

**Borough of Edinboro
Council Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

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

Other officials present were Solicitor Tim Wachter and Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg. Citizens present were Mike Zahorchak, Maureen Martin, Quinn Zahorchak, James Watson, Greg Moran, Rosanne Joseph, Mike Joseph, Bob Capone, Louis Bon, Kathy Sibbald, Bill Sibbald, Peter Sherwin, Suzanne Sherwin, Marti Martz, Curtis Hals, Mary Ann Mook, Ray Overholt, D. Knoebel, Joe DiNicola, Mike Hannan, Todd Jay, Judy Davenport, Jane Crawford, Nancy Crawford, Linda Terrell, Mark Terrell, Bob Santos, Mary Murray, Laurie McKernan, Tim McKernan, Frank Denk, Darlene Denk, MJ Campbell, Dennis Porto, David Mussett, Gina Mussett, Paul Belosh, Katie Spangenberg, and John Feighner.

Before the meeting got underway, Manager Spangenberg introduced the newly appointed Police Corporal, Braden DeFranco.

MINUTES:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve the minutes of the August 12 CDBG hearing and regular meeting as presented. Mark Eisert seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Michael Hannan, 217 Shelhamer Circle. Mr. Hannan discussed a survey that he had performed within his neighborhood regarding the topic of paving Aspen Way to connect the Shelhamer and Scots Glen neighborhoods. There is a concern about having only one way into each of the neighborhoods currently, which would be remedied by connecting the two sides. Neighbors were presented four options: paving Aspen Way, paving but adding speed bumps, paving but adding a locked gate to only be opened in emergencies, and not paving. All options were chosen to an extent, with the last two options being the most popular. His detailed report had been provided to Council, and he asked to remain informed, should future discussion take place.

Judy Davenport, 1011 Lakeside Drive. Ms. Davenport noted that at the previous meeting, Council had moved discussion of the boat dock policy to the Recreation Committee, and she asked if this meeting had yet been held. Manager Spangenberg stated that it had not, due to one of the committee members being out of town, but it would soon be scheduled with notice posted. Ms. Davenport distributed to Council copies of a petition to amend the dock policy to allow passage of dock spaces to any family member.

Mike Joseph, 1007 Lakeside Drive. Mr. Joseph thanked Council for the opportunity to speak. He requested that dock spaces be permitted to pass to family members, and that the Borough add more docks to the lake to increase the number of available spaces. He suggested that docks be placed near Mike Onda Beach and that dock spaces that are left unoccupied for long periods of time be rented out for short-term use.

Jim Watson, 207 Willow Street. Mr. Watson requested information about traffic counters that had been placed on Willow Street earlier in the summer. Manager Spangenberg stated that the Borough did not place these and he was not aware of their purpose, but he would check with PennDOT.

Louis Bon, 209 Willow Street. Mr. Bon expressed a concern about dock space spacing and renters not parking correctly, due to the location of the cleats. He also requested that a stop sign be placed at Washington and Willow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve bills paid July 22 totaling \$141,634.47 and August 12 totaling \$513,338.69. Kelly Gheres seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve payroll paid July 11 totaling \$92,504.09; July 25 totaling \$81,830.14; and August 8 totaling \$82,384.16. Mark Eisert seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Public Safety Committee:

George Gast discussed the August 5 meeting with the committee and Police Chief. At this meeting the committee reviewed a letter received from the Federal Bureau of Prisons regarding the proposed creation of a halfway house facility within the Borough; the committee recommended that letters be drafted opposing the proposed location. The committee also discussed the increased call volume and crime complexity experienced by our police department in recent years. Mr. Gast requested that Council explore the hiring of an additional full-time officer to serve as a detective, to alleviate the strain on the patrolmen. Mary Ann Horne moved to authorize the Manager and Police Chief to draft letters opposing the proposed federal halfway house location. Amanda Frantz-Mamani seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg presented his report.

Joint Parks Plan: The parks plan survey ended with over 400 responses. The next committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. We anticipate additional means of public input as the project progresses.

Movies Under the Stars: The annual free outdoor movie series concludes this Thursday at Goodell Gardens with Grease at 8:45 PM.

Corporal Testing: On July 29 we administered oral examinations for the open Corporal position in our Police Department. Three of our current officers took the exam. The Civil Service Commission met on August 6, approving the scores and confirming the appointment of Braden DeFranco to the position.

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

Third-Party BCO: On August 9 we met with Mike Grill from Construction Code Inspectors, located near Franklin, to discuss their services provided.

Finance:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve Resolution 12-2024:

**BOROUGH OF EDINBORO
RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-2024**

**RESOLUTION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL OF EDINBORO BOROUGH
APPROVING THE FY 2024 CDBG APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING ITS SUBMISSION TO
THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edinboro has been designated a CDBG "entitlement" municipality pursuant to the provisions of PA Legislative Act 179 of 1984; and

WHEREAS, such designation entitles the Borough to receive an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to undertake activities to address housing and community development needs as identified in the Three Year Plan and which will principally benefit low-to-moderate income persons, and

WHEREAS, the Borough has requested that the County of Erie, acting through the Erie County Department of Planning and Community Development, herein, referred to as County Planning, administer the Borough's CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, the PA DCED has informed the Borough that it is eligible to receive FY 2024 Community Development Block Grant monies in the amount of \$103,797; and

WHEREAS, the Borough, with the assistance of County Planning has conducted the requisite public hearings; completed the Three-Year Plan; and prepared the application for CDBG funding assistance in accordance with program requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Edinboro Council that:

- *The application for FY 2024 CDBG funding assistance is hereby in all respects approved.*
- *The Borough agrees to comply with all program requirements, federal statutes and regulations applicable to the State CDBG program.*
- *The Department of Planning, on behalf of Edinboro Borough, is hereby authorized to file the application for financial assistance with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development.*

THEREFORE, the undersigned, Aaron L. Gast, Mayor of the Borough of Edinboro, does hereby certify that the resolution was adopted at a duly noticed regular meeting of the Borough of Edinboro Council on the 12th day of August, 2024.

Mark Eisert seconded, and the motion passed by 6-0 vote: George Gast, yes; Amanda Frantz-Mamani, yes; Mark Eisert, yes; Mary Ann Horne, yes; Kelly Gheres, yes; and Aaron Gast, yes.

COMMUNITY LIAISONS:

Erie Area Council of Governments:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve Resolution 11-2024:

**BOROUGH OF EDINBORO
RESOLUTION NO. 11-2024**

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edinboro seeks to obtain designation from the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA) as a Broadband Ready Community; and

WHEREAS, the Broadband Ready Community designation allows for increased opportunities for broadband infrastructure investment through the reduction of procedural, policy, and permitting barriers to broadband deployment at the municipal level; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edinboro will be promoted by the PBDA to internet service providers and broadband implementation firms for obtaining Broadband Ready Community designation; and

WHEREAS, the Erie Area Council of Governments is administering this process on behalf of its member municipalities, which includes the Borough of Edinboro.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Borough Council, that the Home Rule Borough of Edinboro authorizes an application to the PBDA for a Broadband Ready Community designation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough of Edinboro, authorizes Erie Area Council of Governments to serve as its Municipal Broadband Champion.

ADOPTED this 12th day of August, 2024.

Kelly Gheres seconded, and the motion passed by 6-0 vote: George Gast, yes; Amanda Frantz-Mamani, yes; Mark Eisert, yes; Mary Ann Horne, yes; Kelly Gheres, yes; and Aaron Gast, yes.

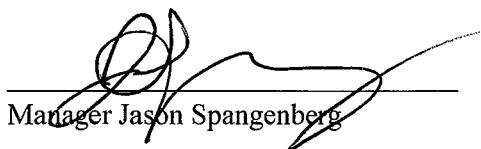
NEW BUSINESS:

Mark Eisert moved to approve the firework permit for University move-in weekend on August 24. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

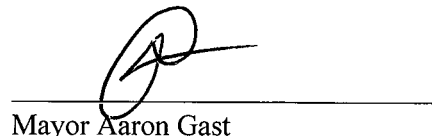
ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Gast moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

ATTEST:



Manager Jason Spangenberg



Mayor Aaron Gast