

**Borough of Edinboro
Council Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Aaron Gast at 6:31 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Council members present were Pat Davis, Amanda Frantz-Mamani (via phone), Jim Kiley, Aaron Gast, and Mary Ann Horne. Absent were Mark Eisert and Spencer Larson.

Other officials present were Solicitor Tim Wachter and Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg. Citizens present were Mary Ann Mook, Janet Stachowiak, John Stachowiak, Ray Overholt, MJ Campbell, Kyle Shoulders, and Curtis Hals.

MINUTES:

Jim Kiley moved to approve the minutes of the June 12 ordinance hearing and 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 June 26 totaling \$215,425.45; and July 10 totaling \$69,723.94. Jim Kiley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve payroll paid June 15 totaling \$84,117.40; and paid June 29 totaling \$81,232.02. Jim Kiley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance Review Committee:

Manager Spangenberg noted that Council's packet included a draft ordinance to create specific regulations for short-term rentals, in addition to the existing long-term rental rules. This ordinance is very similar to the one in place in Summit Township. Solicitor Wachter discussed the legal basis for creating this ordinance, and he stated that Council would also have to decide which zoning districts would permit short-term rentals. With no stated objections from Council, Mr. Spangenberg said his office would send the draft ordinance out to the landlord community for their awareness before any hearings are scheduled to formally discuss the ordinance.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg presented his report:

PennDOT US-6N/PA-99 Intersection: Construction is underway and is expected to last through the summer. No all-out intersection closures are anticipated.

Sidewalk along Rt. 99 north: This project is underway and is expected to last through the summer. Things are moving along well so far.

Nature’s Outlet Improvements: We have been awarded \$50,000 in funding from ECGRA to cover a portion of the Nature’s Outlet CDBG project. The County has opened bids for this project and will be awarding the contract soon. Work is expected to begin in the late summer or early fall.

Summer Events: The July 3 fireworks event was a great success. The Movies Under the Stars series kicks off this Thursday with Pocahontas at 9 PM behind the Pogue Student Center on campus.

Municipal Software: The process is well underway to convert our municipal software from Freedom Systems to BS&A. We anticipate we will have the new software up and running in time to mail the August water bills. The new system will have many modern features for our customers, including a new and improved online payment system.

COMMUNITY LIAISONS:

Pat Davis mentioned that the Watershed Association is working with the Borough and Township to administer weekly Edinboro Lake testing for Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs).

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Kiley moved to approve the event permit for the Oars on the Shore event and also approve the event and road closing permits for the University Homecoming parade. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ATTEST:



Manager Jason Spangenberg



Mayor Aaron Gast