

**Borough of Edinboro
Council Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Aaron Gast at 6:31 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Council members present were Aaron Gast, Pat Davis, Kelly Gheres, and Amanda Frantz-Mamani. Absent were George Gast, Mark Eisert, and Mary Ann Horne.

Other officials present were Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg and Solicitor Tim Wachter. Citizens present were Mary Ann Mook, Amy Adamski, Nancy Crawford, Pat Koloskee, John Stachowiak, Terrie Swanson, Ray Overholt, and Mary Hargenrater.

MINUTES:

Pat Davis moved to approve the minutes of the April 9 regular meeting as presented. Amanda Frantz-Mamani seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Pat Koloskee, 204 Hickory Street. Ms. Koloskee thanked Council for their service. She stated that short-term rentals can be a good thing for the community but can negatively impact the community by displacing full-time residents, adding that full-time residents spend money in town every day rather than seasonally, and they support the community by volunteering. She requested that Council consider limitations to short-term rentals including limiting the number of them per block, per street, per neighborhood, and restricting the number of parking spaces and number of tenants.

Mary Hargenrater, 207 Pine Street. Ms. Hargenrater agreed with Ms. Koloskee's comments and noted that there are 10 short-term rentals on Pine Street alone. She requested that short-term rentals be licensed separately from long-term rentals, so the Borough would know how many there are in town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Amanda Frantz-Mamani moved to approve bills paid April 22 totaling \$81,085.04; and May 13 totaling \$91,913.08. Kelly Gheres seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Amanda Frantz-Mamani moved to approve payroll paid April 18 totaling \$82,648.28; and May 2 totaling \$81,748.14. Kelly Gheres seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Personnel Committee:

Mayor Gast noted that there is an opening for a citizen to serve on the Water & Municipal Authority Board.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Solicitor Wachter stated that he sent a new draft version of ordinance 627 regarding short-term rental rules & regulations to the Manager last week, which would combine short-term rentals with our existing regulations regarding rentals. He also stated that he is looking into the creation of a noise ordinance for the Borough, but cautioned that they can be difficult to enforce.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg presented his report.

PennDOT US-6N/PA-99 Intersection: This project is now complete, with the installation of stamped concrete crosswalks and line painting executed last month.

Kayak Rental Racks: As previously announced, we have entered into an agreement with Rent.fun to offer a kayak rental service at our lake. The kayak “locker” has been installed at the south boat launch near the beginning of Lakeside Drive and is now in operation.

Sidewalk to Post Office: Our right-of-way acquisition consultant was in town last week to meet with impacted property owners. We anticipate completing this part of the process in the next 2-3 months, in preparation for 2025 construction.

Joint Parks Plan: The second meeting with the consultant leading the planning process was held on May 7. Public input will be sought in various methods over the coming months, including a survey that will soon be released.

Edinboro Art & Music Festival: This annual event is scheduled for May 17-19, primarily taking place at Goodell Gardens.

Multimodal Transportation Grant: As previously announced, we have been awarded a \$70,000 grant to fund sidewalk improvements. This project will repair sidewalk sections throughout town that are in poor shape. We hope to go out to bid soon and complete this project this summer.

EACOG 30th Anniversary Reception: On April 24 he attended the EACOG’s 30th anniversary reception at the Watson-Curtze Mansion in Erie. This was a great evening with fellow municipal officials to celebrate the success of the COG and continued municipal collaboration.

PMAA Management Workshop: On April 25 he attended a management workshop for the PA Municipal Authorities Association in Seven Springs, where important water and sewer topics were discussed.

Knox Law Symposium: On April 30 he attended the annual Knox Law Municipal Symposium at the Ambassador. This event always provides useful legal updates for the municipal world.

Erie Ambassadors: On May 1 we welcomed members of the Erie Ambassadors group to Edinboro to learn more about positive things that are happening in town.

Washington Township Check Presentation: On May 3 he attended a press conference with the County Executive, presenting a \$250,000 check to Washington Township for our wastewater building project.

Public Works:

Amanda Frantz-Mamani moved to award the 2024 paving bid to Lindy Paving as low bidder:

Lindy Paving	1807 Shenango Rd, New Galilee, PA 16141	\$154,222.50
Protech Asphalt	1210 Countyline Rd, New Castle, PA 16107	\$160,376.50
Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.	106 Hawbaker Industrial Blvd, Grove City, PA 16127	\$172,375.00
Cross Paving	8955 Wattsburg Rd, Erie, PA 16509	\$165,007.05

Kelly Gheres seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Manager Spangenberg stated that Borough Council has received a letter from the Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department requesting that Council consider enacting a 1.5 mill property tax for fire and EMS services, to help fund the need for more paid staffing. He said that this topic will be discussed at length over the summer in advance of the 2025 budget approval this fall.

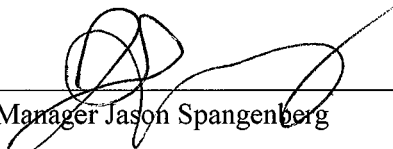
NEW BUSINESS:

Amanda Frantz-Mamani moved to approve the following items: July 3 firework permit, waiving fee; University soccer tournament road closing June 14-16 and 21-23; and July 4 Lakeside Association event and road closing permit, waiving fee. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Gast moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.

ATTEST:



Manager Jason Spangenberg



Mayor Aaron Gast