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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 20, 2024

Council Vice President Love called the meeting to order at 7:39pm.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Rev. Canon Natalie Hall, 412 Locust St: Rev. Hall spoke concerning a handicapped parking space that was recently approved on Locust St.

In addition to Rev. Hall's statement, letters were read on this subject from the following residents:

Dr. Nancy Lardo, 411 Locust St

Don Luby, 421 Locust St

Tom Cahill, 136 Beech St

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Dr. Blasiolo moved to approve the minutes of January 16, 2024. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-2 Dr. Blasiolo moved to approve the minutes of February 5, 2024. Second by Ms. Patel.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-3 Dr. Blasiolo moved to authorize the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the General Fund in the amount of \$71,619.72 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$15,939.55 for a total of \$87,559.31. Second by Ms. Patel.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted that larger payments included the purchase of a police vehicle from Forest Hills and eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Nothing was reported.

POLICE: Nothing was reported.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Ms. Yaney stated that Public Safety and Infrastructure did not meet. She requested that police reports that are submitted to Council be easier to read.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Nothing was reported.

PENSION AND PERSONNEL: Nothing was reported.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Nothing was reported.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott stated that there was a recent collective bargaining agreement. The meeting went well, and a resolution was reached in the terms of the agreement. This is listed on the Agenda for Council to vote on. No Executive Session would be needed.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported on the collective bargaining agreement. He discussed sewer line work being completed on Chestnut St. The audit is ongoing through March. He stated that there is nothing to report at this time with that. The rescue truck is back in service. He discussed the bag ban which is about to go into effect. This follows a conversation with Giant Eagle, where they raised some concern over a few items.

NEW BUSINESS None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Dr. Blasiolo did the second reading of Ordinance 1084: Traffic Signage Amendment. Second by Ms. Patel.

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 1084**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING SECTION 193-9 PROHIBITED TURNS AT INTERSECTIONS, SECTION 193-14 STOP INTERSECTIONS, AND SECTION 193-16 CLOSING OF CERTAIN STREETS TO CERTAIN VEHICLES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council for the Borough of Edgewood as follows:

Section I: Amendments

- A. Amending §193-9 Prohibited Turns at Intersections as follows:
 - i. No Left Turn from Allenby Avenue onto South Braddock Avenue at any time.
- B. Amending §193-14 Stop Intersections as follows:
 - i. Placing a Stop Sign on Westmoreland Avenue at LaCrosse Street requiring southbound traffic to stop.
- C. Amending §193-16 Closing of Certain Streets to Certain Vehicles as follows:
 - i. Placing TWO R5-2 No Truck Signs at the intersections of McKay Street and Race Street and McKay Street and West Swissvale Avenue.
 - ii. Placing TWO R5-2-3 Except Local Delivery Signs at the intersections of McKay Street and Race Street and McKay Street and West Swissvale Avenue.

Section II: Severability

If any one or more of the provisions or terms of this Ordinance shall be held invalid for any reason whatsoever, then, such provision or terms shall be deemed severable from the remaining provisions or terms of this Ordinance to the maximum extent possible and shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other provisions hereof.

Section III: Repealer

Any ordinance, or any part of any ordinance, in conflict herewith is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section IV: Effective Date

The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon being recorded in the Borough Ordinance Book.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this the 20th day of February 2024.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-5 Dr. Blasiolo did the final reading of Ordinance 1084: Traffic Signage Amendment. Second by Ms. Patel.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

M-6 Mr. Love asked, "shall this Ordinance pass?"

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-7** Dr. Blasiolo moved to exonerate the Tax Collector and his deputy Jordan Tax Service for all current 2023 real estate tax collections totaling \$33,425.39 as reflected in the deputy's January 4, 2024 Open Accounts Report and to turn the accounts over for delinquent collection. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-8** Dr. Blasiolo moved to authorize execution of public works collective bargaining agreement for 2024-2029. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

- M-9** It was moved by Dr. Blasiolo and seconded by Ms. Yaney to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager