

**Borough of Edinboro  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Monday, September 13, 2021 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 Fred Langill, Aaron Gast, Mary Ann Horne, and Mark Eisert. Absent were Pat Davis, Jim Kiley, and Alyssa Dobson.

Other officials present were Solicitor Tim Wachter and Interim Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg. Citizens present were Curtis Hals, Spencer Larson, Mary Schenck, Debbie McElroy, Stephanie Liciber, and Jim Butts.

**MINUTES:**

Mayor Gast moved to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021 regular meeting and ordinance hearing as presented. Mark Eisert seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Ron Sturga, 135 Sunset Drive. Mr. Sturga spoke about a concern he had previously expressed to Council about a traffic situation on 6N at the intersection with Maple Drive. He was requesting that the signage at the intersection be changed to better inform drivers of the ability to turn left onto Maple Drive from 6N. Interim Manager Spangenberg noted that Police Chief Al Donahue, earlier this year, stated that he did not feel such a change was necessary after reviewing the situation. Mr. Sturga again stated his concern and desire for the requested change. Mayor Gast stated that the situation would be reviewed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee:**

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve bills paid August 23 totaling \$102,752.84; and paid September 13 totaling \$137,866.61. Fred Langill seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve payroll paid August 12 totaling \$82,741.65; paid August 26 totaling \$101,133.34; and paid September 9 totaling \$76,662.03. Fred Langill seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

**MANAGEMENT REPORTS:**

Interim Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg presented his report. The free outdoor movie series concluded in August. The final movie, The Sandlot, drew the largest crowd since 2019. Thank you

to Edinboro University and Goodell Gardens for hosting and Millennium Sound for providing the audio equipment in August.

Regarding a potential Washington Township Water Agreement, Interim Manager Spangenberg met with Washington Township Manager Norm Willow on August 24 to discuss the water agreement, among other topics. The meeting was very positive. They met again on September 8 to continue discussions. We are nearing a resolution to this situation that could soon bring water to McLane Church.

Regarding the PennDOT US-6N/PA-99 Intersection, this project is currently on hold as a property owner is contesting the proposed property take that PennDOT needs to expand the intersection. Further utility work is also needed before construction can begin. The intersection construction will likely be delayed to next year.

The environmental review by PennDOT has continually delayed the sidewalk to Giant Eagle project. Interim Manager Spangenberg recently had two phone meetings with PennDOT and the engineer to discuss this project. Stantec, the third-party company that will be handling the easement acquisition process, will begin that process as soon as the environmental review is approved. The project let date has been pushed back to next spring, with work expected to be completed by the end of next summer, barring further delays.

Interim Manager Spangenberg has applied for a grant to fund a sidewalk on 6N to the Post Office and main entrance to EU campus. This is the same grant program that is funding the sidewalk to Giant Eagle.

Interim Manager Spangenberg intends to submit an application for an ECGRA Community Center matching grant to renovate the Borough building's lower level. This grant would provide up to \$15,000. He is working with the engineer to finalize the plans before submitting the grant application in October.

A meeting was held with Tom Davenport and Pat Davis on August 12 to discuss a number of Lakeside Association projects, including improving the appearance of the Borough's waste water lift station on Lakeside Drive. Superintendent Brian Osborn has had the tanks painted dark green, and we intend to plant shrubs along the road to improve the appearance.

On August 19 Interim Manager Spangenberg attended a lunch meeting in Union City with the Route 6 Alliance. Representatives from Albion, Union City, and Corry were also in attendance. The meeting was very productive, and we discussed ways that we can all work together to improve the Route 6 corridor.

The investment managers presented to our Pension Committee on August 19. The pension funds are performing very well as a result of last year's change to a new investment manager, Equitable Advisors out of Erie.

The quarterly meeting with Edinboro University was held on September 1. This meeting is important as we continue to work closely with EU. The next meeting will be in December.

Regarding the Basketball Court Lighting Project, work will hopefully begin this month and should be completed this fall, pending timely receipt of the required materials.

We have received a \$11,250 grant from ECGRA for parks improvements. All planned items have been ordered and will be installed next spring including trash receptacles for Lakeside and Thompson Park, a drinking fountain for Billings Park, and a new piece of playground equipment for Chestnut Park.

The façade grant committee will be meeting next week to review the status of open items. There may be additional funding still available, pending approval from ECGRA.

Washington Township Manager Norm Willow has expressed the Township's desire to work together for the creation of a leaf composting facility. Discussions will continue with Goodell Gardens about this idea, and funding opportunities will continue to be sought. The company Conservation Compost is interested in providing food composting services for Borough residents. We are in discussions with them about the cost for such a service.

#### **Finance/HR:**

Mayor Gast moved to approve the 2022-2025 Non-Uniformed employment agreement. Interim Manager Spangenberg stated that the agreement for Borough employees was mostly the same as the 2018-2021 agreement, with the most notable change the addition of Juneteenth and Good Friday as paid holidays. Mark Eisert seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve the 2022 pension Minimum Municipal Obligations. Interim Manager Spangenberg noted that these are the amounts that must be contributed to fund our pension plans, as calculated by our actuary. Mark Eisert seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Gast moved to approve Resolution 11-2021:

#### ***BOROUGH OF EDINBORO RESOLUTION NO. 11-2021***

*A RESOLUTION, of the Borough of Edinboro, Erie County, Pennsylvania.*

*WHEREAS, the Borough of Edinboro is a member of the Erie Area Council of Governments (EACOG); and*

*WHEREAS, the EACOG has obtained the Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report of its financial activities during the 2020 calendar year which was reviewed and accepted by the delegates at the General Assembly meeting on August 4, 2021; and*

*WHEREAS, the Borough of Edinboro Council has reviewed the proposed Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report and finds it to be in good order.*

*IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Borough of Edinboro Council, Erie County, Pennsylvania that the Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for the calendar year ending December 31, 2020 are approved.*

*ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.*

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

Mayor Gast moved to approve the budget workshop public meeting dates as October 13, 20, and 27 at 4 PM. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

**Police:**

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve the full-time retention of Police Officer Reinsel following the completion of his probationary period, as recommended by Chief Donahue. Mayor Gast seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Gast read aloud Resolution 12-2021:

**BOROUGH OF EDINBORO  
RESOLUTION NO. 12-2021**

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

*WHEREAS, the Edinboro community lost a dedicated community member, business owner, and friend in August with the passing of Clifford "Kip" Allen; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Allen faithfully and heartily served the Borough of Edinboro and the greater community for many years; and*

*WHEREAS, the Borough of Edinboro wishes to honor the memory of Mr. Allen by naming a section of Borough roadway as a memorial.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Borough Council, that the Borough of Edinboro hereby names the section of Erie Street from Rt. 99 (at the Hotel Bar) to Chestnut Street (after the bridge/dam) "Kip's Way" and will place a memorial street sign along this roadway.*

*ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.*

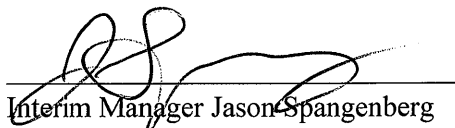
Mayor Gast moved to approve this resolution in honor of Kip Allen. Fred Langill seconded, and the motion passed 4-0 by roll call vote: Mark Eisert, yes; Mary Ann Horne, yes; Fred Langill, yes; and Aaron Gast, yes.

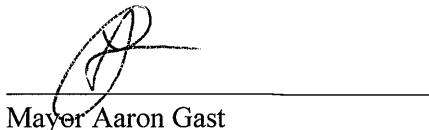
Mark Eisert moved to set trick or treat as October 31 from 6-8 PM. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Gast moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM. Council entered Executive Session at 7:04 PM to discuss a personnel matter. The session ended at 8:11 PM.

ATTEST:

  
Interim Manager Jason Spangenberg

  
Mayor Aaron Gast