

**Borough of Edinboro  
Council Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Monday, July 12, 2021 the regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Mayor Aaron Gast at 6:32 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Other officials present were Solicitor Tim Wachter, Borough Manager Kevin Oppe, and Finance Director Jason Spangenberg. Citizens present were Curtis Hals, MJ Campbell, Jim Butts, Mary Schenck, Kathy Belosh, and Paul Belosh.

**MINUTES:**

Mayor Gast moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Fred Langill discussed a concern regarding speeding on Sunset Drive and in the surrounding neighborhood. He suggested that the speed limits be reduced to 15 miles per hour, additional speed limit signs be placed around the neighborhood, and speed humps should be considered for Sunset Drive. He also mentioned the need for a stop sign where South and North Skytop intersect. Mayor Gast noted that the Lakeside Association paid for one of the speed humps placed on Lakeside Drive. Mr. Langill said that he planned to make a motion later in the meeting regarding these topics.

Mary Schenck, 116 Sunset Drive. Ms. Schenck thanked Council for completing the handicap curb ramp project around town. She also expressed concerns about speeding on Sunset Drive.

Paul Belosh, 108 Sunset Drive. Mr. Belosh agreed with the concerns expressed about speeding on Sunset Drive. Manager Oppe discussed the costs associated with speed humps and their annual installation/removal.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Finance Committee:**

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve bills paid June 28 totaling \$76,645.64; and paid July 12 totaling \$49,417.45. Jim Kiley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve payroll paid June 17 totaling \$86,362.55; and paid July 1 totaling \$80,274.21. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

### **Ordinance Review Committee:**

Ordinance 622 was up for discussion. Jason Spangenberg read aloud the ordinance, which would add stop signs at the following locations: Hillcrest at Shelhamer, Jefferson at Willow, Monroe at Cherry, and Washington at Elm. Mr. Spangenberg suggested adding South Skytop at North Skytop to the ordinance, as mentioned by Mr. Langill earlier in the meeting. Mayor Gast moved to add the Skytop intersection to the ordinance and table the ordinance approval vote until the next meeting. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Wachter discussed recent changes to the Sunshine Law as approved in Act 65 of 2021. The new rules require meeting agendas to be posted online in advance of the meetings. They also require Council to vote to approve any changes to the agenda during a meeting if Council wishes to vote on something not already on the agenda, unless the item is de minimis in nature.

## **MANAGEMENT REPORTS:**

Manager Oppe presented his monthly report. Work continues on the Onda Beach pavilion Eagle Scout project. The wall has been reduced in height and follows the landscape, making it brighter inside and easier to see in. Painting of the walls and ceiling are in progress and then the picnic tables will be renovated.

The vote on the parks grant was not taken by the ECGRA board at the June meeting, so it is expected to be voted on soon at their July meeting.

Regarding the ECGRA Façade Grant, we have three projects from 2020 that were approved but delayed due to COVID. One of which is now complete (Bud's Barber). The committee voted to approve a grant for awnings for Game Over Tattoo. There are also proposals in process from Main Moon, Empty Keg, and several other businesses.

The July 3 community event and fireworks were exceptionally well-organized events. We had no big issues, and it seems like all attendees were happy.

Plans are moving forward for the PennDOT US-6N/PA-99 intersection improvement project this year, now tentatively set to begin in August. The detour for the intersection, Waterford St., was paved on Saturday. The rest of milling & paving in the Borough is also underway.

Plans are underway for the Homecoming parade. The only noticeable change from years past is that the Kilted Mile is set to start at Flip Café, go down to Darrow Rd, turn back and finish at Flip.

Since the large Arts & Music Festival had to be cancelled due to COVID, the organizers are hoping to have a small event on August 27 in the town center. There would be music from 6-9pm and include some vendors. This would include a closure of Short St. and possibly Erie St. to Chestnut.

We have begun discussions on the new non-uniform contract since the current contract ends in December. The first meeting went well, and the process should be completed soon.

Regarding the sidewalk to Giant Eagle, the environmental review is completed, but needs to be signed by the State, and then there will be progress on the project. The project is expected to be let by autumn, 2021, though it may move to early spring of 2022, with construction that summer/autumn of 2022.

Manager Opplé noted that he will be gone from mid-July to the beginning of August on vacation, and that Jason Spangenberg will be here in his stead.

**Recreation:**

Mayor Gast moved to approve the Edinboro University Homecoming parade event and road closing permit. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.


**NEW BUSINESS:**

Fred Langill said that he no longer wished to make a motion as originally stated during Public Participation.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Gast moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

ATTEST:

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Interim Manager ~~Kevin Opplé~~  
Jason Spangenberg

  
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Mayor Aaron Gast