

**Borough of Edinboro
Council Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

Monday, April 11, 2022 the regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Mayor Aaron Gast at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

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

Other officials present were Solicitor Ashley Mulryan and Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg. Citizens present were Mary Ann Mook, Curtis Hals, Mary Schenck, MJ Campbell, Amanda Frantz-Mamani, and Mike Baker.

MINUTES:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Curtis Hals, 136 Maple Drive. Mr. Hals thanked Council for installing a permanent speed sign on Maple Drive.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve bills paid March 28 totaling \$69,775.64; and paid April 11 totaling \$84,569.15. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve payroll paid March 24 totaling \$78,267.30; and paid April 7 totaling \$81,587.62. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Horne mentioned the clean results of the 2021 financial audit and thanked Manager Spangenberg for his work.

Personnel Committee:

Pat Davis moved to appoint Amanda Frantz-Mamani to the vacant seat on Borough Council. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Pat Davis moved to appoint Kyle Shoulders to the Planning Commission and George Gast as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg presented his report. We have received three applications already for façade improvements through our ECGRA-funded program, with multiple other businesses requesting information about the grants. We anticipate more applications to come in soon as the Rt. 6 Alliance grant program’s application deadline approaches, and businesses applying for that grant will likely also apply for our grant.

We are still working toward a fall 2022 competition for the Giant Eagle sidewalk project. Most property settlements have been completed or are in process.

Boro Fest returns on Friday, April 29 from 3 to 9 PM. Planned by an Edinboro University event planning class led by Dr. Tim Thompson, this event will be a block party type event on Short Street and in Nature’s Outlet.

Hannah Lovell from Washington Township has submitted the DCNR grant application for a joint parks plan with Washington Township. We also plan to apply for an ECGRA Multi-Municipal Collaboration grant for this 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. Urban Engineers provided an initial estimate of \$1.6 million. This project is on hold pending the receipt of a grant from the PA Gaming Revenue Local Share program. We have been awarded \$250,000 for this project from Erie County’s Municipal Infrastructure ARPA funding program.

We are once again planning a litter clean-up day in collaboration with Edinboro University Athletics. Saturday, April 30 at 11 AM we will have multiple locations around the Borough for people to pick up supplies to join the EU athletes in cleaning up Edinboro. The Edinboro Hotel Bar has offered to provide a free hot dog lunch to any participants.

On April 6 he attended a reception for the awarding of ECGRA’s Special Events grants. The fireworks event has been awarded about \$1,300 in funding from ECGRA.

We are working to start a food composting program for residents in collaboration with Erie County and Conservation Compost.

Finance:

Mayor Gast moved to approve Resolution 13-2022:

***BOROUGH OF EDINBORO
RESOLUTION NO. 13-2022***

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edinboro has been awarded an allocation of \$577,250.70 in COVID-19 ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; and

WHEREAS, in January 2022 the United States Department of the Treasury issued their Final Rule detailing the rules and regulations for use of these funds, effective April 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Final Rule offers a standard allowance for revenue loss of up to \$10 million, not to exceed the total award amount, allowing recipients to select between a standard amount of revenue loss or complete a full revenue loss calculation; and

WHEREAS, recipients that select the standard allowance may use that amount for government services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Borough Council, that the Home Rule Borough of Edinboro selects the use of the standard allowance for revenue loss for the full allocation awarded and any interest accrued by the allocation, to be used to fund government services.

ADOPTED this 11th day of April, 2022.

Mary Ann Horne seconded the motion. Manager Spangenberg explained that this use for the ARPA funding is the recommended course of action by multiple organizations including the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs. The motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote: Mark Eisert, yes; Mary Ann Horne, yes; Pat Davis, yes; Spencer Larson, yes; and Aaron Gast, yes.

Emergency Management:

Mayor Gast moved to approve Resolution 12-2022:

**BOROUGH OF EDINBORO
RESOLUTION NO. 12-2022**

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

WHEREAS, Borough Council has appointed Andrew Pennock and the West Erie County Emergency Management Agency (WECEMA) as the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the WECEMA has composed an Emergency Operations Plan to cover all of its member municipalities, revised on March 22, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Borough Council, that the Home Rule Borough of Edinboro approves the attached revised Emergency Operations Plan.

ADOPTED this 11th day of April, 2022.

Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote: Mark Eisert, yes; Mary Ann Horne, yes; Pat Davis, yes; Spencer Larson, yes; and Aaron Gast, yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve Mayor Gast's attendance at the PSAB conference in May in Hershey. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Gast moved to approve Resolution 14-2022:

**BOROUGH OF EDINBORO
RESOLUTION NO. 14-2022**

***A Resolution to Approve an Application for the
Statewide Local Share Assessment Program***

Be it RESOLVED, that the Borough of Edinboro of Erie County, on behalf of local nonprofit Edinboro Community and Economic Development (ECED), hereby requests a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$99,993.87 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the ECED's "Creating a Beautiful Edinboro" Project.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Jason Spangenberg, Borough Manager/Secretary and Aaron Gast, Mayor as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Edinboro and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Jason Spangenberg, duly qualified Secretary of the Borough of Edinboro, Erie County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by majority vote of the Borough of Edinboro Council at a regular meeting held the 11th of April, 2022 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Borough of Edinboro and remains in effect as of this date.


IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Borough of Edinboro, this 11th day of April, 2022.

Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote: Mark Eisert, yes; Mary Ann Horne, yes; Pat Davis, yes; Spencer Larson, yes; and Aaron Gast, yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Gast moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

ATTEST:



Manager Jason Spangenberg



Mayor Aaron Gast