his position to spend more time enjoying his other passions.

NOW, THEREFORE on this the 18th day of February 2020, the Office of the Mayor of the Borough of Edgewood, in partnership with Borough Council, thanks public works employee Jim Wissman for his 22 years of dedicated, loyal, and positive service to the Borough and its residents, congratulates him on his retirement, and proclaims Friday, February 28, 2020 as "**JIM WISSMAN DAY.**"

PROCLAIMED at the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood the 18th day of February, 2020.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

Andrew Beyer (118 Linden) spoke on behalf of the Edgewood Foundation reminding everyone to attend the Progressive Dinner on February 22.

Betsy Mullaugh (515 W. Hutchinson) spoke on behalf of Fair Districts PA and a resolution that the organization had written. A discussion about the redistricting process and proposed legislation followed. An advance copy had been

given to the General Government Committee and Councilmember O'Donnell stated the resolution would be discussed and considered for adoption at the next meeting.

M-1 Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the meeting minutes as amended from January 21, 2020. Second by Mr. Fuller.

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

M-2 Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the meeting minutes from February 3, 2020. Second by Mr. Fuller.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-3 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 \$59,595.37 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$5,367.00 for a total of \$ 64,962.37.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. O'Donnell reported the committee voted to advance the Fair Districts PA resolution to the entire council and summarized the bill payments list.

POLICE: Police Chief Robert Payne provided an update on the events that occurred at Scene 75 on February 8, 2020.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Bright said the committee did not meet.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Love said the committee did not meet.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Dr. Petrolla the committee did not meet but recommended the manager start contacting food trucks for Community Day.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Petrolla said the committee did not meet

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

AD HOC COMMITTEES-

CONNECT: Mr. Zahorchak stated he attended the CONNECT Energy and Environment subcommittee meeting to review the findings on the committee's work on assessing the current refuse and recycling issues around Allegheny County. A group from COVESTRO presented some low hanging fruit ideas on plastics recycling but nothing tangible. On the topic of glass recycling, there is a potential to partner with South Hills communities on a regional glass recycling system using a set of fixed collection points stationed around the county. The PA DEP is interested in funding this system and the manager will investigate partnership opportunities.

WOODLAND HILLS SD EDUCATION CONSORTIUM: Did not meet.

VOILENCE PREVENTION COALITION: Did not meet.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Evashavik had nothing to report to council.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported the Beyond Self Storage development has been cancelled due to environmental engineering challenges faced by the developer. Mr. Zahorchak also reported ALCOSAN is seeking letters of interest for GROW Grants. The engineers are currently working on projects related to regionalization that may incorporate the Borough of Wilkinsburg. Also, the manager confirmed that the Easter Egg hunt would occur on April 4 with a rain date of April 11.

NEW BUSINESS: None

M-4 Mr. Love read Resoltuion 2020-18, a Resolution establishing a Business Partner Account with PennDOT. Second by Mr. Fuller

Discussion: Mr. Zahorchak explained that this resolution was required to update the borough's ECMS account with PennDOT so that an application for grant funding could be submitted to the department.

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

M-5 Dr. Petrolla moved to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise and receive applications for a Public Works Laborer. Second Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-6** Dr. Petrolla moved to accept Adam Zelenko's letter of resignation as an Emergency Services Worker dated February 7, 2020.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-7** Mr. O'Donnell moved to reappoint Lisa Belolli to the Shade Tree Committee for a term of three years.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-8** Mr. O'Donnell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Second by Dr. Petrolla.

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



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager