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Council President Wainright called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:32 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Fuller, Mrs. Gleba, Mr. Love, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrolla, Mr. Wainright, and Ms. Yaney. Mayor Jack Wilson, Manager Rob Zahorchak, and Solicitor Tim Barry were also present. Jr Councilperson Berman was absent.

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A presentation was given by engineer Jason Stanton on the condition and history of the sewer overflow issue at Koenig Field.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:** The following public comments were received.

Ruth Pickering, 416 Locust St: Ms. Pickering stated that she attended a meeting last month to discuss the property at 206 Beech St. She noted that there are still issues with the property, including weeds. She feels that it is unsafe and unaesthetically pleasing. Ms. Pickering added that trash cans are still being left on the streets beyond trash collection. She feels that there should be stop signs rather than at the end of Walnut rather than a blinking light. She believes that people are more likely to stop at a sign.

Evan Burbridge, 123 W. Hutchinson: Mr. Burbridge stated that he works for 9 Mile Run, and would like to offer his services to help with Koenig field. He noted that he could possibly help with efforts to obtain grant funding, or providing input on design. He added that he lives in area and can be reached easily

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

**M-1** 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 \$34,948.05. Second by Mr. Fuller.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. O'Donnell noted that there was a discrepancy from the amount on the agenda. The amount there was about \$250 more than actual payments. He added that the one item of note in the list of bills was \$9760 to Davey Tree Service for tree removal following the storm in July.

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

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

**M-2** Mr. Fuller moved to designate the borough manager as the authorized signatory for all 2021 Green Light Go grant contract documents executed between the borough and PennDOT. Second by Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

Concerning the motion listed on the agenda to authorize Trans Associates to obtain price quotations for proposed improvements to the Race St and Swissvale Ave intersection, Mrs. Gleba inquired how possible improvements would affect the flow of traffic. She stated that from her understanding, the change could force the portion where there is a right turn with no stop, to be absorbed into one single lane, with all traffic stopping at the sign. Discussion ensued over changes to the traffic lane(s) and the possible impact on traffic flow.

President Wainright decided to table the motion in question for the time being, to allow sufficient time to research and discuss the issue further, with the possibility of an expert presentation on the matter.

**M-3** Mr. O'Donnell moved to authorize the borough manager to advertise the following items for sale:

- Western 9' Pro Plus snow plow board
- 2021 Ford F350 tailgate

Second by Mrs. Gleba.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Fuller inquired as to why we want to sell the tailgate. Mr. Zahorchak confirmed that it will not be used with the salt-spreader on the back of it, and if the truck is sold at a later date, the tailgate would not be sold with it.

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

**M-4** Mr. Love moved to accept the proposal from Full Service Network for phone and internet services for the borough at a rate of \$485 per month for five years commencing September 1, 2021. Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated that following discussions with auditors, they noted that did not recommend bidding, as they did not see a bid down for phone services. There should be a savings of about \$1,200 per year.

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

**M-5** Dr. Petrolla moved to accept Mr. Edward Cook's letter of resignation from the borough planning commission, dated July 28, 2021. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None

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

## BUSINESS MEETING

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** No one had anything to report.

**WATER AUTHORITY REPORT** Mr. Fuller reported that the Water Authority did not meet. Per the engineering company committee, there is a \$9.3 million grant through Pennvest to replace lead lines. Per the water company handbook, if a customer replaces their lead lines, then the water authority is to replace their end of the line. As of now, the water company is behind with that. Priority will be made to areas with customers who have replaced their lines, but will include portions of lines by homes that have not had their lines replaced if they fall between customers who have. Mr. Fuller noted that customers will need to allow a water authority representative into their home three times through the replacement process. Due to that, the water authority is not sure how well it will be received. In Edgewood there will be lines replaced in front of 51 residences. Of those, 21 are lines being replaced on both the water authority and customer side.

**RECREATION REPORT** Mr. Zahorchak reported that Tball and Softball have just concluded. They had a great season, with one last thanks to everyone who volunteered and participated. Soccer registrations are open through August 15, with about 50 kids signed up so far. Last year we had approximately 80 kids, and 150 in the year prior. The last summer movie night was Friday, featuring Raya and the Last Dragon, with about 80 in attendance.

Community Day plans are under way, with numerous musicians, possibly necessitating an earlier start time. We have many family friendly activities planned, including an inflatable obstacle course, balloon artist, tattoo artist, and more. The Pittsburgh Pirates Parrot will make a special appearance from 3-4, with thanks to Ben love for volunteering to help guide the mascot on-field.

Adult Yoga is taking place at the field. The instructor will offer classes through the fall, weather permitting. The details are available online.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Mr. Zahorchak stated that Planning Commission did not meet. Following Mr. Cook's resignation, there are two openings, which will be advertised in the Newsletter.

**COG REPORT** Mr. Wilson stated that COG did not meet, but has a meeting scheduled in two weeks. Mr. Zahorchak added that the police department will be added back to the COG test. He added that our candidate list is ready to be rejuvenated. This also includes Forest Hills, Pitt Cairn and North Versailles.

Mr. Zahorchak noted that there is a softball tournament happening for first responders and the community. Teams of first responders, including county and local police and fire departments are participating in an informal softball tournament. They would love to have a borough team join them, with Council members and residents welcome. It takes place this Sunday, August 8 from 1pm-8pm at Koenig Field. Mr. Zahorchak informed everyone present how to contact Monique Jones of the Allegheny County Police if interested in playing.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** Mr. Barry noted that he had a conversation with Borough Manager Zahorchak and Council President Wainright to determine if an executive session would be needed while Engineer Jason Stanton was available. It was decided not to hold one at this time.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Zahorchak reported that, concerning Community Day, he spoke with music director Mike Hooks. Mr. Hooks asked if we were able to fit two additional bands to the line-up. Initially we were not able to get enough performers to fill a day, but with addition of these bands, the start time for the event would be pushed back from 2pm to 12:30 pm. Mr. Zahorchak noted that we would be able to accommodate the change.

With the rise of the Delta variant of Covid, Mr. Zahorchak requested that instead of having one large tent for eating, that we have smaller tents spread around the field, so that attendees can be distanced. He noted that Chief Payne notified him that the Police Department will be pulling their planned community tent from the event. Some officers are not yet full vaccinated and do not feel comfortable with a community facing role in the event, for risk of exposure. They will still be present, staying in the area of the Volunteer Fire Department tent, but will not be interacting actively with the community, as they have in the past, including the elimination of their normal raffle/giveaway, etc.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ms. Yaney stated that through Connect, the first draft of the Climate Action Plan has been released. Mr. Zahorchak noted that it can be distributed accordingly. Mr. O'Donnell noted that he was invited by the Woodland Hills superintendent to join the steering committee for their district goals, with a meeting in two weeks. He added that he will report back following that meeting.

**M-6** It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to adjourn at 8:41 pm. Second by Mr. O'Donnell. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



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Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager