

**Borough of Edinboro  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Other officials present were Solicitor Tim Wachter and Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg. Citizens present were Kathy Sibbald, Bill Sibbald, Marti Martz, Curtis Hals, Mary Ann Mook, Ray Overholt, Jane Crawford, Nancy Crawford, MJ Campbell, Mary Ann Schenck, Peter Sherwin, and Rick Larimer.

**MINUTES:**

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve the minutes of the September 9 CDBG hearing and regular meeting as presented. Mark Eisert seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mary Ann Schenck, 116 Sunset Drive. Ms. Schenck thanked Manager Spangenberg for having “compact car only” signs installed in three parking spaces on Erie Street behind the Hotel Bar.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee:**

Pat Davis moved to approve bills paid August 26 totaling \$52,153.13; and September 9 totaling \$96,513.64. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Pat Davis moved to approve payroll paid August 22 totaling \$85,112.23; and September 5 totaling \$83,575.32. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:**

Solicitor Wachter stated that his firm is ready to provide assistance regulating gambling in the form of skill games or redemption games, as is becoming a concern in many communities in PA.

**MANAGEMENT REPORTS:**

Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg presented his report.

Joint Parks Plan: The committee met on August 13. There will be a booth at the Goodell Gardens Harvest Festival on September 15 to solicit additional public input.

Movies Under the Stars: The annual free outdoor movie series concluded last month with all six movies being held without weather cancellation, the first time this has happened!

Sidewalk to Post Office: We have reached the end of the right-of-way acquisition process. All easements have been acquired. The project is set to go out for bids this fall, beginning construction next spring.

Nature's Outlet Improvements: Phase 2 will go out for bid this fall, likely not reaching construction until the spring. This phase will include installing more sidewalk and a gazebo.

Sewer Plant Building Project: Plans are still in motion for a new building to be constructed at the sewer plant to replace the outdated garage and operations buildings. We should have this project out to bid this fall. As previously announced, we have been awarded \$500,000 for this project from Erie County's Municipal Infrastructure ARPA funding (\$250,000 through Washington Township) and \$437,182 from the PA Gaming Revenue Local Share program as well.

EV Charging Station Grant: PennDOT has submitted a grant application for EV charging infrastructure along Rt. 6N, with Edinboro being high on the priority list.

Liquid Fuels Audit: The auditor for the Liquid Fuels State Aid was here on September 3. He reviewed the 2023 records and found no issues.

Joint Comprehensive Plan: he met on August 12 with officials from Washington Township, Franklin Township, and PA DCED to discuss grant opportunities to fund an update to the Joint Comprehensive Plan for our three municipalities, last updated in 2005.

Fall Events: Community events over the next month include the Goodell Gardens Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 15 and Edinboro Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 12.

**Finance:**

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve the 2025 pension plan Minimum Municipal Obligations. Amanda Frantz-Mamani seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**COMMUNITY LIAISONS:**

**EVFD:**

Mary Ann Horne stated that the Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department is working with a professional consultant who is creating a plan for how the EVFD can collaborate with the other EMS service providers in our school district to work toward a sustainable future. Manager Spangenberg said that he attended a recent meeting regarding this process, and he believes the EVFD will not yet be ready to fully present their request for tax funding in time for the November Council vote on the 2025 tax rate, but this discussion will likely be ready for consideration for the 2026 budget. He added that the discussion at this recent meeting was very positive and all entities in attendance were committed.

**Erie Area Council of Governments:**

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve Resolution 13-2024:

**BOROUGH OF EDINBORO  
RESOLUTION NO. 13-2024**

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

*WHEREAS, the Borough of Edinboro is a member of the Erie Area Council of Governments (EACOG); and*

*WHEREAS, the EACOG has obtained the Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report of its financial activities during the 2023 calendar year which was reviewed and accepted by the delegates at the General Assembly meeting on August 21, 2024; and*

*WHEREAS, the Borough of Edinboro Council has reviewed the proposed Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report and finds it to be in good order.*

*IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Borough of Edinboro Council, Erie County, Pennsylvania that the Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for the calendar year ending December 31, 2023 are approved.*

*ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.*

Amanda Frantz-Mamani seconded, and the motion passed by 5-0 vote: Amanda Frantz-Mamani, yes; Mark Eisert, yes; Mary Ann Horne, yes; Pat Davis, yes; and Aaron Gast, yes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mark Eisert moved to approve the event permit for the Lakeside Association farmers market on October 5. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

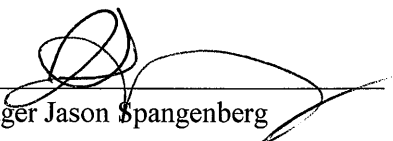
Pat Davis moved to approve budget workshop dates at 4 PM on October 16, 23, and 30; and approve trick-or-treat for 6-8 PM on October 31. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Borough Council discussed the possibility of allowing Borough zoning customers to choose from two companies for inspection and plan review services, rather than only the one that we have had in place since 2018. Council members stated their consent for Manager Spangenberg to reach out to BIU to discuss the possibility of amending their contract to no longer be the sole provider.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mary Ann Horne moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

ATTEST:

  
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Manager Jason Spangenberg

  
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Mayor Aaron Gast