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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 2, 2020

Vice President O'Donnell 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, and Ms. Yaney. Mayor. Wilson was present. Councilmember Wainright was absent and councilmember Petrolla arrived at 7:35 pm. Greg Evashavik, Esq. sat in for Solicitor Tim Barry.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: George Pettrone (113 Harlow) spoke in favor of A.M. Rodriguez developing a senior living facility in Edgewood Towne Center. He listed a number of positive reasons for allowing the development focused around mobility issues and seniors not being able to afford repairs to their homes which can depress property values and create property maintenance code issues for the borough.

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 \$60,004.30. Second Dr. Petrolla

DISCUSSION: None.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Love read the following resolution:

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD

RESOLUTION 2020-18

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, the citizens of Edgewood Borough and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process of the decennial drawing of state legislature and congressional districts of near equal population; and

WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting has at times resulted in gerrymandered districts that favor one political party over others; and

WHEREAS, such gerrymandering of legislative and congressional districts has worked at times to the detriment of our representative democracy; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a truly independent citizens redistricting commission devoid of political motivation or partisanship will: ensure a fair, transparent, and accurate legislative and congressional redistricting process that respects political subdivisions; prohibit districts from being drawn to favor or discriminate against a political party or candidate; require the use of impartial and sound methodology when setting district boundaries; require public input; and fully comply with the constitutional requirement that “no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward” be divided “unless absolutely necessary,” and

WHEREAS, legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to reform the decennial legislative and congressional redistricting process with the intent of using fairness and sound methodology in a non-partisan fashion is required to ensure these reforms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Edgewood does hereby support legislative efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizens' redistricting commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon all those elected officials and party leaders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of Edgewood Borough to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work towards passage of such legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be delivered to each of them.

Adopted this the 2 day of March, 2020

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrola, and Ms. Yaney. **Resolution Passed.**

M-3 Mr. Love moved to exonerate the Tax Collector for Delinquent list dated January 9, 2020 in the amount of \$39,485.18 and to send delinquent accounts to Pennsylvania Municipal Services for collection. Second Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak said the delinquent list would be reviewed before placing liens. The delinquent list contains some vacant and uncollectible properties that should not be liened.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Steve Halle reported the furnace installation in the living quarters was complete and thankful for the improvements. The VFD will start renovations on their bathroom in the living quarters shortly.

Repairs to the engine were complete and the apparatus will be back in service this week. Mr. Fuller asked if the committee could schedule a meeting this week and asked the manager to start an email chain.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller reported the water company responded to a high number of line breaks on Braddock Avenue in East Pittsburgh. 20 separate breaks occurred on one line which is buried in black slag making excavation very difficult. The authority is pushing forward with a bond issue to finance line replacement. Restorative paving contract will be awarded to one company this year due to issues with two companies having a split contract last year.

RECREATION REPORT Mr. Zahorchak reported the basketball season is wrapping up with almost 180 kids participating. Futsol will run through the end of the month.

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

COG REPORT Mayor Wilson had nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT The solicitor had nothing to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT : Mr. Zahorchak reported the community services committee has approved moving Community Day to July 25. The 2020 paving program road list is being created and the list will be distributed shortly. Peoples Gas is planning line replacement on S. Braddock Avenue at W. Hutchinson to Wilkesburg this summer. Restoration will be coordinated with Swissvale and utility to minimize cost and traffic disruption.

Mayor Wilson asked the manager if he could look into having a mirror placed on the utility pole on W. Swissvale to allow the resident to see traffic in both directions.

Mr. Zahorchak also updated council on the work status of Officer Rick Susalla.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Fuller announced a public safety meeting would occur this week.

M-4 It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded Dr. Petrolla by to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

DISCUSSION: None.

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



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager