

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 1, 2023

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, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, and Dr. Petrolla. Also present were Junior Councilperson Kochupora, Solicitor McDermott, and Borough Manager Zahorchak. Ms. Yaney was absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: The following comments were received.

Ross Pfile, 519 Greendale Ave: Mr. Pfile spoke concerning speeding on Greendale Ave. Council replied that this is a known issue, including speeding in other parts of the borough and that various solutions have been discussed. It was noted that special traffic lines were painted to quell the issue, but it's possible that some drivers are now choosing to ignore them.

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 \$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. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION None.

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Mr. Zahorchak reported that Acting Chief Reynolds is planning a meeting with Swissvale Borough, Rivers Edge, and the Deputy Chief of the City of Pittsburgh concerning an emergency response plan for train derailments. An appeal to Senator Fetterman for assistance on this issue is being considered.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT Mr. Fuller reported that the water authority met. They have four open contracts with no viable bids. They are proceeding with line identification. Lead line replacements will be starting in Edgewood in June. The rapid response company used by the authority is changing. The new company should allow for better communication with the borough. He noted a recent incident that occurred in Wilkinsburg with a fire at a condo building, where their department replied that they did not have a pump and couldn't help them. He pointed out that our department has pumps available and would not decline to help. He noted the difference between a contract situation, and having dedicated volunteers.

RECREATION REPORT Mr. Zahorchak reported that registration for T-ball and Softball will close on Friday. We are still looking for dedicated coaches for our Tball league if anyone is able to help. Clearances are required. Our plant-sale pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 20 at 10am. Pre-orders will be ready to pick up; plus some extra will be plants available for purchase. This event is open to market vendors, and the Scouts are planning to join with a bake sale fundraiser. If you know vendors who may like to participate, please contact Abby at the office email.

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

COG REPORT Mr. Love reported that there was a meeting, but he and Mayor O'Donnell were unable to attend. The next meeting is in June.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Mr. McDermott stated that he had nothing to report. He requested a brief Executive Session following the regular meeting.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the tennis court paving is partially complete. Restoration work around the courts, such as the fence can be done now. The surface will need to cure before lines can be painted approximately in early July. The Laurel St playground has been constructed. Rain has delayed mulch installation. Two picnic tables are ready to be added to the space. A trash receptacle will be installed at Memorial Park. On Saturday, the installation of the pollinator garden will happen. This will start at 10am and should last about two hours, if anyone would like to help. The Edgewood Foundation has agreed to provide signage, with some materials to be provided by the borough. An informal dedication ceremony will take place in early June.

We have five police candidates who passed the physical and written exams. They will be taking the oral exam on May 25 at the borough building. After that, Civil Service can rank their scores and create an eligibility list, so we can determine how to fill open spaces. The process of carpet installation is underway in the Police Department. An environmental consultant informed us that additional samples must be taken for asbestos before the old carpet can be removed. The new carpet will hopefully be installed in early June. Traffic Control and Engineering, our contractor for the signal at Race St and Pennwood Ave is starting foundation work for the mast arms.

Our parking lot painting company will be doing roadway line painting over the next month in Edgewood and Swissvale. This will take place along all of S Braddock Ave from W Hutchinson to Church St in Swissvale, plus Race St around the borough building. There will be touch-up work done on W Swissvale Ave and Greendale Ave. A double yellow line will be painted on Maple Ave, replacing the current single line. This should force traffic to be slower by making the lane appear narrower. Painting should be completed by early June.

The 2023 paving program specs are ready for review by Public Safety and Infrastructure. Jet Jack is making progress on the Nine Mile Run sewer system. That section of sewer is ultimately slated for regionalization to ALCOSAN. He noted that in packets is a letter from Lennon, Smith, and Souleret regarding guide rail.

NEW BUSINESS Mr. Sherman spoke about the topic of the independent police review board legislation brought up by County Councilperson DeWitt. He inquired about the process to have a more formal discussion about it. Mayor O'Donnell suggested bringing it up with Public Safety, along with Chief Payne. Brief discussion ensued on this matter.

M-5 It was moved by Mr. Sherman and seconded by Dr. Blasiolo to adjourn at 8:02pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

An Executive Session was held at 8:03 and adjourned at 8:13pm. No action was taken.



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager