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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 19, 2021
The meeting was held virtually via GoToMeeting due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

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

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Fuller, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrolla, and Ms. Yaney. Also present were Solicitor Tim Barry and Borough Manager Rob Zahorchak. Mr. Wainright, Junior Councilperson Ben Bermann, and Mayor Wilson were absent. Mr. Bright joined at 7:35 p.m.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

No public comments were submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Mr. Fuller moved to approve the December 21, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Second Mr. Love

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

M-2 Mr. Love moved to approve the January 4, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Second Ms. Yaney

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

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-3 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 \$43,111 and from the Sewer fund in the amount of \$83.20 for a total of \$43,197.02. Second Ms. Yaney.

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

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

Committee Reports:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. Fuller reported that General Government met to review bills and discuss lowering prices on unused vehicles sitting in the borough lot. Legislation regarding decriminalization was brought up. The bill

run was small, mostly consisting of the MEIT payment. The cable franchise fee was also mentioned, to be discussed further under Committee Action reports.

Mr. O'Donnell noted the addition of Mr. Bright to the call.

POLICE: Mr. Zahorchak reported that things are generally running smoothly and officers are staying healthy. The new part time officers are undergoing training now. The new police SUV has been delivered and is getting outfitted with borough emblems and should be in service soon, and the old vehicle is up for sale. Body cameras are on order and should be delivered in April. There has been some confusion around the COVID 19 vaccine for police/first responders, and there has been discussion about how to roll it out once we reach the '1B' phase. Dr. Petrolla offered to inquire further about getting the vaccine to our first responders.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Mr. Fuller reported that Public Safety did not meet.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Bright reported that Community Development did not meet.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Love reported that Public Works did not meet.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Ms. Yaney reported that Community Service did not meet.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Petrolla reported that Personnel did not meet.

PENSION: Mr. Fuller reported that Pension did not meet.

AD HOC COMMITTEES- Mr. O'Donnell stated that there are currently no ad hoc committees, and therefore nothing to report.

CONNECT: Ms. Yaney reported that she attended a CONNECT meeting and they discussed a new service called Pathway to Care and Recovery, which is a 24 hour service that provides interim care for those suffering from drug/alcohol abuse. It is available to Police and first responders to get help to those who need it, as well as anyone seeking out care for themselves or loved ones. At the facilities, patients get access to detox beds and they receive help getting referrals to other facilities and services, such as mental health care, etc. The one uncertainty is how these services are paid for. Flyers have been sent to Police and Fire departments. Mr. O'Donnell suggested that if it seems beneficial, a representative could be invited make a public comment at a future council meeting, to provide more details about services.

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

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the latest copy of Financial Interest forms were delivered to home addresses, along with a photocopy of last year's form if we had it. For those who filed online, a copy should be available there. New forms can be filled out and returned to the office, or completed online by the due date listed on the front. More paper copies are available if needed.

The new Police Interceptor, and the new dump truck for Public Works have arrived. The dump truck is being used already, and the Police vehicle will be available for service soon. There are corresponding motions to advertise for sale the previous vehicles, to be addressed later in the agenda.

Mr. Zahorchak met with the TriCog Land Bank attorney and an agent who is an in-house construction representative, concerning the conservatorship with 147 Washington St. The representative was able to photograph and document the condition of the house, to be used in the brief that will be filed on behalf of the borough in February. Once filed, a trial date for the hearing should follow. Installers were in council chambers this past week to install video/audio recording equipment for future in-person council meetings.

Our internal audit starts next week. The last appointed Zoning Officer left DIU, and David Naylor will be named as interim Zoning Officer until the person he is training can be placed fulltime.

A motion to commence negotiations towards a franchise agreement with Comcast, through Cohen Law Group, is included in the agenda. This agreement is in the same format as the franchise agreement we have with Verizon. The plan is to enter into a five-year agreement allowing right of way for Comcast to distribute their cable products in the borough, who in turn provides a percentage of gross revenue to us. This is being initiated through Turtle Creek COG, as several other communities will also be involved; the pricing structure offered by Cohen Law Group is dependent on the number of municipalities that are involved. They offer a flat fee, based on that number, regardless of the length of time for negotiation. Included in the agreement will be an audit of the past three years of remittances to the borough. Historically, Cohen has found cable companies have been under-paying communities.

Mr. Fuller inquired about continuing services with BIU for our Zoning Officer, stating other boroughs have had complaints from them. Mr. Zahorchak discussed the challenges of balancing cost, convenience, and satisfaction of service, and the possibility that other companies may have the same issues as BIU. He plans to evaluate the benefiting of continuing with them pending our experience with the newly appointed officer.

NEW BUSINESS: Dr. Petrolla brought up the new traffic light on E. Swissvale Ave; discussion ensued about agreed satisfaction with the change. Mr. Zahorchak noted that the final work to be done is to complete concrete work of the sidewalk on the train station side, complete transfer of service to Duquesne light, and a final inspection from PennDOT.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Mr. Fuller moved to engage the Cohen Law Group for cable franchise renewal negotiations and a franchise fee audit of Comcast of Pennsylvania.

Second by Dr. Petrolla.

DISCUSSION: Solicitor Barry stated that the most important component of the negotiations is the audit and hopes that we will benefit from that. Mr. Zahorchak agreed, and added that we had a review with Verizon that they were reluctant to engage in and audit and has reason to believe that Comcast will be more amenable.

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 Ms. Yaney moved to appoint Jack Wilson as ALOM delegate and John Wainright as alternate delegate. Second by Mr. Fuller.

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.**

- M-6** Dr. Petrolla moved to appoint Jack Wilson as TCVCOG delegate and Tara Yaney as alternate delegate. Second by 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 Ms. Yaney. **Motion carried.**

- M-7** Mr. Love moved to advertise for sale a 2007 Ford F550 dump truck with a minimum sale price of \$14,900. Second by Ms. Yaney.

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.**

- M-8** Mr. Fuller moved to advertise for sale a 2012 Dodge Charger with a minimum sale price of \$2,500. Second by Ms. Yaney

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.**

- M-9** Mr. Bright moved to advertise for sale a Buyers in-bed salt spreader with a minimum sale price of \$2,000. Second by Mr. Fuller.

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.**

- M-10** Mr. Love moved to appoint Dave Naylor as the borough's Zoning Officer effective immediately. Second by 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 Ms. Yaney. **Motion carried.**

M-11 Ms. Yaney moved to adopt Resolution 2021-04 – Appoint Michael Pascal to Shade Tree Committee:

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION 2021-04**

WHEREAS, through Ordinance 1060, the Borough of Edgewood created a Shade Tree Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Ordinance, Council shall appoint up to five residents of the Borough to serve on the committee; and

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Advisory Committee will work to improve the environmental health of the Borough, and shall work to preserve and expand the Borough's trees by advising Council on tree care and maintenance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that **MICHAEL PASCAL** be appointed to the Edgewood Borough Shade Tree Advisory Committee to a term expiring January 18, 2024.

ADOPTED THIS THE 19th day of January, 2021 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

Second by Mr.Fuller.

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.**

M-12 Mr. Bright moved to adopt Resolution 2021-05 – Appoint Evan Burbridge to Shade Tree Committee:

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION 2021-05**

WHEREAS, through Ordinance 1060, the Borough of Edgewood created a Shade Tree Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Ordinance, Council shall appoint up to five residents of the Borough to serve on the committee; and

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Advisory Committee will work to improve the environmental health of the Borough, and shall work to preserve and expand the Borough's trees by advising Council on tree care and maintenance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that **EVAN BURBRIDGE** be appointed to the Edgewood Borough Shade Tree Advisory Committee to a term expiring January 18, 2024.

ADOPTED THIS THE 19th day of January, 2021 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

Second by Mr. Fuller.

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.**

M-13 Dr. Petrolla moved to adopt Resolution 2021-06 – Appoint Traci Kazmerski to Shade Tree Committee:

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION 2021-06**

WHEREAS, through Ordinance 1060, the Borough of Edgewood created a Shade Tree Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Ordinance, Council shall appoint up to five residents of the Borough to serve on the committee; and

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Advisory Committee will work to improve the environmental health of the Borough, and shall work to preserve and expand the Borough's trees by advising Council on tree care and maintenance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that **TRACI KAZMERSKI** be appointed to the Edgewood Borough Shade Tree Advisory Committee to a term expiring January 18, 2024.

ADOPTED THIS THE 19th day of January, 2021 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-14 Mr. Fuller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Second by Mr. O'Donnell.

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



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager