Borough of Edinboro Council Meeting Minutes May 10, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

Monday, May 10, 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 Pat Davis, Mark Eisert, Aaron Gast, and Mary Ann Horne. Absent were Jim Kiley, Fred Langill, and Alyssa Dobson.

Other officials present were Solicitor Chris McClure (via phone), Borough Manager Kevin Opple, and Finance Director Jason Spangenberg. Citizens present were Curtis Hals and Janet Stachowiak.

MINUTES:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Janet Stachowiak, 124 Maple Drive. Ms. Stachowiak discussed concerns regarding damage being caused to Nature's Outlet park. She said it is a beautiful park, but over time people have caused damage to the trees and undergrowth along the water, which has led to the erosion of the bank and the death of some of the trees. She said that it is great to see the park being used, but she is concerned about the damage becoming too much to repair. Ms. Stachowiak suggested that the Borough consider installing a dock along the water to provide a more stable means of entry into the water, and she welcomed Council to view the area from her backyard across the water.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve bills paid April 26 totaling \$74,076.47; and paid May 10 totaling \$74,636.09. Mayor Gast seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve payroll paid April 22 totaling \$74,429.81; and paid May 6 totaling \$79,377.49. Mayor Gast seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Manager Opple presented his monthly report. The ECED is hosting a Community Meeting, titled Envision Edinboro to present the revitalization plan created with Atlas. The event will begin at 7pm on Wednesday June 9 at Goodell Gardens. Goodell will kick off the evening by unveiling the results of their strategic visioning process and then ECED will present what have been their biggest efforts over the year and what the focus is for the future.

The Community Clean-up Day on Saturday was very successful. Well over 150 community members showed up as well as over 200 EUP athletes to clean trash from the town. Our Accounts Payable Clerk, Sarah Schoolcraft, volunteered as an organizer for the event and there was participation by Borough employees as well as council members. Alyssa Dobson and Lydia Laythe led the planning and organizing for the borough and township respectively. Pat Hargest offered a free hot dog lunch to all who volunteered which was a very kind gesture. Organizers hope to make this an annual event.

The new drinking fountain was installed in Thompson Park by the Water Department. We may install more around town if this one is well received.

Planning for the Triathlon is still continuing. The date is 5 June and the organizers have been diligent in incorporating public health recommendations into the race.

Fundraising is going well for the fireworks. It does look like the event is on track to be held on the EUP campus.

Jeff Baer celebrated his 25th work anniversary on April 29th.

Manager Opple asked that once the rest of the normal business is completed that Council adjourn for a brief Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter.

Public Works:

The following bids were received for paving:

Name	Address	Bid Amount
McCormick Construction	3340 Pearl Avenue, Erie, 16512	\$384,711.35
Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.	1952 Waddle Road, State College, 16803	\$325,677.70
Lindy Paving	1807 Shenango Road, New Galilee, 16141	\$301,393.50
Cross Paving	8955 Wattsburg Road, Erie, 16509	\$325,722.93

Mayor Gast moved to award the paving contract to Lindy Paving as low bidder, including the optional bid with additional cost of \$119,634.00. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Gast moved to approve Resolution 10-2021:

BOROUGH OF EDINBORO RESOLUTION NO. 10-2021

A RESOLUTION, of the Home Rule Borough of Edinboro, Erie County, Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, Erie County receives an annual Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to be disbursed to the County's municipalities as County Aid from Liquid Fuels Tax income; and

WHEREAS, Erie County must distribute their allocated budget based on the formula approved by the Liquid Fuels Formula Committee, and the formula is recalculated annually using current mileage, population, and millage rates; and

WHEREAS, based on the aforementioned formula, Erie County has budgeted the amount of \$17,033 to be distributed to the Borough of Edinboro for 2021 Liquid Fuels County Aid; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are obligated to approve the use of the County Aid distribution by annual Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Borough Council, that the Borough of Edinboro approves the 2021 Liquid Fuels County Aid, in the amount of \$17,033, to be used for road maintenance.

ADOPTED this 10th day of May, 2021.

Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 4-0 by roll call vote: Mark Eisert, yes; Mary Ann Horne, yes; Pat Davis, yes; and Aaron Gast, yes.

Recreation:

Mayor Gast moved to approve the July 4 Lakeside Association event and road closing permit, waiving the permit fee. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Gast moved to approve the 3 on 3 basketball tournament from June 14-25. Mark Eisert seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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Manager Opple discussed the recent letter from a citizen requesting that a left turn sign be put in place westbound on 6N at Maple Drive. He stated that the Police Chief has discussed this concern with the citizen, and the Chief does not recommend placing such a sign.

Mayor Gast moved to enter Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter at 6:49 PM. Council returned from Executive Session at 7:03 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Gast moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

ATTEST:

Manager Kevin Opple

Mayor Aaron Gast