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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

Council President Petrolla called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. Mayor O'Donnell and Police Chief Payne were also present. Abigail Ault was in attendance for Borough Manager Zahorchak and Charlee Rosini was in attendance for Solicitor McDermott, who were absent. Dr. Blasiolo and Ms. Patel were absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

The following public comments were received.

Sharon Borovetz, 430 Greendale Ave: Ms. Borovetz spoke about pickleball court noise.

Louise DeRiso, 412 Greendale Ave: Ms. DeRiso spoke with concerns about the pickleball courts.

Betsey Mullay, 515 W Hutchinson Apt #3: Ms. Mullay stated that she would prefer a dedicated tennis court instead of two mixed use tennis/pickleball courts.

Rick Belloli, 1122 Mifflin Ave: Mr. Belloli inquired about paving on Horace Way.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2023. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-2 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-3 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 \$ 107,379.19 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$211,211.49 for a total of \$318,590.68. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted that there were two large checks for sewer pass throughs, otherwise it was a standard bill run.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. Love reported that General Government met and discussed adding the plastic bag ban ordinance on the next agenda. They brought up borough performance reviews and will request Personnel to look further into that.

POLICE: Chief Payne had nothing to report. Dr. Epitropoulos thanked Chief Payne and Seargeant Livingston for attending a recent class. Mr. Sherman inquired about an incident on Race St.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Ms. Yaney stated that Public Safety and Infrastructure did not meet.

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

PENSION AND PERSONNEL: There was nothing to report.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Mr. Love noted that there was an upcoming COG meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: There was nothing to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms. Ault reported that Duquesne Light is preparing for fall/winter vegetation management which means their arborist, likely Nelson Tree Company, will be trimming and possibly removing trees that interfere with their transmission lines. Anyone receiving a door hanger is encouraged to speak with the representative to understand exactly what work is being proposed. Property owners are responsible for tree waste removal, not the arborist or utility company.

PennDOT determined that one additional advanced traffic signal should be installed on the new signal at Race and Pennwood. Luckily, we are under budget on the project so the additional light will not exceed the original contract price. Work on that should be completed by the end of this week. Public works has sent the leaf machine out for service in anticipation of the forthcoming leaf season. It's anticipated that moderate repairs will be needed to the leaf collection box, primarily fixing rusted metal and structural work.

The bulb outs being constructed by the Port Authority along Edgewood Avenue are tentatively scheduled for completion by October 13 according to the latest work schedule submitted to me by the Port Authority today. The borough received one complaint about handicapped pedestrian access and that was immediately dealt with by the contractor, Michael Facchiano. Communication with both the Port Authority and their contractor has been satisfactory and anyone with complaints should direct them to Borough Manager Zahorchak so they can be addressed by the project team.

Fallfest/Oktobefest is happening on September 30. We will be providing hayrides around the field, crafts for kids and live musical entertainment. New this year, we are offering a scavenger hunt, and for those who complete and turn in the form will be entered into a drawing to win one free Edgewood Sports registration of their choice, good for up to one year. Lollipops will be given to all participants.

NEW BUSINESS Brief discussion occurred concerning the addition of the plastic bag ban ordinance to the agenda of the following meeting.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Mr. Sherman moved to accept Louis Sloan's letter of resignation from the public works department effective September 25, 2023. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-5 Ms. Yaney moved to adopt Resolution 2023-06, a resolution supporting an application to the Allegheny County Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund in the amount of \$440,000 to support physical improvements to the Edgewood Borough Municipal Complex. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-6 It was moved by Ms. Yaney and seconded by Dr. Epitropoulos to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager