

**Borough of Edinboro
Council Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Council members present were Aaron Gast, Mary Ann Horne, Kelly Gheres, George Gast, Mark Eisert, and Amanda Frantz-Mamani. Absent was Pat Davis. Junior Council Members Braydan Hartshorn and Cole Montanye were also present.

Other officials present were Solicitor Tim Wachter and Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg. Citizens present were Mary Ann Mook, Steve O'Neill, Curtis Hals, Ray Overholt, Amanda Lloyd, and Mary Ann Schenck.

MINUTES:

George Gast moved to approve the minutes of the February 10 regular meeting as presented. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Makalynn Allsopp, Edinboro Manor. Ms. Allsopp stated that the Manor is planning to hold a free community Easter egg hunt event in the evening on April 4, including a DJ and food truck. She stated she would speak to the police about assisting with traffic control.

Mary Ann Schenck, 116 Sunset Drive. Ms. Schenck thanked the Borough streets crew for their job well done plowing snow this winter.

Steve O'Neill, 124 Waterford Street. Mr. O'Neill thanked Manager Spangenberg for his assistance with the stray cat issue brought up at last month's meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve bills paid February 24 totaling \$117,617.29; and March 10 totaling \$151,182.56. Mark Eisert seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve payroll paid February 20 totaling \$86,650.16; and March 6 totaling \$91,213.93. Kelly Gheres seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Public Safety Committee:

George Gast stated that the Borough Police Department’s application window yielded 4 applicants who will be moving forward in the testing process for the position of full-time patrol officer.

Personnel Committee:

Amanda Frantz-Mamani noted that the committee held its regular meeting with the Junior Council members last week, and discussed real-world issues.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Manager Spangenberg presented his report.

ECGRA 2023 Community Center Grant: Work on the Borough building’s lower level is well underway. We expect this work to be completed in a few weeks.

Joint Parks Plan: The committee met on February 27 and reviewed goals for major projects to be included in the plan. We will look to plan a public meeting in the coming weeks to present the final plan to the community. As part of the next phase of the Parks Plan, we have applied for a DCNR Peer-to-Peer grant on the joint behalf of the Borough and Township. This grant will cover 90% of the cost of a consultant to review the needs of our area as it relates to the potential for the establishment of a Joint Parks & Rec Commission or similar entity.

Sidewalk to Post Office: The contractor expects to begin work on April 1 for this project, with the goal of completing the sidewalk and pedestrian bridge by the end of 2025.

Third-Party BCO: BIU has provided a draft revised contract for our consideration. This revision would allow us to enter into an agreement with other inspection companies if desired.

Sewer:

Mark Eisert moved to approve a Declaration of Restrictions and Covenants for the wastewater plant property at 301 Water Street Extension. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNITY LIAISONS:

Boroughs Association:

Mayor Gast moved to approve George Gast’s attendance at the PSAB conference in June. Mark Eisert seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Washington Township:

George Gast stated that Township Council at their recent meeting discussed the need to form a working group with Borough Council as it relates to the Fire Department finances, and they also discussed the Cherry Street project which should be completed this summer.

EVFD:

Mary Ann Horne stated that the EVFD continues to struggle to find enough funding to cover the growing need for paid EMS staff, and they are looking to schedule a meeting for public discussion. She suggested that Council await the conclusion of this planned EVFD meeting before meeting with Township Council separately to discuss.

Edinboro Area Historical Society:

Amanda Frantz-Mamani stated that she attended the recent EAHS board meeting, where ideas for exhibits and activities at the Doucette House this summer were discussed. She noted that membership is in decline, which is a concern.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve a \$1,000 donation to the Boro With The Works July 3 event and to again allow the use of the Borough's insurance for the event. Kelly Gheres seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

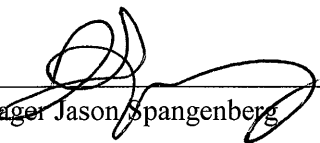
Manager Spangenberg discussed concerns that have been expressed by residents regarding stray cats causing problems on their properties. He stated that he would support Council creating a policy to allow residents to capture and spay/neuter stray cats and receive cost reimbursement from the Borough, to help alleviate the problem. He has researched potential solutions and this seems to be the best alternative. Council generally supported the idea of a policy being drafted for consideration at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mark Eisert moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Council then entered Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter. Executive Session ended at 7:25 PM.

ATTEST:



Manager Jason Spangenberg



Mayor Aaron Gast