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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 21, 2024

Council President Petrolla called the meeting to order at 7:38pm.

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 Police Chief Payne, Mayor O'Donnell, Borough Manager Zahorchak, and Solicitor McDermott.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Stephanie Firtko, 449 Locust St: Ms. Firtko thanked Council for their service. She addressed Council concerning funding for the library.

Ashley Cadaret (plus Theo and Eleanor), 111 Ivy St: Ms. Cadaret (and kids) addressed Council concerning funding for the library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2024 Council meeting. Second by Ms. Yaney.

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 October 7, 2024 Council meeting. Second by Ms. Yaney.

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 \$277,765.18 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$13,767.46 for a total of \$291,532.64. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love stated that some notable items include \$33,000 to BIU for building inspection services, \$155,000 for the annual pension fund, \$18,000 for trees, and \$1,500 for ads in the Post Gazette.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. Love noted stated that items discussed included topics that will be discussed more in depth in other reports, such as bids, the police contract , etc. The upcoming budget was briefly discussed, ahead of the annual budget meeting.

POLICE: Chief Payne addressed Council. He stated that the Halloween parade will take place on Tuesday, October 29th. This is sponsored by Edgewood Police and the Edgewood Club. Approximately 100 kids are signed up to attend. Chief Payne added that the police will be patrolling on Halloween for Trick or Treat, and will be passing out candy.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Ms. Yaney stated the 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 Pension and Personnel did not meet.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Mayor O'Donnell stated that there is a COG meeting on Thursday.

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

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that bids were opened for the source flow reduction project, and the recommendation from our engineer is to award to the lowest bidder, which is Jet Jack. This project is happening with ARPA funding. The bid came in lower than expected, leaving additional money to spend before the deadline. This can be allocated towards other planned projects. Mr. Zahorchak stated that a walkthrough was done with our engineer on the Nine Mile Run culvert in consideration of wall repair and paving for next year. The solid waste bids have been received, and there is a motion to open those later in the meeting.

Mr. Zahorchak provided an update on the Race St sewer situation. A contractor explored excavating the test pit to access the line between the houses, which would cost \$42,000. In lieu of that high cost, the new proposal is to abandon that and reroute the storm sewer. There should be money in our sewer budget in 2025 to address this. Once that is done, we can address the sanitary sewer. We got the developer's agreements back from the school, concerning the Edgewood Primary work, and they are ready to proceed with the project. We are receiving quotes for the Maple/Brinton traffic island project. We should be going to bid in January on the traffic signal project on S Braddock Ave. Leaf collection starts Monday, weather permitting. The security camera upgrades for the building are underway, and hopefully will be wrapping up this week.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The motion to approve Resolution 2024-18 was tabled.

- M-4** Dr. Epitropoulos moved to authorize the borough manager and solicitor to open and tabulate the solid waste bid documents received on or before today's 1pm deadline. Second by Ms. Yaney.

There being no objection from Council, the Borough Manager proceeded to open and read aloud bids received from the following bidders: Big's Sanitation, Shank Waste, and County Hauling (Noble Environmental). Mr. Zahorchak noted that Council will not make a decision to make an award at this meeting in order to allow time to tabulate numbers and discuss bids. Hopefully this can be completed for the next meeting, taking place on November 4, to award, at that time to the lowest responsible bidder. Brief discussion followed.

- M-5** Ms. Yaney moved to award the Phase II ACO Flow Reduction Project to the low bidder Jet Jack Inc. in the amount of \$246,898.00 as recommended by the borough engineer. 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** Mr. Love moved to approve the 2024 MMO Deposit for the borough's pension fund in the amount of \$155,203.00 as determined by the borough's actuary. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love noted that this was one of the large payments included in the bill run. Mr. Zahorchak stated that this is what we need to pay to keep pensions solvent.

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-7** Ms. Patel moved to accept Ryan Fisher's letter of resignation dated October 4, 2024. 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.**

It was noted that the motion to award the solid waste contract was tabled.

An Executive Session was held from 8:34pm – 9:00pm.

- M-8** It was moved by Dr. Blasiolo and seconded by Mr. Sherman to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager