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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 18, 2022**

Council President Petrolla called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call, the following responded: Dr. Blasiolo, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. Mayor O'Donnell, Junior Councilperson Kochupura, Police Chief Payne, Solicitor McDermott, and Recreation and Community Outreach Coordinator Abigail Ault for Borough Manager Zahorchak were also present. Dr. Epitropoulos was absent.

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilwoman Bethany Hallam provided some updates from Allegheny County Council. She discussed the Police Review Board, voting options and county jail safety, and noted a recent ban on fracking in County Parks. She stated that she wishes to be available to our Council as a resource.

Mayor O'Donnell brought up some concerns to Ms. Hallam affecting our borough, then opened the floor to resident questions. Items discussed included the sewer overflow at Koenig Field, speeding, resources for our Volunteer Fire Department, and trash on roadways. Councilwoman Hallam responded to issues presented, including possible funding options for various initiatives, and noted certain items that were not within county jurisdiction.

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

Rick Belloli, 1122 Mifflin Ave: Mr. Belloli noted that he met recently with the Solicitor concerning the sewer issue under his property, and stated things are being worked out. Otherwise, he did not have any major updates.

Martha Rial, 166 Race St: Ms. Rial spoke with concern about speeding on Race St. She noted a lack of visibility of the stop sign at the end of Greendale. Ms. Yaney responded that better signage is something that is being considered to improve safety in that area.

Patrick McCardle, 221 Vine St: Mr. McCardle spoke about the guard rail on Washington and Vine St.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**M-1** Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of July 18, 2022 Council Meeting. Second by Ms. Yaney.

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-2** Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of August 1, 2022 Council Meeting. Second by Mr Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

### **AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

**M-3** 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 \$42,160.75 and from the sewer fund in the amount of \$6,403.50 for a total of \$48,564.25. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted that it was mostly standard, with the exception of a large payment for repair of a backhoe and some Community Day expenses.

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT:** Mr. Love reported that new lights were installed at the fieldhouse. Conversation ensued over the brightness of the lights.

**POLICE:** Chief Payne reported that members of the department would be addressing Woodland Hills School District teachers for ALICE training prior to the start of the school year.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE:** Ms. Yaney stated the Public Safety and Infrastructure did not meet, but a meeting should be scheduled soon.

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:** Mr. Sherman stated that Community Affairs met. A resident requested a sunscreen dispenser for Koenig Field, which is available through a non-profit.

**PENSION AND PERSONNEL:** Dr. Blasiolo stated that Pension and Personnel did not meet, however the quarterly statement was received. Pensions are currently down, but they are optimistic.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES:** Mr. Love stated that a Future of Fire summit would be held in September.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Mr. McDermott had nothing to report.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ms. Ault stated that the Borough Manager was out on vacation and the Borough Manager's report was provided to Council via email. If anyone did not receive this, please let Mr. Zahorchak know. She noted that yard signs for Community Day were available to take and display at Council member's properties if desired.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

- M-4** Ms. Yaney moved to accept the low bid price of \$88.96 per ton from Cargill, Inc. for rock salt submitted to the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance for its bid opening on June 30, 2022 for the 2022-2023 winter season, expiring June 30, 2023, and authorize execution of the contract documents necessary to effectuate delivery. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-5** Ms. Patel moved to lift the ban on consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages by legal-aged adults at Koenig Field during Edgewood Community Day on August 27, 2022. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-6** Mr. Sherman move to allow only the supervised animals of Community Day vendors on Koenig Field as part of the entertainment for Edgewood Community Day on August 27, 2022. Second by Mr. Love.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-7** It was moved by Dr. Blasiolo and seconded by Ms. Yaney to adjourn at 8:07 pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



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Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager