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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 5, 2022**

An Executive Session was held from 7:30-7:41 pm.

Council Vice President Love called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:41 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Rick Belloli, 1122 Mifflin Ave: Mr. Belloli stated that the meeting with the Borough Manager, Solicitor and engineer went well, and a plan has been created towards resolution to the storm sewer issue under his property. The line under his property is considered private, and borough authorization will need to be granted prior to repair work being arranged by Mr. Belloli.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

**M-1** Ms. Yaney moved to authorize the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the general fund in the amount of \$196,032.69. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated that the large amount is due to a compilation of online payments that were held while our Finance Administrator was out of the office, as well as a payment of \$97,000 for the 2021 road paving program.

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

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

**M-2** Ms. Yaney moved to award the 2022 road paving contract Base Bid and Add Alternates No. 3, 5, & 6 in the amount of \$480,566.81 to A. Liberoni, Inc. as recommended by the borough engineer in his July 1, 2022 letter. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that this is over the budgeted amount of \$400,000. There are some items included in the bid could be removed or altered to bring the actual cost down. He recommended, in agreeance with the borough engineer, awarding this bid based on prior experience working with the contractor.

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

- M-3** Mr. Sherman moved to award the Koenig Field Tennis Court retaining wall contract to White Landscaping Services, LLC in the amount of \$20,500. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated that he spoke with the contractor, and this work could be started the first week of August, pending approval. After the retaining wall is done, the resurfacing of the courts can be done. He went on to discuss details of work being completed.

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

- M-4** Ms. Patel moved to appoint John Wainright to the zoning hearing board to fill the remainder of a term which expires December 31, 2022. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated that due to the passing of a member, there was a vacancy on the board for several months.

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

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** Mayor O'Donnell stated that there was a meeting with the Fire Department recently. He noted that in the packets there was a written proposal for their Continuity of Operations provided by the VFD. At the meeting a presentation was provided by the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief. Based on information provided, the Fire Department is running on funding that does not meet current needs. Mr O'Donnell went on to discuss how the department has concerns about replacing apparatus and adequately recruiting and maintaining volunteers. There were ideas proposed to fund some upgrades, including the sale of some items of current equipment, and a possible property tax increase. He noted that the primary concern at the moment is recruitment and maintaining staff, with a proposed solution being to offer better benefits to volunteers. He stated that the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief could be invited to the next meeting to answer any questions.

Ms. Yaney added that they discussed the need for a borough fire code. Mr. Zahorchak stated this would be done in the form of supplements to existing ordinances applying to occupancy inspections of mainly commercial but also residential buildings in the borough. This would ensure that certain safety issues are flagged in property inspection.

**WATER AUTHORITY REPORT** Mr. Fuller reported that the Water Authority voted to extend the life of the Authority. It was pointed out that the life of the bond exceeded the life of the Authority. They are waiting on materials, and have been experiencing delays, including an order of fire hydrants that were ordered eight months ago. They received bids for a meter expansion, with a wide cost range between them. Questions arose from Wilkinsburg Council members concerning what would happen to the Wilkinsburg Penn Joint Water Authority were to merge with the City of Pittsburgh. Mr. Fuller went on to discuss some of the questions that came up.

Mr. Zahorchak added that a copy was received of the resolution to amend the Authority's by-laws. He noted that there has been a revised agenda provided to Council, which includes the reading of an ordinance to extend the life of the

Water Authority, and a motion to advertise it. This could be handled under New Business. A motion would first need to be passed to approve the agenda change.

Mayor O'Donnell inquired if Chief Payne had anything to report before he left. He stated that he did not.

Mr. Fuller noted that WPJWA is in a three-year contract with A. Liberoni which is based on the cost of asphalt. That has gone up over ten percent. Mr. Zahorchak noted that we are working on making changes to our paving program accordingly, and have had to cut the paving of Gordon St. from the list.

**RECREATION REPORT** Mr. Zahorchak reported that we are about halfway through the summer recreation season, and Tball, Softball and Adult Yoga are all going well. Registration for Fall Soccer opens July 15. Make Music Day was a success and hopefully we can do that again next year. Planning is ongoing for Community Day. The design is being finalized for banners and yard signs. We will be ordering larger banners this year. We're still accepting applications for food trucks and vendors if anyone knows anyone who might be interested.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Mr. Zahorchak stated that the Planning Commission did not meet.

**COG REPORT** Mr. O'Donnell had nothing to report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** Mr. McDermott stated he had nothing new to report. He noted that renewal of a water authority is a fairly routine process. No executive session would be required following the meeting.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Zahorchak reported that we have nearly completed the installation of air conditioning for the Police Department, and window improvements.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**M-5** Ms. Yaney moved to amend the agenda to include the first reading and advertisement of Ordinance 1074, an ordinance adopting an amendment to the articles of incorporation of the Wilkesburg Penn Joint Water Authority. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-6** Dr. Blasiolo read Ordinance 1074. Second by Ms. Yaney.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
ORDINANCE 1074**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY,  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES  
OF INCORPORATION OF THE WILKINSBURG-PENN JOINT WATER AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, The Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority has submitted to Council for the Borough of Edgewood, a resolution amending the Articles of Incorporation of the Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority and requesting that Council adopt said amendment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by Council for the Borough of Edgewood, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same as follows:

**SECTION I.** The Borough of Edgewood hereby adopts the following amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority, which amendment shall consist of the following new provision to be added to the said Articles of Incorporation:

“The term of existence of the Authority shall be and is hereby extended to that date which is fifty (50) years from the date of approval of these Articles of Amendment.”

**SECTION II.** All ordinances or resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions not in accord with this Ordinance are hereby rescinded insofar as they conflict herewith.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED** into law this 5th day of July, 2022, to become effective immediately.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-7** Ms. Patel moved to authorize the borough manager to advertise ordinance 1074. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-8** It was moved by Ms. Yaney and seconded by Dr. Blasiolo to adjourn at 8:11 pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



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Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager