

**Borough of Edinboro  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 14, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Aaron Gast at 6:30 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Other officials present were Solicitor Tim Wachter, Police Chief Landon Silva, and Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg. Citizens present were Mary Ann Mook, John Stachowiak, Kyle Shoulders, and Curtis Hals.

**MINUTES:**

Jim Kiley moved to approve the minutes of the July 10 regular meeting as presented. Mark Eisert seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

John Stachowiak, 124 Maple Drive. Mr. Stachowiak expressed concerns about erosion of the bank along Nature's Outlet. Manager Spangenberg stated that he and Public Works Superintendent Chris Motter are aware and keeping an eye on the situation.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee:**

Jim Kiley moved to approve bills paid July 24 totaling \$409,887.12; and August 14 totaling \$282,440.19. Mark Eisert seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Jim Kiley moved to approve payroll paid July 13 totaling \$90,212.18; paid July 27 totaling \$82,518.10; and paid August 10 totaling \$85,891.05. Amanda Frantz-Mamani seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Wachter stated that Police Chief Landon Silva had requested an ordinance be drafted to prohibit the use of Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEVs) on roadways within the Borough, due to a number of issues including their lack of safety features in the event of an accident. Solicitor Wachter discussed the laws relating to NEVs and confirmed that it is within the Borough's ability to pass such an ordinance. Mayor Gast asked if NEVs are required to have insurance and be inspected. Chief Silva stated that these are not required for NEVs, adding to his concern, and saying that NEVs are basically golf

carts with a seat belt and license plate. Solicitor Wachter said that he had drafted an ordinance and sent it to Manager Spangenberg for review before bringing to the Ordinance Review Committee.

**MANAGEMENT REPORTS:**

Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg presented his report:

PennDOT US-6N/PA-99 Intersection: Construction is progressing well. Remaining work to be completed includes milling and paving the area, installing new traffic and pedestrian signals, and installing stamped concrete crosswalks.

Sidewalk along Rt. 99 north: This project is substantially complete. We are very pleased with the results.

Nature’s Outlet Improvements: A preconstruction meeting was held July 28. Work will get underway soon and should be completed by the fall. Phase 2 will take place next year, installing more sidewalk and a gazebo.

Community Events: The Movies Under the Stars series concludes this Thursday with The Hunger Games at 8:45 PM at Goodell Gardens. The Highland Games & Scottish Festival is coming up on September 9.

Municipal Software: The process is well underway to convert our municipal software from Freedom Systems to BS&A. Today was the first day live on the new software. We will continue to see improvements for a few weeks, including a new online payment system.

RHMC Grant: We received a grant for \$9,000 from the Ronald McDonald House of Erie for new playground equipment at Chestnut Park, which was installed in July.

Cherry Street: Last year a section of land along Cherry Street collapsed into the below stream. While the land in question is located in Washington Township, we are working together as it impacts our roadway. Washington Township has requested that we pay for half of the cost of materials for the repairs, and that we execute an agreement for border roads such as this.

**COMMUNITY LIAISONS:**

Manager Spangenberg explained the Cherry Street situation in more detail. Washington Township estimates that the Borough’s share of the project supply costs would be roughly \$65,000. This does not include labor, which would be performed by Township and Borough employees. The Township has received a \$20,000 grant for this project from Erie County. The alternative to this project to repair the bank would be to close Cherry Street to through traffic permanently, which would have its own costs and challenges. Council discussed briefly. Jim Kiley moved to table the discussion until the next meeting, so Council members could visit the site and consider further. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion to table passed 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

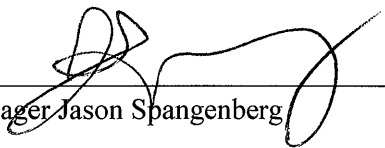
Mark Eisert moved to approve the event permit for the Edinboro Lakeside Association Witches Paddle event on October 14 and also approve the event and road closing permits for a block party on Maple Drive on August 19. Jim Kiley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

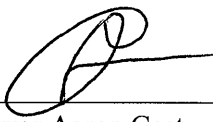
Pat Davis expressed thanks to Manager Spangenberg for his work on the July 3 fireworks event, thanks to the Borough overall for assisting with the Edinboro Triathlon, and thanks to Borough Public Works Superintendent Chris Motter for quickly replacing a defaced sign in town.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Gast moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.

ATTEST:

  
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Manager Jason Spangenberg

  
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Mayor Aaron Gast