

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 2, 2023

Council President Petrolla called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:38 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: The following public comment was received.

Al Caruso, Edgewood Foundation: Mr. Caruso provided an update on behalf of the Edgewood Foundation. The Brinton Road clean-up day was a success, with trash collected from Maple Ave to Guardian Storage. He thanked everyone who attended the Newcomer's reception. Oktoberfest (Fallfest) happened over the weekend. It was a nice day, and everything went very well. Art Night is coming up on November 4 from 1-4pm. Light Up Edgewood will take place December 2, and a date for the Progressive Dinner has been set for February 24.

Ruth Pickering, 426 Locust St: Ms. Pickering thanked first responders for their efforts in a recent health emergency near the school. She expressed her condolences to the family of our crossing guard who passed unexpectedly.

Tim Benedict, 213 Lehigh St: Mr. Benedict spoke concerning a car towing incident.

Rick Belloli, 1122 Mifflin Ave: Mr. Belloli inquired about an update on paving.

Beth Battaline, 150 Washington St: Ms. Battaline inquired about tennis/pickleball reservations. She expressed concern over maintaining the condition of the courts.

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 \$8,760.05. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mayor O'Donnell inquired about the cost to replace the police department body camera batteries. The manager responded that a majority of the batteries reached the end of their useful life at the same time since they were all purchased together and that officers were having to replace their batteries midway through a shift. The department is still operating the cameras and this is simply a maintenance matter.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Ms. Yaney did the first reading of ORDINANCE 1082: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAGS BY COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-3 Mr. Sherman moved to authorize the borough manager to authorize Ordinance 1082. Second by Mr. Love.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-4 Dr. Blasiolo did the first reading of ORDINANCE 1083: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES AND LIENS. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted this was a revision to the fees levied by the borough's new delinquent real estate tax collector, Jordan Tax Service.

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

M-5 Ms. Patel moved to authorize the borough manager to advertise Ordinance 1083. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-6 Dr. Epitropoulos read RESOLUTION 2023-07: PENNDOT VIDEO SHARING AGREEMENT. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated that this is one of several steps required by PennDOT so that the fire department can access the I-376 CCTV camera's to aid with call response.

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

M-7 Mr. Love moved to exercise the second option year of the borough's service agreement with Republic Services for the collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Firefighter Eric Nielsen stated the department responded to 67 calls in September.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT: Mr. Fuller reported that the Water Authority met. They were given extra time on the Pennvest grant. That allows them to transfer 100 lead line service line replacements from Phase 2 to Phase 1. A reverse auction will be run on materials this year. The new phone system is being implemented. There is still difficulty accessing certain supplies.

RECREATION REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that Fallfest went well. We will not be rescheduling the movie that was cancelled earlier. Soccer is wrapping up soon. Basketball is being planned, with some concern about facility access. He noted that costs have increased, specifically to cover a score keeper, which had previously been covered through fund raising. Matt Detore, our volunteer coach suggested raising the registration fee to cover some of the costs and a brief discussion ensued over the fee. No action was taken.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Mr. Zahorchak stated that there was nothing to report.

COG REPORT: Mr. Love stated that a meeting was planned, but quorum was not reached. They are discussing online meeting and voting virtually.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Ms. Rossini stated that there was nothing to report, but a brief executive session would be required following the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the Port Authority work on bub-outs is complete ahead of schedule. 2024 paving is still on track for mid-October. Our crossing guard Dave Bosslett passed suddenly last week. Thanks to our police and fire responders who aided in that situation. We will be looking for a new crossing guard to fill that position.

A modification is being made to the borough's power purchase contract through the Western PA Energy Consortium to include a 35% wind energy provision. However, a short-term contract is needed to align the expiration dates for both the existing purchase agreement and the new wind energy agreement. The solicitor will review once it's received and council action will be requested.

NEW BUSINESS No new business was reported.

M-8 It was moved by Ms. Yaney and seconded by Mr. Sherman to adjourn at 8:10pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

An Executive Session was held from 8:10pm – 8:30pm to discuss personnel matters.



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager