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The meeting was held virtually via GoToMeeting due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

President Wainright called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mr. Zahorchak stated that three written public comments were received. Mr. Zahorchak read the following statements.

1. "Council members, first, please accept our deepest condolences on the loss of Councilman Bright. We know he will be very difficult to replace.

We were part of a group that sought action back in the spring of 2016 regarding the traffic issues on Race and Greendale. To say that we are frustrated by the lack of movement on this issue over the last five years would be an understatement. The speeding problem on Race St. has gotten no better and in 2020 alone there were at least four collisions on our street that led to substantial property damage. As you know, there is a park on one end of Race and a library and swimming pool basically at the other. There is a great deal of pedestrian traffic on the sidewalks, many of whom are children. There is also a number of young children who live on the street, including our own child. The traffic situation as it stands poses a clear public safety hazard.

We understand that the Borough police have limited resources, are frequently called to Edgewood Town Center, and aren't allowed to use radar guns (these excuses were given back in 2016). We also understand that Race will always be busy and that drivers won't always obey the speed limit. However, we should be able to expect much more from the Borough on this issue than we have gotten so far. Currently, for whatever reason, the traffic laws (both with regard to speeding and stopping at the Race/Greendale/Vine intersection) are simply not being adequately enforced.

On April 4th, 2016 (on a Fuller/Petrolla motion) the Council approved the purchase of a Shield Twelve Display from All Traffic Solutions for \$4,960. The sign is currently moved around the borough, seemingly on some kind of schedule (although it seems to be on Race only once per year). Data was presented in 2016 that showed that speeding was significantly reduced when the sign was displaying drivers' speed relative to when it was turned off but still collecting data. We feel that, given the lack of enforcement on our street and the public safety hazard that currently exists, the least the borough could do would be to purchase another one of these signs that will reside on Race St. permanently - the existing speed limit sign about halfway up the street is a perfect location.

We love our home, neighbors, and living in Edgewood. We implore you to take the necessary steps to make our street a safer place to live and for our son to grow up on.

Thank you for your time and consideration."

Addressed, Todd and Natalie Potts, 150 Race Street

2. "Dear Edgewood Council Members,

We are writing to you with concerns around traffic safety on Race Street and asking that actions be taken to reduce speeds and improve traffic safety.

We have now owned our home at 160 Race Street for five years and absolutely love the neighborhood. We have friendly neighbors, live within walking distance to Regent Square, and really feel a sense of community within Edgewood. However, we have become increasingly concerned with the amount of traffic, speeding and accidents on Race Street. Within the past two years, our vehicles have been hit (while parked) three times, both cars broken into, and our property damaged from a hit & run. We wonder how many more times this will need to happen before we seriously consider moving to another neighborhood. All of these accidents were significant, multi-vehicle accidents that ended up totaling some of the vehicles involved.

It is now common practice for us to park further up the street in hopes that an accident there would be less likely. We've also had it suggested to us that we place orange cones by our rear tires that may help alert a speeding or intoxicated driver. We firmly believe these are things that we should not have to do to feel safe. So, we are asking that the borough takes immediate action on Race Street to help reduce the chance of these things occurring.

We see a combination of things being needed, and they can be broken into short term and long-term.

Short Term: A permanent radar speed placed along Race St, along with more police enforcement at the intersection of Race/Greendale/Vine.

Long Term: A traffic calming study for the intersection of Race/Greendale/Vine streets.

We love our home and hope that the borough takes this seriously so that we may continue to enjoy the neighborhood for many years to come! We can honestly say that if something isn't done, it would likely be the primary reason for us to look to relocate elsewhere.

Thank you for your time and consideration."

Addressed: Adam Faris and Becky King, 160 Race St

3. "Dear Edgewood Borough Council,

I am writing to you today to express my concerns about the planned installation of a Verizon 5G pole at the corner of our property at 166 Race Street (corner of Race and Vine).

As we have previously discussed, we are aware of the right away, but we are asking you to make an effort to work with Verizon and the site developer to find a less obtrusive location for the pole such as Koenig Field.

Our main concern is the safety hazards. We have lived here for nearly nine years and we have worked hard to maintain our property, especially our large native garden. Their proposed location is located on a main entryway into Edgewood. We take a lot of pride in how it looks, and we want the borough to also take pride in how the intersection is viewed by motorists and pedestrians.

As you well know, the intersection of Race, Vine and Greendale has been the scene of numerous accidents over the years. Why would the borough allow Verizon to install an additional utility pole at an intersection known for so many accidents?

Many motorists do not bother to stop at the stop sign at Race and Greendale Streets. Many drive well above the speed limit. There has been little to no enforcement at this intersection despite numerous complaints from the neighborhood. There were four accidents at the corner or the first block of Race Street in 2021. One of them caused \$6000 worth of damage to our property. Several cars were damaged or totaled in two of the accidents.

As we have previously discussed, we are aware of their right away, but we are asking you to work harder with Verizon and the site developer to find a less obtrusive location for the pole such as Koenig Field. I'm concerned another accident will cause more damage to our property and put lives in danger as well ruin the aesthetic of our beautiful neighborhood.

Thank you for time and consideration,"
Addressed: Martha Rial, 166 Race St

Mr. Wainright requested that Mr. Zahorchak share the public comments with Chief Payne. He noted that the issues presented, concerning speeding and accidents, have been ongoing for as long as he has been on Council, and poses a particular difficulty as police are not allowed to use radar guns, and there is nowhere for police to remain undetected on Race St. Mr. Wainright noted that he was hopeful Chief Payne could provide more insight. Mr. Zahorchak responded that he did speak to Chief Payne concerning the comments, and stated that Chief Payne had received an email, not for public comment, from a resident on Greendale Ave, thanking the police for their recently increased presence on that corridor. Mr. Zahorchak continued to explain that regarding the stop sign at the intersection of Race St and Greendale Ave, that spot, along with other key locations around the neighborhood, have been able to receive increased enforcement for speeding. This is due to the recent addition of a part time police officer. This addition allowed for the creation of a shift from 12pm-8pm, specifically to monitor traffic conditions at those key points. In addition to the Race St intersection, the shift includes rotating coverage at Gordon St/Edgewood Ave and S Braddock Ave/Allenby Ave. According to Mr. Zahorchak, so far, the officer has been very busy covering these areas, and we will continue to provide this coverage as long as we are able to do so. In addition to that measure, the speed sign will be returned to Race St to capture additional data on traffic patterns in that area. Normally when these studies are done, there are outliers found of motorists going well under or well over the speed limit in the time the data is collected. The study is meant to focus on whether the remaining eighty five percent of drivers are within five miles per hour of the posted speed limit. If they are, then it becomes difficult to justify additional enforcement. This is in line with the PennDOT manual for traffic. Very often it is discovered with these studies that the issue has more to do with a greater volume of traffic on the street, rather than the actual speed. This is especially problematic on older streets, that were not designed to handle the level of traffic they may now have. All that being said, Public Works is in process of moving the speed sign to Race St to collect additional data, and we will see what we learn from that.

Ms. Yaney inquired whether a traffic calming study had been done, or if anyone had looked into the possibility of adding an island to the middle of intersection in question. Mr. Zahorchak responded that in order to create a traffic calming solution of that nature, a traffic study must be completed first. The cost of such a study would range from \$4,000 to \$7,000. That includes running traffic counts, doing photographic surveillance, looking at traffic patterns, etc. The traffic engineer's recommendations would then be based on data collected in that study, such as vehicle counts at peak times

of the day. Mr. Zahorchak noted that to his knowledge that has not yet been done and would be one possible option for council to consider.

Mr. Wainright stated that those present who were interested in the open position on Council would each be given a maximum of five minutes to provide a presentation of their interest in joining Council. Mr. Wainright proceeded to run through the list of interested candidates as follows:

Audrey Waldock: Ms. Waldock stated that she only threw her name into the hat to be sure they would have someone. She was delighted to see that there were many other interested candidates, and decided to remove herself from the list. She noted that she hopes one of the candidates is selected and that they find the position interesting, and she wished everyone well, and looks forward to finding out who fills the position.

(Mitchell Goreman: not present)

Ian Lee: Mr. Lee stated that he brings in experience from the multiple places he has lived over the past few years, most recently Boston. He is now happily settled in Edgewood with his family and runs a start-up business in the area. Mr. Lee also mentioned that he has gotten to know some of the other local business owners. He noted that he is not so much politically minded but is more community minded. He sees Edgewood as being a very welcoming place to newcomers and wants to take a more active role in the continued development of the neighborhood.

Mr. O'Donnell inquired as to whether or not Mr. Lee had submitted the petition to be a candidate in the next election. Mr. Lee stated that he did not, as he and his wife are expecting another child in early 2022, and didn't feel it was the best time to make that commitment. Mr. O'Donnell noted that he would like to pose that question to all interested candidates.

Bhavini Patel: Ms. Patel stated that she has lived in or near Edgewood for about 5 years. She first came to the area to complete her undergraduate degree in International Area Studies from the University of Pittsburgh. Following a gap year where she worked in the non-profit sector, and did community organizing with a focus in the healthcare sector, Ms. Patel attended the University of Oxford, where she completed her graduate degree in International Relations. She moved back to Pittsburgh to help found a tech company called Beamdata, which combines policy issues, data, and community. The flagship effort of the company is a civic engagement app called *Be the Change*, which connects residents to their elected officials. The goal of the app is to create an open space for civic dialogue, where residents can express their opinions and legislative concerns. Ms. Patel ran for Allegheny County Council, District 8. Although she did not win, she learned about many of the concerns held by residents of the region. In addition to her work experience and political ambitions, Ms. Patel sits on the boards of several non-profits, including Civically Inc, which is based in Wilkinsburg, and organizes both the Free Store in Wilkinsburg, and the Wilkinsburg Fresh Food Market. As a potential member of Council, she sees an opportunity to connect more with our neighboring communities. Ms. Patel is an appointee of the PA Medical Marijuana Advisory Board and can bring in knowledge on that subject as well. Ms. Patel did submit papers of interest for the 2022 election.

Jennifer Gleba: Ms. Gleba stated that she served on Council for a four-year term ending in 2013. She has lived in the borough since 2002, and in the Pittsburgh region longer than that. She noted that at the time of her service, there were many issues happening and that she was able to learn a lot about borough management, especially in general services and finance. She has a background studying political science and journalism. She later went back to school for speech

pathology. She has held roles in several different fields including healthcare, and time spent working at the Children's Institute. She has experience working in various locations, including Harrisburg and Washington DC. She currently spends her time doing volunteer work, which she balances with raising her two children, and is hoping to be able to expand her service to the community as a member of council. Ms. Gleba stated that she did submit papers for the next election.

Valerie Anise: Ms. Anise, who has been a resident since 2015, stated that as a potential member of Council, she would like to spend time giving back to the community. She brings in over twenty five years of commercial, residential and industrial experience in real estate, and currently owns a construction company that she started in 2012. She noted that she has not submitted paperwork for the 2022 election at this time, but may consider doing so later.

Greg Michaels: Mr. Michaels stated that he resides on Maple Ave with his family, and has for about 9 years. He sees the opening as an opportunity to give back to the community. He feels fortunate to have taken advantage of the hard work the borough has done to maintain our great community, and he hopes to be able to do his part to help continue that. He is a partner at the practice of Dickie, McCamey and Chilcote, and specializes in corporate law, commercial litigation, and real estate, and feels he can bring in some expertise in those fields. Mr. Michaels stated that he has not submitted paperwork for the next election, as of this time.

Mr. Wainright asked if there were any additional residents interested in recommending themselves for nomination of the position. No more residents were added to the list. He added that the decision to appoint a new Council member would need to be made at this meeting, as PA state law requires that a vacant council position be filled within 30 days. Mr. Wainright then opened up the floor to discussion by council. Mr. Wainright provided a personal endorsement for Jennifer Gleba, based on his previous experience with Ms. Gleba on council. He noted that she was the key person responsible for the borough paving program, and, along with Audrey Waldock, played a vital role in putting the borough back into solid financial standing.

Mr. O'Donnell inquired about the procedure around appointing the new council member and whether Council would be both nominating and voting on the new member in the same meeting. Mr. Wainright stated that is the case. Solicitor Barry interjected to reiterate that by borough code, borough council shall fill the vacancy within thirty days of opening, and if it is not filled within that time, then the process moves to the vacancy board (which has been enacted in the past). If a new member is still not appointed at that point, then the process moves to the Court of Common Pleas. It is possible to challenge an appointment that was made after the thirty days, so it's best to make an appointment within that timeframe. Mr. Barry recommended that the new member is voted on at this meeting. Otherwise, a special meeting could be called within thirty days from the vacancy opened, as the next regular Council meeting is past the time limit.

Mr. Wainright asked if anyone had objections to appoint the new member at this meeting and if council was ready to start the nomination. Mr. O'Donnell expressed concern over the short timeframe for candidates to be received and noted that the County Elections Division only recently posted the opening for the next election cycle. He stated that he would like to know how many candidates there may be in order to get a broader picture of the situation. Mr. Fuller agreed with Mr. O'Donnell's sentiments, and added that there is not much time to make an informed decision, among several qualified candidates. Mayor Wilson stated that he is more concerned with other borough issues, specifically the budget, and would rather not prolong the process to fill the position. Mr. O'Donnell clarified that the intention would be to complete the process within the 30 days, using a special meeting. Dr. Petrolla stated that it seems reasonable to have an additional week to consider the candidates and to utilize a special meeting to do that.

Mr. Zahorchak noted that there is time to schedule a special meeting, but it should be completed within the next week, ideally Monday, March 22nd. Mr. Barry noted that it could be as late as Monday, March 29th, and be within the deadline. Mr. Wainright stated that he would prefer to complete the process quickly, and asked if one week would be sufficient. Hearing no objections, Mr. Wainright called for a special meeting to take place on Monday, March 22 at 7:30pm, to fill the vacant Council position. Mr. Zahorchak noted that a motion needs to be made to hold a special meeting.

M-1 Mr. Fuller moved to have a special meeting on March 22nd at 7:30pm, to nominate a candidate for the position of the open Council seat. Second by Mr. O'Donnell

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Mr. Zahorchak confirmed that the special meeting will be advertised, and the meeting link shared accordingly. Mr. Love inquired whether the candidates would have time to present again, or if the meeting would only be to vote. Mr. Wainright responded that if any new candidates expressed interest between now and the special meeting, that they would be provided with time to present. Otherwise, there would be no additional presentations. Mr. Wainright did, however, invite candidates to submit an email providing further details on why they would be a good addition to council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-2 Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the February 16, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Second by Mr. Love.

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

M-3 Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the March 1, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Second Mr. Fuller.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-4 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 \$103,924.40 and from the Sewer fund in the amount of \$5,977.18 for a total of \$109,901.60. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Donnell stated that the two largest bills included a payment of \$21,099.00 to MEIT, and a payment of \$38,204.00 to Building Inspection Underwriters. That makes a total of \$59,304, which is about half of the total paid. Mr. O'Donnell noted that the rest of the bills included small, routine payments.

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

Committee Reports:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. O'Donnell reported that there were three main items to discuss. The first item, to be discussed by Mr. Zahorchak, is the initiation of the sale of several vehicles. Mr. Zahorchak stated that, as shown on the Agenda, there were four vehicles and one salt spreader listed for sale. One vehicle received a price that was higher than the asking price we hoped to obtain, in the amount of \$6,100. The remaining three vehicles did not obtain the minimum asking price we were hoping to receive. After conferring with our Solicitor, Mr. Barry, and the General Government Committee, it was determined to be in the best interest of the borough to move forward with the sale of those vehicles, as long as Council agrees. The vehicles have been listed for sale multiple times, and the recent bids received were the best thus far. The final item listed for sale was a salt spreader, with an asking price of \$2,000. The highest bid received was for \$925. Mr. Zahorchak noted that he was not surprised by the low bid on the salt spreader, as they are available new for \$4000, and mentioned that these are the bids available in the current market. Mr. Zahorchak believes these buyers are in earnest and have contacted him personally to express their interest. Council will be given the chance to vote on the sale of each items through a number of motions listed in the Agenda. Mr. Barry noted that there are additional motions to revise the value of the vehicles. When council moved to list the vehicles for sale initially, there was a certain value amount listed. Most of the items listed for sale did not obtain the value stated and did not include a minimum price to accept. Therefore, a motion needs to be completed to establish a new value for some of the items. For example, a Ford dump truck listed at an approximate value of \$14,000 needs to be lowered to \$13,000, to accept a bid of \$13,100. Council does have the right to reject the bids, but Mr. Barry noted that these bids are believed to be within an acceptable range under the current market. Mr. Love inquired as to how likely we might be to receive better results by relisting the items. Mr. Zahorchak responded that the fire engine and Ford Explorer have been listed before, and the current bids are the best received. He noted that the salt spreader was not listed previously, although it is not a highly sought-after item, especially at this time of the year. That could be held until October, if Council has that preference. The dump truck is also being viewed for the first time. That is an older vehicle with lower mileage, however there is some rust and work that needs to be done. Mr. Zahorchak believes that, based on municipal market sites, the market is currently very crowded with surplus vehicles, as municipalities have received new vehicles, and are also in the process of selling off older vehicles.

Mr. O'Donnell reported that the annual audit is complete, and we have received our report from Maher Duessel. No serious concerns were found, and the borough is in a healthy financial condition. Items of note include pensions, which can sometimes be a difficult point for smaller boroughs. Our pension obligations are being funded adequately or more than adequately, at about 80% for uniform, and over 100% for non-uniform pensions. It was suggested by Maher Duessel to prepare for some uncertainty this year, related to the Covid 19 pandemic. At this time it is unclear if the Borough of Edgewood will be receiving any Covid relief money or not. It has also been advised that we take extra care to protect ourselves in terms of cyber security. We have increased many of our paper check payments to an online format, which can increase concerns around cyber security. Mr. O'Donnell noted that our borough manager inquired about receiving continued education on ways to protect ourselves, and that training will be provided.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that council has received the revised draft of the 2021-08 ordinance to decriminalize small possessions of marijuana. Due to the recent loss of Councilperson Bright, and the unanticipated need to fill the empty council position, it was decided to delay the movement of that ordinance. This allows the newly elected member of Council time to consider the ordinance and make an informed vote on the matter.

POLICE: Mayor Wilson stated that the force has continued to be healthy. There is an upcoming Sergeant's exam, the results of which will be discussed at the next meeting. There have been no major equipment issues. Finally, Mr. Wilson happily reported that the newest member of the force is doing an excellent job.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Yaney reported that Community Development did not meet. Mr. Zahorchak did note that he and Ms. Yaney have been working through a few issues with the Boy Scout's project to build a gazebo at Memorial Park. Any issues should be able to be resolved through the committee and a report can be given once that happens. Otherwise, the project is moving along well, and significant funding has been raised.

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, but noted that according to the accounts, we had a good year in 2020.

CONNECT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the Energy and Environmental Resources subcommittee had a two-hour long presentation on materials handling (solid waste management). They are producing a video, based on a year's worth of work by the committee and students at the University of Pittsburgh, to cover issues the region is facing around solid waste management and increasingly limited recycling options. The video, which is currently seven minutes long, will be shortened for easier viewing, and will soon be available for members of elected bodies to view. The purpose is to make them more knowledgeable and to help find solutions to solid waste management problems.

The Port Authority is working on their long-term strategic plan. They are seeking public comment now, which will be directed to the next ten year capital plan. Not mentioned at the presentation was information about funding for that plan, and the effect of the pandemic on financial resources. As of now, they are intending to move forward with their plan. For anyone interested in submitting public comment, the webpage where that can be done is nexttransit.org.

Ms. Yaney reported that there was another Connect meeting, regarding early childhood education. They are partnering with Trying Together to help provide easily accessible resources to families to find early childhood education programs and childcare options (which Mr. Zahorchak noted have been especially difficult to find with the pandemic).

Mr. Zahorchak reported that the March monthly executive committee meeting is slated for Thursday, March 25th, and that he plans to be in attendance.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Barry stated that there is nothing to report at this time.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the last of the concrete work was completed for the traffic light project on Maple Ave, and the project is nearly at completion now. Once PennDOT completes their inspection, we can request reimbursement from the state for that item. There will be a meeting on Wednesday with

our engineer to do a paving walkthrough for the 2021 road program. There are several projects to work on, including paving of Greendale Ave from the Parkway ramp to Race St, and the McKay alleyway off of Race St. Also on the list is the intersection of Maple Ave and Edgewood Ave. There are two brick streets, Elmer St and Piney Way that require repairs. Any A.D.A. ramps that are encountered on these projects will be reviewed as well.

Ms. Yaney inquired about how crowded parking is on Greendale and Race St, and the possibility of road narrowing, or the addition of one-way roadway to help with the traffic issues there. Mr. Zahorchak noted that Race St is a one-way street from Koenig Field until the tunnel, with parking on one side, and Greendale, which is a two-way, does have parking on both sides. He noted that on an unrelated project, a traffic engineer did visit Greendale, near the Parkway ramp. Mr. Zahorchak inquired about general traffic calming ideas for the street (not in any official basis, but anecdotally only). The engineer shared that we already have parking on both sides, which narrows the driving space and forces drivers to yield to one another, slowing the flow of traffic. The combination of parking on both sides, a narrow street, and forced yielding, is already the idea way to calm traffic on a street. An official study would need to be completed to explore the situation in full, however this provides some idea of what we already have. If we wish to move forward with a traffic study, that would be a separate project from the paving project planned, as Lennin-Smith does not perform traffic studies, but that is an option, if council wishes to pursue it.

Mr. Zahorchak reported that the Audit is still in draft form and does not have much to add to what Mr. O'Donnell discussed. There are just a few outstanding items to submit, including tonight's meeting minutes, and the exoneration of the tax collector and deputy on the agenda, to complete the audit and turn it into DCE by March 31st. Mr. Zahorchak commended Janet Gerber on her outstanding work keeping the budget and finances in check, specifically with regards to documentation and record keeping over. It is thanks to her efforts that the audit process has gone smoothly for the past 6 years.

Mr. Zahorchak raised a matter concerning the Personnel Committee, that is pertinent to Council as a whole. He is working with Carnegie Mellon grad students to evaluate the borough personnel policy manual. He has asked them to research best practices across public sector employment trends and handbook and provide recommendation to update our personnel manual. This has not been done in several years and our manual is due for an update. The researchers would also make recommendations for a document that would be fully searchable online and A.D.A. compliant. Members of the personnel committee have been asked to be available if the students would like to speak with them; if they have not already reached out, they should be doing so shortly. Once the research portion is complete, within the next couple months, the students will create an outline of items to consider for inclusion, to be reviewed by the Personnel Committee and our Solicitor. That outline will then be worked into a manual that can be reviewed by Council, within the calendar year.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Wilson noted that he received an email from a resident, Erin Smith of Greendale Ave, concerning the proposed Verizon 5G tower. Mayor Wilson inquired whether the borough has any say in the placement of these towers. Mr. Zahorchak discussed that the towers are like utility poles but emit a short data signal that is usable only in the immediate vicinity and is significantly less than cellular micro-waves. The intention is that a large number of towers be placed in key locations around the borough. Swissvale for instance is receiving approximately forty of these towers. The key point concerning the right of way, is that in 2018 the Federal Communications Commission issued their third order and report. In that document is a stipulation that local governments are preempted from implementing any zoning laws directed at, or interfering with, the placement of the

towers. It is possible to ask Verizon and their contractors if they would consider another location, however they are under no obligation to grant such requests.

Mr. Zahorchak stated that he has been in communication with Verizon and their installer, concerning the pole designated to be placed on Race St. Their engineers have looked at a possible spot along Koenig Field, and discovered that it is within too close a proximity to a Duquesne Light installation. Anything within a ten-foot buffer is off limits. In addition, any spot along Koenig Field would have the issue of tree cover, which would block the signal strength of the tower. Verizon's installers proposed moving the tower several feet further up or down the street, which the property owner rejected. Mr. Zahorchak went on to mention that boroughs who created zoning laws prior to the 2018 order, and tried to challenge that issue, had their zoning laws struck down, or received letters informing them of FCC's stance, and ultimately backed down.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-5 Mr. Fuller moved to exonerate Tax Collector Maureen Smith, and her Deputy, Jordan Tax Service, for the uncollected 2020 Face Balance of \$20,631.76 which has been turned over to the borough's delinquent tax collector, PA Municipal Service. Second by Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-6 Mr. Love moved to revise the value of a 2007 Ford F550 dump truck to \$13,000. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-7 Mr. Love moved to accept the high bid of \$13,100 submitted by David Fowler for the purchase of a borough owned 2007 Ford F550 Dump Truck and authorize the Borough Manager to transfer the vehicle title to Mr. Fowler. Second by Dr. Petrolla.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-8 Mr. Fuller moved to revise the value of a 2005 Ford Explorer XLT to \$500. Second by Ms. Yaney

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-9** Mr. Fuller moved to accept the high bid of \$720 submitted by Abo Ali for the purchase of a borough owned 2005 Ford Explorer XLT and authorize the Borough Manager to transfer the vehicle title to Mr. Ali. Second by Dr. Petrolla.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-10** Mr. Love moved to revise the value of a 2000 Pierce Dash Rescue Engine to \$5,000. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-11** Mr. Love moved to accept the high bid of \$7,103.41 submitted by Ian Tomei for the purchase of a borough owned 2000 Pierce Dash Rescue Engine and authorize the Borough Manager to transfer the vehicle title to Mr. Tomei. Second by Mr. O'Donnell

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-12** Mr. Fuller moved to accept the high bid of \$6,100 submitted by Abo Ali for the purchase of a borough owned 2012 Dodge Charger and authorize the Borough Manager to transfer the vehicle title to Mr. Ali. Second by Mr. Love.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-13** Mr. Love moved to revise the value of a 2013 Beyers Salt Dogg in bed salt spreader to \$500. Second by Dr. Petrolla.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-14** Mr. Love moved to accept the high bid of \$925 submitted by Curtis Hovis for the purchase of a borough owned 2013 Beyers Salt Dogg in bed salt spreader. Second by Ms. Yaney

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-15** Mr. Fuller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Second by Ms. Yaney. The Aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager