

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD August 1, 2022

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

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following responded: Dr. Blasiolo, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. Also present were Mayor O'Donnell, Borough Manager Zahorchak, Solicitor McDermott and Police Chief Payne. Dr. Epitropoulos and Junior Councilperson Kochupura were absent. Dr. Epitropoulos could not join meeting virtually due to technical difficulties.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR (P1):

The following public comments were received.

Rick Belloli, 1122 Mifflin Ave: Mr. Belloli stated that he didn't have any current updates concerning the water overflow issue under his property. He noted that his contractor is currently out of town.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Mr. Love I move to authorize the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the general fund in the amount of \$81,368.68. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love stated that the only notable item was for the retaining wall construction.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Love 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**

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-3 Ms. Yaney read Ordinance 1074. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

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DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-4 Dr. Petrolla asked, “shall this motion pass?”

DISCUSSION: None.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Chief Ireland reported that the appraiser came to evaluate the rescue truck and an estimate is expected in the next few weeks. He stated that the department fought a fire in the Borough recently on Lloyd St. This occurred in an apartment building with approximately 15 residents, and started in the kitchen of a first-floor unit. The fire was contained, but he noted that the building appeared to be in violation of certain fire code regulations, which could have put the residents at higher risk for loss of life. Mr. Ireland requested that the building be reviewed to bring it up to code.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Zahorchak reported that lead line replacements are in progress. About 25% has been completed. Some additional federal funds may be added to the replacement project, due to some money that needs to be allocated. Fire hydrants that were ordered in January were just received. The emergency purchasing process was used to procure needed pipe, due to supply chain issues. New alum tanks have been installed at the pumping station. They are awaiting approval to remove the old ones.

RECREATION REPORT Mr. Zahorchak reported that T-ball and Softball have just wrapped up, with thanks to the coaches and families who made this another great season. Fall Soccer registration is open now. We’re still looking for

volunteer coaches. If anyone is interested in helping with that, please contact the Borough Manager or Recreation Coordinator.

Our movie night was a success on Friday with perfect weather and a good turn-out for The Little Mermaid. Our next movie will be on Saturday, September 10, when we will be featuring E.T. This is taking place on a Saturday as we are working with the Edgewood Foundation to combine the movie with a Sleepover in the Park event. We are also working with the Foundation to do another combined Fallfest/Oktobefest. More details will be forthcoming.

Community Day is scheduled for August 27. Activities for the day include pony rides, games, sand art, and a bounce house. We'll have a temporary tattoo artist, and balloon artists, along with live entertainment, food trucks, and community tables and market vendor, and fireworks. The VFD will be selling pulled pork dinners and running the beer garden while the Police will be running their raffle. Our event is up on Facebook and yard signs and banners will be out soon. We're still accepting forms for market vendors if anyone is interested in participating or knows someone who is.

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 that he had nothing new to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the wall construction at the tennis courts is in process and should be completed in the next week. Crosswalk work is being done around the Borough and ADA ramps are being added near the school.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR (P2):

The following public comments were received.

Bella LaFace, 318 Laurel St: Ms. LaFace stated that she wished to suggest some improvements to be made within the Borough. She noted that she was happy to see the improvements being made at the Laurel St parklet, including the new playground and the addition of picnic table seating which was partially funded by a community lemonade stand. She requested that a sound barrier wall be added to the area to reduce noise and traffic pollution from the highway. She stated that they have received building quotes for a cost of up to \$30,000.

She requested that signage be added on 376 before the Laurel St Bridge/Edgewood exit to reduce noise in that area. She would also like to have a noise ordinance enacted. Ms. Laface requested that better signage be added to Laurel St to indicate the dead end and prevent motorists entering who are trying to reach the Towne Center. Lastly, she requested that a three-way stop sign be added to W Swissvale Ave and Laurel St to help prevent accidents due to speeding at the intersection. Council and the Mayor responded that these requests would be considered and put before the appropriate committees, although it was noted that requests pertaining to the Parkway (376) may not fall under our jurisdiction.

Margaret Chory, 229 W Swissvale Ave. Ms. Chory stated that she wished to see a three-way stop be added to the W Swissvale Ave/Laurel St intersection. She believes this would help slow down traffic and make things safer. Mr. Zahorchak noted that a safety study was done a few years ago, and the traffic volume and speed did not indicate a speeding issue there. PennDOT also does not allow stop sign placement strictly to control speed. Discussion ensued concerning traffic volume and safety on W Swissvale Ave, and traffic calming options.

Michael Tressler, 202 W Swissvale Ave: Mr. Tressler stated that he had concerns regarding speeding on W Swissvale Ave. He noted that Maple Ave has a lower speed limit and seems to have fewer issues with speeding. He inquired whether lowering the speed limit on W Swissvale Ave may help the situation. Mr. Tressler also noted that some drivers will pass other drivers on W Swissvale Ave, possibly because they believe it is a one-way street and inquired about possible signage to create more clarity for drivers.

Pat McArdle, 221 Vine St: Mr. McArdle requested traffic study data from the Borough. He spoke about a potentially unsafe guard rail at the bottom of Washington Ave and Vine St. He noted that the issue was brought up several years ago, and Council at the time, based on an engineer's report, responded that it was structurally sound. It was noted that the rail could be re-examined for current conditions.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was presented.

M-5 It was moved by Dr. Blasiolo and seconded by Ms. Yaney to adjourn at 8:16 pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager