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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 16, 2023**

Council President Petrolla called the meeting to order at 7:34pm.

**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, Police Chief Payne, Borough Manager Zahorchak and Solicitor McDermott.

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:**

The following public comments were received.

Jacob Poole, 500 Allenby Ave: Mr. Poole distributed a form and addressed Council concerning a personal matter.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**M-1** Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of September 18, 2023, as amended. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted an error on the date for Fallfest.

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-2** Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of October 2, 2023. Second by Mr. Sherman.

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.**

**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 \$263,632.06 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$7,062.17 for a total of \$270,694.23. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted that larger expenditures included the 2023 MMO payment and a payment towards the traffic signal.

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 REPORTS:**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT:** Mr. Love reported that General Government met and discussed a matter from an Executive Session plus healthcare plans for next year. There was a conversation concerning investments.

**POLICE:** Chief Payne had nothing to report. Dr. Petrolla noted that there would be a brief Executive Session following the meeting to discuss matters related to the department.

**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:** Dr. Blasiolo stated that there was nothing to report.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES:** There was nothing to report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Mr. McDermott stated that there was nothing to report, besides an Executive Session following the meeting.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Zahorchak reported noted a communication had been sent concerning timing for newspaper advertising. About a half dozen applications have been received for the open Public Works position. Those will be reviewed and submitted to the Personnel committee. Budget numbers are in discussion for next year, with challenges around insurance premiums as well as pricing for police vehicles. Leaf collection starts at the end of the month. The leaf machine has been serviced and repairs to the collection box totaled about \$3,000. He noted that this is much less expensive than the purchase of a new box. Paving should begin at the end of next week. Mr. Zahorchak will be out of town next Friday until October 29. There is an agenda item appointing Mr. Zahorchak as Deputy Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer. Our regular Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer will be out of the office for three weeks for surgery.

**NEW BUSINESS** Mr. Love requested to put a date on the schedule for the Budget Meeting. Discussion ensued over available dates. It was settled that November 18 at 9am would work best. Ms. Yaney noted that she attended a meeting concerning NEXTransit, which was not very productive.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

**M-4** Mr. Sherman moved to appoint Borough Manager Rob Zahorchak Deputy Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer. 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-5** It was moved by Ms. Yaney and seconded by Dr. Epitropoulos to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

And Executive Session was held from 8:00-8:25pm.



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Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager