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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

Council Vice President Love called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Dan Mooney, Edgewood Foundation: Mr. Mooney provided an update on behalf of the Edgewood Foundation. He stated that Sleepover in the Park was a success, with 43 participants. The Newcomer's Reception happened on the 12th with 43 in attendance; 24 of them were new residents. Oktoberfest is coming up on the 28th and everyone is welcome to attend.

Ms. Patel arrived at 7:35pm.

Bob Azinger, 515 Edgewood Ave: Mr. Azinger addressed Council with concerns about traffic on Edgewood Ave. This follows a recent incident where his car was hit. He noted other such issues on the street.

Felix Cardella of TKA Architects and Dante Cellitti of Morris Knowles provided a presentation to Council on the land development project at Edgewood STEAM Academy.

Dr. Petrolla arrived at 7:45pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2024 Council meeting. 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-2 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2024 Council meeting. 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.**

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 \$138,255.38 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$225,846.28 for a total of \$364,101.66. Second by Ms. Patel.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love stated that the larger payments included ALCOSAN, LSSE, a payment for the new billing system and a donation to the library. It was noted that there was a discrepancy in the amount listed for the General Fund, with a correction to \$108,255.38, for a total of \$334,101.66.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. Love noted that there was a bill payment that needs to be updated.

POLICE: Chief Payne reported that the officer to whom an offer was recently approved will not be hired due to issues in the background check.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Ms. Yaney had nothing to report.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Mr. Sherman had nothing to report.

PENSION AND PERSONNEL: Dr. Blasiolo stated that Pension and Personnel did not meet.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Nothing was reported.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott had nothing to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that the advertisement for the trash bid went to the paper on Wednesday. Bids are expected on October 21, to hopefully award at the meeting. The Phase II consent order project bid package is out, due back October 3. No bids were received on the Brinton traffic island. We will call contractors to receive a price. There is a motion to accept an authorize an agreement with Dave Davis Communications to update the building camera system. The police have requested this upgrade to have better coverage of the office and police property.

Our walkthrough with Trans Associates took place on South Braddock Ave for the traffic signal upgrade. Funding is coming from a grant from PennDOT and is a joint project with Swissvale. That should be out to bid early next year.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT: Mr. Fuller provided an update from the water authority. He stated that the authority met and that Phase I of the lead line replacement is done. Phase II is a little over half done. The application for

Phase III funding has been submitted. New sump pumps are being installed at the pump station. They are moving forward with onsite chlorine generation. They need a waiver for a natural gas generator instead of diesel. Shut-offs have resumed, with about twenty happening per day. Water main breaks have been happening more than usual, possibly due to unusually dry conditions recently.

NEW BUSINESS –

Mr. Love inquired about the work on Pennwood Ave. Brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Sherman inquired about a reconstruction plan following an incident on Hutchinson and S Braddock. Mr. Zahorchak responded that he will follow up with our Code Inspector.

Mr. Zahorchak stated that Resolution 2024-18 listed on the Agenda is no longer needed.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Dr. Blasiolo moved to accept quotation #62792 from David Davis Communications for installation of a security camera system at the borough building at the COSTARS price of \$28,127.19. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak explained the pricing, noting that \$27,000 was budgeted for the facilities upkeep and an additional \$5,000 was added to cover the ESW desk.

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 Dr. Blasiolo moved to approve, with conditions, the July 2024 Edgewood Elementary STEAM Academy land development application subject to and contingent upon the conditions set forth in the accompanying decision document. 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 It was moved by Dr. Blasiolo and seconded by Mr. Sherman to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager