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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 20, 2023

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

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

The following public comments were received.

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

Dr. Petrolla arrived at 7:41pm.

Rick Belloli, 1122 Mifflin Ave: Mr. Belloli stated that paving on the street has been done, and the overflow issue under his property is nearly resolved. He made note of a grading issue affecting a neighbor's property that he has brought to the attention of the Borough Manager and Solicitor.

Renee Shiple, of Republic Services, addressed Council. She requested a change to the trash collection schedule. She noted that they would like to change it from Thursday to Monday. This would start after the holiday season, with adequate notification to be given. Dr. Blasiolo asked if service would be moved if a holiday occurs on a weekend. Ms. Shipley replied that the schedule would not alter following a weekend holiday. Brief discussion ensued concerning this matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of October 16, 2023. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-2 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of November 6, 2023. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrola. **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 \$298,368.83 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$16,309.74 for a total of \$314,678.57. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love stated that the two most notable payments included road paving and a payment to the engineer from the sewer fund.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. Love reported that General Government met and discussed signage for the plastic bag ban. They also discussed the possibility of changing the polling location at the Borough Building or moving it to another location in the borough. Mr. Zahorchak noted that, following conversations with the Police Chief and Fire Chief, it is a public safety concern. Dr. Blasiolo inquired as to the timeline to make such a change. Mr. Zahorchak replied that the county contacts us a few months ahead of an election to confirm a polling place. Brief discussion ensued over this matter.

POLICE: Mayor O'Donnell had nothing to report on the police department. He noted that he attended the recent Veterans Day memorial event and stated that it was very nice. He added that Public Works has been doing well maintaining the area. The veterans are still selling bricks to add to the memorial space. They are hoping to have electricity added to the gazebo.

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 reported that Pension and Personnel did not meet but have been in discussion concerning Public Works wages. Mr. Zahorchak noted that a brief Executive Session would be needed following the meeting.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: There was nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott stated that an Executive Session would take place following the meeting to discuss DPW negotiations. He noted that if Council would like to act on the change to the Republic Services schedule an item could be added to the agenda given the urgent nature of the timeline for this change.

M-4 Mr. Sherman moved to add an item to the agenda concerning Republic Service's request. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the budget workshop took place on Saturday and went well. There are two motions on the agenda, one to place the motion on display and one to hold the budget hearing. The asphalt portion of the paving program is mostly finished. Work will take place on East End Ave, including brick work, which will likely go past Thanksgiving. Leaf collection should continue to run until mid-December. There have not been any notable break-downs or delays.

NEW BUSINESS None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-5 Mr. Love moved to make the 2024 Proposed Budgets available for Public Review starting November 21, 2023. They shall be available on the Borough website, in the C.C. Mellor Library and in the Borough Office. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-6 Ms. Yaney moved to hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2024 Budgets on December 4, 2023, starting at 7pm in Council Chambers and advertise for same. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-7 Dr. Blasiolo moved to accept Republic Service's request for a service day change from Thursday to Monday, effective January 8, 2024. Second by Mr. Love.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-8 It was moved by Dr. Blasiolo and seconded by Mr. Sherman to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

An Executive Session was held from 8:04 – 8:40 pm.



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager