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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 16, 2022

Council President Petrolla called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. Mayor O'Donnell, Solicitor McDermott, and Borough Manager Zahorchak were also present. Dr. Blasiolo and Dr. Epitropoulos were absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor O'Donnell swore in the newly elected Junior Councilperson.

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Daniel Kochupura, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and that I will discharge the duties of my appointed office for the Borough of Edgewood with fidelity.

COMMITTEE ACTION Part I

Police Chief Payne spoke concerning the promotion of Officer Fred Livingston.

M-1 Ms. Yaney moved to promote Police Officer Fred Livingston from Patrolman to Sergeant effective May 15, 2022. Second by Dr. Petrolla.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-2 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of April 18, 2022 Council Meeting. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-3 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of May 2, 2022 Council Meeting. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE ACTION Part II

M-4 Ms. Patel moved to hire Nathaniel Hess as Seasonal Laborer at a rate of \$11.25/hr effective June 6, 2022. Second by Mr. Love.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-5 Ms. Patel moved to authorize the borough engineer to prepare and advertise the 2022 road paving program. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that the paving list was given to council in their packets.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

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

Ruth Pickering, 416 Locust St: Ms. Pickering stated that she would like to see Council review street parking permits. She also noted that she was pleased to see the promotion of Officer Livingston and would like to see further recognition of our police force.

Rick Belloli, 1122 Mifflin Ave: Mr. Belloli stated that he hopes to receive advance notice from the Borough prior to any work taking place, concerning the storm water issue under his property.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-6 Mr. Love 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 \$26,965.25 and from the sewer fund in the amount of \$15,363.99 for a total of \$42,329.24. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted that it was a fairly standard bill run, with notable items including an approximately \$5000 payment for the newsletter, and the purchase of radios for first responders.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. Love stated that some items discussed recently included the road paving program, work being done by the water company, and the wireless ordinance. This partially relates to 5G wireless, but to other wireless services as well. He noted that our current ordinance dates to somewhere around 2012, and it is due for a review and update.

POLICE: Chief Payne's report was provided prior to the promotion of Officer Livingston. Mayor O'Donnell stated that he had nothing to add. Mr. Zahorchak stated that a payment for the department's new radios will be forthcoming.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Ms. Yaney stated that Public Safety and Infrastructure met. They discussed work being done on three intersections in the borough. This includes the intersection of Race St and W. Swissvale Ave, and the intersection of Maple Ave and Brinton Road. A traffic study is also being considered for Race St and Greendale Ave. Mr. Zahorchak noted that we are getting quotes for that and is looking into a potential grant. He added that competition for that grant has increased recently.

Ms. Yaney noted that we are short with staffing of both full time and part time police officers. There have been discussions concerning updates to the Borough Building. A switch to the use of salt brine as a replacement of our normal road salting in winter is being considered. Ms. Yaney noted that Cranberry Township currently uses this option. She stated that it has potential to be both more cost effective and more environmentally friendly. Discussion ensued over how we would transition from our current process.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Mr. Sherman stated that the committee reviewed and approved the final design for the Laurel Street playground project.

PENSION AND PERSONNEL: Ms. Patel stated the committee did not meet.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Ms. Patel reported on the CONNECT Legislative Session and the organizations goals for the next twelve months.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott requested a brief executive session to discuss a legal matter following the meeting, no action would be needed.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that Wilkesburg Borough Council had agreed to split the cost of the fence installation around the tot lot at Koenig Field and the contractor would start as soon as possible. The sewer O&M program work was ongoing with lining just about finished. The bid opening for the Pennwood and Race Street traffic signal replacement is scheduled for 10:00 am on May 31 at the borough building. There is a weeding and planting event at Memorial Park starting at 10:00 am on May 21. Lastly, the Veterans group is working to install the engraved bricks they sold last year before Memorial Day. Mr. Zahorchak also distributed drafts

construction drawings of the planned Port Authority bus stops along Edgewood Avenue. A discussion ensued about the stops and council was supportive of the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Zahorchak reviewed the proposed intersection improvements for Race Street and Swissvale Ave and Maple Ave and Brinton Road with council. The Public Safety Committee recommended the designs be presented to all of council after some minor changes were made. After discussion, council decided it would recommend moving forward with the proposed improvements.

COMMITTEE ACTION Part III:

M-7 Ms. Yaney moved to authorize the borough's consulting engineer, Trans Associates, to obtain price quotations for the Race Street and Swissvale Avenue intersection improvement project. Second by Mr. Love.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-8 Ms. Yaney moved to authorize the borough's consulting engineer, Trans Associates, to prepare bid specification documents for the Brinton Road and Maple Avenue intersection improvement project. Second by Mr. Love.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-9 It was moved by Mr. Sherman and seconded by Ms. Yaney to adjourn at 8:30 pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Council held an executive session to discuss a legal matter from 8:30 pm until 9:08 pm.



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager