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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 19, 2022**

Council Vice President Love called the meeting to order at 7:36pm.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Rick Belloli, 1122 Mifflin Ave: Mr. Belloli stated that they had an executed agreement and were waiting on favorable weather conditions for work to be done.

Amy Hunt, 313 Dewey Ave: Ms. Hunt stated that she had an update on behalf of the Edgewood Foundation. She thanked Borough on behalf of the Foundation for their assistance with Light Up Edgewood, Oktoberfest, and Sleepover in the Park. She noted that all of these events were very successful, with 500 people attending Light Up Edgewood, and over 100 attending Oktoberfest. She noted that they look forward to future collaborations.

Ms. Hunt also stated she was unhappy with the removal of the stop signs on Dewey Avenue.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**M-1** Dr. Blasiolo moved to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2022 Zoning Public Hearing. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-2** Dr. Epitropoulos moved to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2022 Conditional Use Hearing. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-3** Ms. Patel moved to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2022 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-4** Mr. Sherman moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2022 Public Hearing. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-5** Ms. Yaney moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2022 Council Meeting. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

- M-6** 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 \$170,106.05 and from the sewer fund in the amount of \$196,255.19 for a total of \$366,361.24. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Yaney noted that some of the bigger items included a payment to the library, VFD stipend checks, the last payment for 2022 towards radios, a payment towards the paving program and a payment to the sewer fund.

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

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT:** Ms. Yaney stated that a draft copy of a fee recovery ordinance was included in packets. Mr. Zahorchak noted that this ordinance was requested by the volunteer fire department and is related to insurance company reimbursements for emergency services. Mr. Love stated that there was recent discussion concerning a fee schedule to be proposed for Koenig Field usage. Mr. Zahorchak noted that this proposal is intended for organized league-based use of the field, to compensate for costs associated with this usage of the field. A brief discussion ensued over field usage and scheduling.

Ms. Yaney stated that a climate action resolution is in the works, which is based on CONNECT's action plan. Mr. Zahorchak noted that a resolution will be presented at a later date. It is based on CONNECT's plan but allows for adjustments based on the size of our municipality.

**POLICE:** Chief Payne reported that an ad was created, along with the City of Pittsburgh Police and State Police, related to a local holiday toy drive. He noted that toys would be distributed over several sites.

Ms. McCreary of the Edgewood VFD thanked Council for their assistance in imposing recent ordinances to benefit public safety. Luminaries are available to purchase until Saturday. The Toys for Tots drive was successful. She also stated that the department would ask for DPW assistance when icing was a problem in cold weather. The department carries only a small amount of rock salt on their trucks.

Ms. McCreary announced the election results for the upcoming year, as follows, noting that lieutenants will be appointed later:

President: Ben Reynolds  
Vice President: Evan Burbridge  
Secretary: Lizzie McCreary  
Treasurer: Harrison Leinweber  
Chief: Jim Ireland  
Assistant Chief: Ben Reynolds  
Captain: Steve Halle

Dr. Epitropoulos presented the fire department with a knox box.

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

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:** Mr. Sherman stated that Community Affairs did not meet.

**PENSION AND PERSONNEL:** Dr. Blasiolo stated that Pension and Personnel did not meet.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES:** Ms. Patel stated that she attended the COG dinner, and that it went well. Mr. Zahorchak noted that CONNECT does not normally meet in December, but may in January.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Mr. McDermott stated there was nothing to report, and no need for an Executive Session.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Zahorchak reported that the borough staff holiday luncheon would be held tomorrow at noon and is being catered by Goodfellas. He met with the contractor, engineer and representatives from PennDOT to spot the poles for the traffic signal replacement at Race St and Pennwood Ave. Construction should take place within the next few months. One of the stops signs on Dewey St fell over due to age. He stated that stop signs can't be installed in the middle of the street where no intersection exists and cannot be placed for the purpose of controlling speed so all of the stop signs on Dewey Street were removed. Speed limit signs on the street will be

replaced. The speed tracking sign could potentially be placed on the street to determine if there is a speeding problem there.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Epitropoulos proposed for consideration a change to the meeting structure to have one agenda setting meeting and one business meeting each month. Discussion ensued over how this change might work.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

**M-7** Ms. Yaney read Resolution 2022-29 Wages. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RESOLUTION 2022-29**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Edgewood has approved the budget for the 2023 fiscal year; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Edgewood has established the salaries for those employees not covered by a bargaining unit.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Edgewood Borough Council hereby authorizes the following wages for fiscal year 2023. Positions not listed below are defined under **Attachment A**.

Chief of Police:	\$107,743
Borough Manager:	\$89,315
Finance Administrator:	\$62,400
Public Works Supervisor:	\$62,400

**ADOPTED THIS THE** 19th day of December, 2022 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-8** Mr. Sherman read Resolution 2022-30 Meeting Dates 2023. Second by Ms. Yaney.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RESOLUTION 2022-30**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Edgewood recognizes the importance of scheduling all public meetings throughout the year beginning in January; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Edgewood acknowledges that all meetings are open to the Public in accordance with the Sunshine Law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following schedule is established:

Borough Council: First and Third Monday of every month; if the meeting day is a national holiday, the meeting will be held the following day.

Planning Commission: Upon demand.  
Zoning Hearing Board: Upon demand.  
Committee Council Meetings: Upon demand.  
Civil Service Commission: Upon demand.

Unless specified otherwise, all meetings will convene at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, 2 Race Street, Edgewood, PA. Meetings may also be held online if specified by committee or commission members.

The Borough will advertise all meetings and changes to the meetings, if legally required, in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

**ADOPTED** the 19th day of December, 2022 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Patel inquired if advertising in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette could be held during the workers' strike. Solicitor McDermott replied that a resolution could be passed to change the terminology to add a general statement to allow for advertising in another publication as needed. Discussion occurred over adding an amendment to the original resolution to add wording for this allowance.

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

**M-9** Dr. Epitropoulos moved to amend Resolution 2022-30 Meeting Dates 2023, to include the following verbiage regarding advertising: 'adding other options due to the ongoing strike at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.' Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-10** Ms. Patel moved to exonerate the Tax Collector for 2021 Delinquent list dated January 15, 2022 in the amount of \$25,515.42 and to send delinquent accounts to Pennsylvania Municipal Services for collection. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-11** It was moved by Ms. Yaney and seconded by Dr. Epitropoulos to adjourn at 8:24pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Zahorchak', written above a horizontal line.

Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager