

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 3, 2023

Council Vice President Love called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:35 pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following responded: Dr. Blasiolo, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, and Mr. Sherman. Also present were Junior Councilperson Kochupora, Solicitor McDermott, and Borough Manager Zahorchak. Dr. Epitropoulos, Ms. Yaney and Dr. Petrolla were absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: The following comments were received.

DeWitt Walton of Allegheny County Council provided a brief update to council concerning the sewer issue currently being addressed with help from Wet Weather and ALCOSAN.

Pat McCardle, 221 Vine St: Mr. McCardle inquired about borough relations with Norfolk Southern. He noted concerns about railroad safety following the incident in Ohio.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Mr. Sherman moved to authorize the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the General Fund in the amount of \$25,648.26 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$12,730.47 for a grand total of \$38,378.73. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Sherman read Resolution 04-2023. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
RESOLUTION 04-2023

WHEREAS; the citizens of the Borough of Edgewood rely on local government to experience high quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS; local governments work 24 hours a day, seven days a week to deliver municipal services such as fire, police and emergency medical services to create safe communities; and

WHEREAS; Local government is the backbone of our democracy and the bedrock of our political system; and

WHEREAS; The success of our local officials is a key element in the overall quality of life in this Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Borough of Edgewood joins with the Allegheny League of Municipalities in declaring April 9-15, 2023 as Local Government week.

ADOPTED THIS THE 3rd day of April, 2023 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-3 Ms. Patel moved to accept the borough's 2022 independent internal audit as presented. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: A brief discussion occurred about the audit as it regards technology.

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

M-4 Dr. Blasiolo moved to authorize the borough manager to advertise the 2022 audit in the New Pittsburgh Courier as required by the Pennsylvania Borough Code. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT No report was given.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller reported that the authority is in the process of finishing Phase 1 of lead line replacements. They can't spend Phase 1 money once Phase 2 starts. They are required to give filters to affected residents for six months once their replacement is complete. Bills will be sent in envelopes starting in September. The water company is in the process of hiring summer help. Brief discussion ensued over the required filters.

RECREATION REPORT Mr. Zahorchak reported that the Egg Hunt experienced high turn-out and thanked those who assisted. He noted that with the increase in participation we may need to purchase more eggs next year. T ball and Softball registration are currently in process. Field requests are increasing. We should be hearing from the paving company soon to complete the resurfacing of the tennis court.

PLANNING COMMISSION Mr. Zahorchak stated that the Planning Commission did not meet. Mr. Sherman inquired about paving on Elmer, and the difference in repairing brick work as opposed to paving. Mr. Zahorchak replied that the

budget for brick work is different than asphalt paving, and that sewer work needs to be completed on the street first. Brief discussion ensued over the paving of Elmer.

COG REPORT Mr. Love reported that there was a meeting that was attended by the mayor. He noted that there was a recent police chief meeting where a mutual aid agreement was discussed. Discussion ensued over the mutual aid agreement.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Mr. McDermott stated that he had nothing to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that he recently had a phone conversation with AECOM and a representative from Norfolk Southern. There are plans for an improvement project to repair the retaining wall which is expected to span two years. He discussed the process of work to be done which will take place in three phases. This will include work on top of the tunnel and will require temporary closure of the tunnel. Further information will be forthcoming around that and potential impacts to traffic as work is completed. He noted that Norfolk Southern will handle their own traffic control.

Scouting for Food is coming up; the Scouts will be placing a box in the lobby of the borough building for two weeks to collect non-perishable food items and pet food to take to the Swissvale food pantry. Mr. Zahorchak thanked the Scouts for their participation in the Egg Hunt by providing photos with the Easter Bunny. He noted that this was very well received and hopes that this can be a regular part of the event. Street sweeping starts Wednesday. The Borough has once again been named a Banner Community.

Evan Burbridge provided a brief report on the Volunteer Fire Department. There has been a successful recruitment campaign, with several new members recently completing a required course to become a certified fire fighter. It was noted that morale is particularly high with the department at this time.

NEW BUSINESS None.

M-5 It was moved by Mr. Sherman and seconded by Dr. Blasiolo to adjourn at 8:15pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager