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# BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 20, 2023

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

### **ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call, the following responded: Dr. Blasiole, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, and Ms. Yaney. Mayor O'Donnell and Borough Manager Zahorchak were also present. Dr. Petrolla, Ms. Patel, Dr. Epitropoulos, and Solicitor McDermott were absent

## **PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

Andrea Maue – 206 Elm Street: Updated council on upcoming Edgewood Foundation events and inquired about the police raffle for community day.

Marta Pelusi – 219 Race Street, Apt 1: Spoke against the multifamily development being proposed to be built along Commercial Street in the City of Pittsburgh.

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Yaney moved to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023. Second by Dr. Blasiole.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-2 Ms. Yaney moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2023 Council Meeting. Second by Dr. Blasiole.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

## **AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

Ms. Yaney moved to authorize the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the General Fund in the amended amount of \$ 124,895.00 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$217,213.45 for a total of \$342,108.45. Second by Dr. Blasiole.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Yaney stated that a large bill to BIU for building permit review and payment to Parking Lot Painting for traffic paint stood out but that most items were fairly standard.

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

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT:** Ms. Yaney reported that the committee was still working on the single use plastics ban ordinance.

POLICE: Mayor O'Donnell stated that he had nothing to report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE:** Ms. Yaney stated that Public Safety and Infrastructure did not meet, Manager Zahorchak asked if the committee or council at large would support purchasing Epi Pens for the fire department as the borough has previously done. The pens cost between \$1500 - \$2000 per batch and have a shelf life of several years. The current inventory expires in September. No objections were heard.

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

PENSION AND PERSONNEL: Dr. Blasiole stated that the committee did not meet.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES:** Nothing to report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Solicitor McDermott was absent due to a health matter but indicated he was available by telephone should anyone have any questions for him.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Zahorchak reported that street sweeping would be postponed for Wednesday due to a mechanical problem with the sweeper. He also reported that construction on the tennis courts and Dewey Street parking lot was continuing as planned.

#### **NEW BUSINESS** None.

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Ms. Yaney moved to award the Base Bid, Add Alternate # 3, and Add Alternate # 5 of the 2023 Roadway Improvement Program CONTRACT # 23-R01 – ASPHALT WORK, to A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$317,343.43. Second by Dr. Blasiole.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that this is for paving all of Edgewood Avenue from Maple to the Parkway overpass as well as several small areas around the borough.

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

Ms. Yaney moved to award the Base Bid of 2023 Brick and Concrete Spot Repair Program CONTRACT # 23-RO2 to Avelli Construction in the amount of \$141,988. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak reported that this contract is for a specific quantity of work to be spread around several brick and concrete streets. It is meant for spot repair and not full-length reconstruction.

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

**M-6** Dr. Blasiole moved to accept the June 8, 2023 proposal from State Pipe Services, Inc. for emergency sanitary sewer repairs at 324 Dewey Street in the amount of \$16,500 as recommended by the borough engineer. Seconded by Mr. Sherman

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak reported that this contract is for emergency work on a sanitary sewer located in a resident's driveway that is sinking. An old lamphole is deteriorated and needs to be replaced with a manhole. State Pipe, Inc. was called in to camera the line and discovered the defects after the resident contacted the borough. A portion of the resident's driveway started sinking shortly after notification was received and has continued sinking so repairs are urgently needed.

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

Mr. Sherman moved to hire Evan Burbridge as a Summer Help employee in the public works department at a rate of \$15/hr. Seconded by Ms. Yaney

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak reported that Mr. Burbridge has extensive landscaping experience from his previous positions.

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

M-8 It was moved by Ms. Yaney and seconded by Dr. Blasiole to adjourn at 8:29pm.The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager

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