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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, Police Chief Payne, Solicitor McDermott, and Borough Manager Zahorchak. Dr. Epitropoulos and Junior Councilperson Kochupora were absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: No public comment was received.

Mayor O'Donnell stated that work is being done at Koenig Field with Three Rivers Wet Weather. This follows a recent presentation by our County Council representative on the matter. Mr. Zahorchak noted that Three Rivers Wet Weather meets quarterly to discuss issues around the M47 sewer shed. He discussed some upcoming fixes planned for the sewer system, between Edgewood and Wilksburg boroughs. The organization has agreed to take on certain expenses related to the Koenig Field overflow. A schematic of the sewer system has been created, which is useful in discovering connections with other community sewer lines.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Mr. Love moved to authorize the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the General Fund in the amount of \$47,415.83. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love stated that this includes the quarterly donation to the library and payment for tree removal.

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. Sherman stated that some recommendations had been made for changes to Resolution 2023-02: Koenig Fees & Permits. Discussion ensued over the impact of this resolution to residents and various organizations. It was decided to hold Resolution 2023-02, pending revision.

M-3 Ms. Yaney moved to adopt the Edgewood Borough Emergency Action Plan dated March 2023 and instruct the Emergency Management Coordinator to submit a copy to Allegheny County Emergency Management. Second by Mr. Love.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Yaney inquired about the verbiage of the plan document. Mr. Zahorchak replied that the purpose of this motion is to ensure our existing response plan is up to date for potential major emergency situations in the borough and is as inclusive as possible. This is an adaptation of a previous document, and

a review was seen as pertinent following recent events in East Palestine, Ohio. Discussion ensued over details of action to be taken in emergency scenarios. It was noted that the plan as written is a general overview, but discussion can continue concerning ways to handle more specific situations.

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 Mayor O'Donnell stated that he recently met with the department and that we have new drivers available, with several members having recently taken the driving test. They are authorized to drive now and are just awaiting their certificates. Mayor O'Donnell stated that there is a need for new gear for some of the fire fighters, which will require funding. We have several women who have joined recently and some of the gear, which was intended for men, does not fit properly and can be a safety issue.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller reported that the water authority met. They are making their way through the lead line replacement. Although they have not yet completed Phase 1, they are starting work on Phase 2 of the project. They expect some of the lines Edgewood to be done by August. He discussed pricing increases for equipment. They are doing service line identification for the EPA, most of which is in Rankin. They are changing their credit card payment company, with the new company charging a higher transaction fee from \$1.90 to \$2.95. They are planning to discontinue the post card bills and will start sending bills in envelopes.

Chief Payne briefly addressed Council about officer testing. That will happen on April 11. Applications must be received by March 27.

RECREATION REPORT Mr. Zahorchak reported that basketball is wrapping up, with play-offs and the end of season celebration next week. Tball/Softball registration opens March 27. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 1 at 11am at Koenig Field. Council is welcome to help put eggs onto the field.

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

COG REPORT Mayor O'Donnell stated that there was nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Mr. McDermott stated that he had nothing to report. There will be a brief executive session following the meeting for a personnel matter, with no action to be taken.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that we are working on the 2023 paving program. It is being considered to have two bids: one for asphalt and one for concrete/brick. The goal is to better allocate funds, with different skill sets and materials required for each. Many of the asphalt streets have been paved at this point, while some of the other surface streets need to be addressed. A walk through was done for the 2022 paving program. Corrections need to be made to work on Allenby Ave and Pliney Way. Final quotes are being taken for the Dewey St parking lot.

Carpet has been ordered for the second floor of the Police Station, to be installed around the end of March/beginning of April. The internal audit is still in process and a presentation should be available soon. We received our closing report of the 2021 fuel audit, with no issues found. There should be a ship date soon for the Laurel Street playground.

NEW BUSINESS None.

Council held an executive session to discuss a personnel matter with no action being taken.

M-4 The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:24pm.



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager