

**Borough of Edinboro  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Monday, March 8, 2021 the regularly scheduled meeting, held online via Zoom due to COVID-19, was called to order by Mayor Aaron Gast at 6:35 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**ROLL CALL:**

Council members present were Jim Kiley, Fred Langill, Alyssa Dobson, Pat Davis, Mark Eisert, Aaron Gast, and Mary Ann Horne.

Other officials present were Solicitor Chris Sennett, Borough Manager Kevin Oppe, and Finance Director Jason Spangenberg. Citizens present were Curtis Hals, Pat Koloskee, and Sandy Rhodes.

**MINUTES:**

Mayor Gast moved to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Curtis Hals, Edinboro Market. Mr. Hals spoke about the Market's interest in holding a weekly Farmer's Market in the Mill Street parking lot for 14 weeks this summer. Council briefly discussed. Mr. Hals stated he would submit a proposal and the Event Permit application to the Borough office.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee:**

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve bills paid February 22 totaling \$46,928.33; and paid March 8 totaling \$92,133.03. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve payroll paid February 11 totaling \$78,783.85; and paid February 25 totaling \$77,752.89. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mary Ann Horne stated that the pension committee held their regular meeting on February 23 and the new investment manager did well in their presentation.

## MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Manager Opple presented his monthly report. Plans are moving forward for the 6N and Rt. 99 intersection improvement project this year. Manager Opple had a discussion with the owner of Dairy Supreme about his concerns and will be discussing some ideas with PennDOT that might improve the traffic flow in his property as well as fulfill the state highway requirements. It is anticipated that this project will be completed in time for Homecoming in October.

The university has applied to become an open vaccination site, but is waiting on word from the Erie County Health Department.

The ECED received the final presentation of recommendations from Atlas Community Services, the community development advisors engaged through a grant to the ECED. The plan can be found at <http://edinboroplacemaking.com/>

Seth Edmonds, a General McLane High School student has proposed to renovate the pavilion at Mike Onda Beach as his Eagle Scout project. He presented his ideas to Pat Davis and Manager Opple and is now working with Chris Motter to make a plan. He plans to clean up the pavilion, install new picnic tables, and potentially shorten the wall that faces the road.

The Borough formally took possession of the Emergency Management Command Vehicle from Erie County Emergency Management. We possess it on behalf of the West Erie County Emergency Management Agency. The primary purpose is to provide a command post in the event of an emergency, but it can also be used in large events like the Independence Day fireworks.

Butler County Community College held Ice Rescue training on Sunday on Edinboro Lake. The training was organized by Lake City Fire & Rescue who invited local agencies to attend as well.

The Town/Gown Committee met last week. One item of concern on the agenda was the suspension of in-person classes on campus due to a spike in students testing positive for COVID-19. This seems to be connected to parties of students and there is concern that these have been increasing lately. The university is devising a plan in preparation for St. Patrick's Day and will share with us as soon as they have it ready. We do provide EUP with the names of students attending disruptive parties when possible. The university has been taking disciplinary action on the students.

The Edinboro Triathlon has received PennDOT approval to hold the event, and they are already having many participants registering.

Pat Davis asked about funding for the Mike Onda pavilion Eagle Scout project. Manager Opple replied that fundraising is part of Eagle Scout project requirements.

**Recreation:**

Mayor Gast moved to approve the firework permit for the July 3 event on EU campus, waiving the permit fee and authorizing the use of Borough insurance for the event. Jim Kiley seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

**COMMUNITY LIAISONS:**

**EVFD:**

Mary Ann Horne stated that the new fire truck has been received and is very impressive, and that the Engine House has received additional COVID federal funding for paycheck protection.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Gast moved to approve Resolution 7-2021 amending the Rules for Public Participation:

***BOROUGH OF EDINBORO  
RESOLUTION NO. 7-2021***

*A RESOLUTION, of the Home Rule Borough of Edinboro, Erie County, Pennsylvania.*

*WHEREAS, Borough Council on July 11, 2016 adopted Rules for Public Participation, and*

*WHEREAS, Borough Council recognizes the need to amend these Rules to address meetings held via online videoconferencing, and*

*WHEREAS, civility and orderliness are essential components to an efficient and productive meeting.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Borough Council, that the attached Rules for Public Participation are approved as amended.*

*ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.*

He stated that the changes were to add language pertaining to online meetings. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote: Mark Eisert, yes; Alyssa Dobson, yes; Jim Kiley, yes; Mary Ann Horne, yes; Pat Davis, yes; Fred Langill, yes; and Aaron Gast, yes.

Mayor Gast moved to approve Resolution 8-2021 proclaiming National Library Week:

***BOROUGH OF EDINBORO  
RESOLUTION NO. 8-2021***

***National Library Week 2021  
Proclamation***

*A RESOLUTION, of the Home Rule Borough of Edinboro, Erie County, Pennsylvania.*

*WHEREAS, today's libraries are more about what they can do with and for their communities, and not just about what they have on the shelves;*

*WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted institutions, often the heart of their cities, towns, schools, and academic campuses;*

*WHEREAS, libraries serve people of all ages, interests and backgrounds providing the resources and space to engage in life-long learning;*

*WHEREAS, libraries offer equipment and professional staff support to utilize technology, programs and services; often free or with nominal charges to users;*

*WHEREAS, libraries are a resource for all - regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status;*

*WHEREAS, we recognize librarians as information professionals who provide expertise, services and guidance for patrons to access credible sources and material, making their own informed decisions about the world today;*

*WHEREAS, librarians thoughtfully develop collections and programs that are wide-ranging and explore the diversity of our changing society;*

*WHEREAS, the PA Forward™, Literacy is POWER, initiative highlights how libraries and staffs encourage literacy in Basic, Information, Civic & Social, Health, and Financial, which contributes to greater personal and community success;*

*WHEREAS, America is celebrating National Library Week including April 6 as National Library Workers' Day and the immeasurable contributions made by library workers; April 7 as National Bookmobile Day showing library services are not limited to their physical location; and April 8 as Take Action for Libraries Day encouraging community support for libraries;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Borough Council, that we proclaim National Library Week, April 4-10, 2021 in the Borough of Edinboro. During this week, we encourage all residents to visit our libraries, and explore all that they offer to help move PA Forward™!*

*ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.*

Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote: Mark Eisert, yes; Alyssa Dobson, yes; Jim Kiley, yes; Mary Ann Horne, yes; Pat Davis, yes; Fred Langill, yes; and Aaron Gast, yes.

Mayor Gast moved to approve Resolution 9-2021 approving applications for traffic signal approval:

**BOROUGH OF EDINBORO  
RESOLUTION NO. 9-2021**

*A RESOLUTION, of the Home Rule Borough of Edinboro, Erie County, Pennsylvania.*

*WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation intends to complete a major project in 2021 to improve the intersection of Route 6N and Route 99 as well as the intersection of Route 6N and Ontario Street; and*

*WHEREAS, a Resolution is required by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to approve the submittal of the Applications for Traffic Signal Approval.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Borough Council, that the Edinboro Borough Manager is authorized and directed to submit the attached Applications for Traffic Signal Approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and to sign these Applications on behalf of the Borough of Edinboro.*

*ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.*

Manager Opple explained that this is a required step in the process for the 6N/99 intersection project. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote: Mark Eisert, yes; Alyssa Dobson, yes; Jim Kiley, yes; Mary Ann Horne, yes; Pat Davis, yes; Fred Langill, yes; and Aaron Gast, yes.

Fred Langill stated that he has met with representatives from the university regarding their interest in increasing recruitment of veterans and families of veterans, and he discussed in detail.

Mark Eisert thanked Police Chief Donahue for his efforts to keep the community informed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Gast moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

ATTEST:

  
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Manager Kevin Opple

  
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Mayor Aaron Gast