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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 18, 2023**

Council President Petrolla called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:** none.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**M-1** Ms. Yaney moved to approve the minutes of November 20, 2023. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-2** Dr. Epitropoulos moved to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2023 Public Hearing. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-3** Mr. Sherman moved to approve the minutes of December 4, 2023. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

**M-4** Ms. Yaney moved to authorize the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the General Fund in the amount of \$264,282.75 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$215,083.76 for a total of \$479,366.51. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak noted that larger items included the last ALCOSAN passthrough from the Sewer Fund. The General Fund included brick and concrete work, plus the last payment to Liberoni for asphalt work.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT:** Nothing to report.

**POLICE:** Nothing to report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE:** Nothing to report.

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:** Nothing to report.

**PENSION AND PERSONNEL:** Mr. Zahorchak stated that Q3 statements were sent. Statements for Q4 should be available in mid to late January.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES:** Mayor O'Donnell noted that he, Mr. Love, and acting Fire Chief Reynolds met with Amanda Settelmaier of the Turtle Creek Valley COG and the Pennsylvania Fire Commissioner to discuss a full time Fire Administrator being housed at the COG. Ideally, this person would act as a fire chief at a regional level. The next step is finding funding for the position.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Mr. McDermott stated that he is reviewing zoning on Telsa charging stations at Edgewood Towne Centre and requested an executive session would be needed following the meeting to discuss a public works personnel matter.

Mr. Sherman inquired about the purpose of the bond reduction listed on the agenda. Mr. McDermott replied that the borough is allowed under the Municipalities Planning Code to request a bond for the full value of the physical site improvements done on any land development project. As work is completed, the applicant requests a reduction on the bond, based on a review by our engineer. They have to show that the improvements have been completed as shown in their approved site plan. The purpose of the bond is to enable the borough to complete the site improvements should the developer fail to finish them. Mr. Zahorchak noted that a list of dollar quantities was distributed in packets.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Zahorchak reported that the 2022 and 2023 paving programs are completed. The year end expense report includes 2022 and 2023 so the total expenditure is higher than budgeted. The holiday party will be on Thursday. This was switched from Wednesday due to a conflict with the caterer. The Fire

Department made their officer selections and Ben Reynolds was elected Fire Chief for two years. Mr. Zahorchak requested to close the office on day after Christmas. Someone would be at dispatch desk so parking permits can be purchased. The mayor will lift parking restrictions for the holiday.

There has been a recent issue with the Chestnut Street sanitary sewer. Lennon Smith is sending a survey crew to create a plan to reroute the sewer away from the Parkway. He noted that this is a very large project, with a substantial cost but it has to be fixed as the sewer has now fully collapsed. Mr. Zahorchak noted an option with the Turtle Creek COG to assist. We'll be getting contractor bids and more information will be made available on this issue shortly. Brief discussion ensued over this matter.

**NEW BUSINESS** Mr. Zahorchak stated that re-elected council members need to complete a new residency certificate and have it notarized before the first meeting in January. He noted that 2024 is a reorganization year and committee spots will be open. Brief discussion ensued over committee organization and preparation for the first meeting of 2024.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

**M-5** Ms. Yaney moved move to adopt Resolution 2023-11: Wages hereby establishing 2024 wages for non-bargained employees. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-6** Dr. Epitropoulos moved to adopt Resolution 2023-12: Meeting dates hereby establishing the public meeting schedule for calendar year 2024. Second by Mr. Sherman.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RESOLUTION 2023-12**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Edgewood recognizes the importance of scheduling all public meetings throughout the year beginning in January; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Edgewood acknowledges that all meetings are open to the Public in accordance with the Sunshine Law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following schedule is established:

<b>Borough Council:</b>	First and Third Monday of every month; if the meeting day is a national holiday, the meeting will be held the following day.
<b>Planning Commission:</b>	Upon demand.
<b>Zoning Hearing Board:</b>	Upon demand.
<b>Committee Council Meetings:</b>	Upon demand.
<b>Civil Service Commission:</b>	Upon demand.

Unless specified otherwise, all meetings will convene at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, 2 Race Street, Edgewood, PA. Meetings may also be held online if specified by committee or commission members.

The Borough will advertise all meetings and changes to the meetings, if legally required, in the New Pittsburgh Courier whenever possible and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette only when public notice requirements cannot otherwise be met due to publication deadlines.

**ADOPTED** the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023 by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-7** Mr. Sherman moved to approve Bond Reduction Request No. 1, requesting that the performance bond/posted security for the Giant Eagle Express Land Development Plan be reduced from \$36,520.00 to \$0.00, as recommended by the Borough Engineer's Report dated November 21, 2023. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-8** Ms. Patel moved to enter into an agreement with the Turtle Creek Valley COG for the provision of seven days of Vactor truck services at the Member Rate of \$1,360 per day. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

**M-9** It was moved by Ms. Yaney and seconded by Dr. Epitropoulos to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm.  
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

An Executive Session was held from 8:10 – 8:50 pm.



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Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager