

**Borough of Edinboro
Council Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

Monday, March 14, 2022 the regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Mayor Aaron Gast at 6:33 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Council members present were Aaron Gast, Pat Davis, Mark Eisert, Spencer Larson, and Mary Ann Horne. Absent were Jim Kiley and Robert Mulligan.

Other officials present were Solicitor Tim Wachter and Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg. Citizens present were Mary Ann Mook, Curtis Hals, Kathy Amidon, and Michael Amidon.

MINUTES:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve bills paid February 28 totaling \$65,833.42; and paid March 14 totaling \$82,174.41. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve payroll paid February 24 totaling \$75,910.76; and paid March 10 totaling \$86,127.86. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Personnel Committee:

Mark Eisert moved to declare the Council seat unable to be filled by Robert Mulligan as vacant. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg presented his report. We have received two applications already for façade improvements through our ECGRA-funded program, with multiple other businesses requesting information about the grants. We anticipate quite a few façade improvement projects this summer based on this early positive response.

The project let date for the sidewalk to Giant Eagle has been tentatively pushed back to September without our input or approval. We hope to be able to move the let date earlier in the year again, pending the timely completion of the property acquisition process this spring. Multiple settlements have already been completed, so we are hopeful to have this project completed by the end of the year.

We had been approved for a grant for 10 trees through the DCNR's Bare Root Tree Program, but we received notice this month that the trees will not be available to us this spring after all, due to staffing issues at the nursery that is providing the trees. There will be another grant round this fall, so we hope to receive those 10 trees and more in the fall.

Our new Summer Recreation Coordinator Emma Lovell-Nick is planning some new activities for this summer, with the first new event expected to be a color run. Other activities discussed include youth yoga, a volleyball program, and potentially a return of EU's youth triathlon.

The quarterly Town & Gown meeting was held on Friday. There were no major updates, as the integration process continues to move forward.

On February 24, Norm from Washington Township and Manager Spangenberg presented to three classes at GMHS about local government. We hope to be able to do this each semester moving forward to help cultivate increased interest in supporting the community and knowledge about what we do.

Also on February 24, Manager Spangenberg attended a presentation in Erie about the strategic plan for the Erie County Community College. He stated his belief that the ECCC will be able to provide solid benefits for the region's workforce.

He attended the first EU Homecoming Committee meeting of the year on March 7. Plans are underway to hold the traditional events on October 7 and 8 this year.

Recreation:

Mayor Gast moved to approve the firework permit for July 3, waiving the permit fee and authorizing the use of Borough insurance for the event, and also to donate \$1,000 to the firework event. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Gast moved to approve the event permit and road closing for Boro Fest on April 29. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Gast moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

ATTEST:



Manager Jason Spangenberg



Mayor Aaron Gast