

**Borough of Edinboro  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 24, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Monday, June 24, 2019 the regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Mayor Aaron Gast at 6:37 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**ROLL CALL:**

Council members present were Jim Kiley, Aaron Gast, Mary Ann Horne, Pat Davis, and Nathan Latimer. Absent were Alyssa Dobson and Fred Langill.

Other officials present were Solicitor Tim Wachter, Borough Manager Kevin Opple, and Finance Director Jason Spangenberg. Citizens present were Cal Robinson, Alex Topor, Sam Comfort, Curtis Hals, Debbie McElroy, and Mary Schenck.

**MINUTES:**

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve the May 13, 2019 regular meeting and ordinance hearing minutes as presented. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Sam Comfort, Edinboro University. Mr. Comfort said that the University is very happy and excited to be working with the community on the fireworks event. He noted that the University donated \$500 to the fireworks, and the new EU President Huang will be at the event. Dr. Huang looks forward to attending Council meetings and working closely with the local government and community.

Debbie McElroy, 113 Maple Drive. Ms. McElroy stated her appreciation that the speed sign is regularly being moved around town this year to enforce speeds at multiple locations, but added that speeding is still a major issue on Maple Drive. She mentioned another concern regarding dogs being upset by fireworks. She asked what can be done to prevent people from buying fireworks and shooting them off at any time. Solicitor Wachter replied that there is nothing that can be done now that the state has legalized large fireworks for anyone to use. Manager Opple noted that the best option to reduce speeding is to convince our state representative and senator to vote to allow local police forces to use RADAR.

With no further speakers, Mayor Gast closed public participation.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Finance Committee:**

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve bills paid May 29, 2019 totaling \$146,307.76; bills paid June 10, 2019 totaling \$82,551.82; and bills paid June 24, 2019 totaling \$118,548.87. Jim Kiley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve payroll paid May 24, 2019 totaling \$74,747.29; payroll paid June 7, 2019 totaling \$80,241.08; and payroll paid June 21, 2019 totaling \$77,927.46. Jim Kiley seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Wachter stated that his firm performed a review of the Borough's compliance with Section 218 Social Security Agreements from the 1960's, and the Borough is in compliance. He mentioned that the federal government is looking to get grant applications from NWPA, so the Borough should look into applying.

### **MANAGEMENT REPORTS:**

Manager Opple presented his report. The ECGRA Façade Committee has approved three grants and is considering one other. The company that responded has given a solid proposal for a social media seminar for businesses. It is under budget and he will discuss with the business committee of the ECED to ensure we cover all the bases and to come up with a date.

The Sergeant promotion exam was on 29 May and the Corporal exam on 5 June. Two officers had passing scores on the Sergeant exam. Oral exams were scheduled for 13 June. The Civil Service Commission is scheduled to meet 3 July to validate the lists for both Sergeant and Corporal. Physical and written testing will occur at the Consortium in August to fill the gapped position. Manager Opple stated that Council members would need to be appointed to serve on the oral examination board for the new hire process. Mayor Gast then appointed Pat Davis and Mary Ann Horne.

The fireworks committee has done a great job of raising money so far. The plans are all still on track for July 3 and the university has been very helpful. The rain date is July 6.

The old water tower on Dundon is demolished and, aside from small landscaping and other projects, the PENNVEST project is now complete.

The Triathlon went off without any major hitches. The organizers did a great job in their first year; no negative feedback has been heard.

We tore out the carpet at both entrances on the main level of Borough Hall to replace with tiles and removable carpets that are easier to maintain. At the police entrance we found that

salt had gotten under the carpet over the years and gotten into the concrete underneath. We will have to have the concrete nearest the door broken out and re-poured before we can lay tiles. We are not entirely happy with the tiles laid in the front entrance and are working with the contractor to fix. Chris Motter has been looking at the heating and cooling system in the Borough building. Over the past 10 – 15 years we have been doing band-aid fixes to the system, but earlier this spring the piping in the utility room started leaking heavily and then a circulation pump seized up this past month. We fixed the piping and pump but are now bidding out replacing the boilers and the external heat exchanger. We have been under budget for building maintenance the past few years, and have sufficient money set aside to cover one or both projects this year.

For the first time in at least two years the E. coli count at Pat Crawford Beach was sufficient to warrant closing the beach, due in part to the heavy rains the days prior. The next day the sample passed, and the beach was re-opened. An independent person had tested for Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) at a location far from the beach and found unsafe levels. When we tested for HABs at the beach we found the amount to be safe and below the recommended health advisories. We are working with Erie County Health on a protocol for routine testing and are looking for ways to share the costs for the routine HAB tests. Mary Ann Horne asked how often we need to test for HABs. Manager Opplé replied that there is no requirement to test at all, but we would like to come up with a procedure very soon for regular testing, probably weekly or biweekly. Manager Opplé and Curtis Hals discussed HABs briefly.

Manager Opplé discussed his attendance at the Association for Pennsylvania Municipal Management (APMM), International Town & Gown Association (ITGA), and Route 6 Alliance conferences in May, noting that they were useful and productive. Pat Davis agreed on the usefulness of the ITGA conference. Manager Opplé suggested joining the ITGA along with the University and discussed the cost of membership.

#### **Finance:**

Mayor Gast moved to approve Resolution 15-2019:

**BOROUGH OF EDINBORO  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-2019**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO “OBO” EDINBORO BOROUGH’S  
FY 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

*WHEREAS, the Borough of Edinboro is entitled to receive an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED) pursuant to the provisions of PA Act 179 of 1984; and*

*WHEREAS, at the request of Edinboro Borough, the County of Erie, through the Department of Planning administers the Borough’s CDBG program, and*

*WHEREAS, the Borough received \$111,928 in FY 2018 CDBG funding and previously resolved that the monies be used to undertake the following activities:*

- \$54,682 - Darrow Road Reconstruction Project (Multi-year CDBG)

- \$46,046 - Stonehaven Park Recreation Project
- \$11,200 - Program Administration; and

*WHEREAS, bids were recently opened on the Darrow Road Reconstruction Project and the low bid of \$210,182.96 was more than expected/budgeted for; and*

*WHEREAS, in an effort to make up the shortfall, the Borough desires to delete the Stonehaven Park Recreation Project and reprogram the monies totaling \$46,046 for Darrow Road; and*

*WHEREAS, deleting an existing activity under a fiscal year constitutes a "modification" of the CDBG program which must be authorized by the governing body with applicable documentation submitted to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for approval.*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by Edinboro Borough Council that Council believes it is in the best interest of the Borough to modify the FY 2018 CDBG program as follows:

- ✓ *Delete the Stonehaven Park Recreation Project and transfer the funds totaling \$46,046 to the Darrow Road Reconstruction Project. The amount of FY 2018 funds for said project will increase from \$54,682 to \$100,728.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by Edinboro Borough Council that:

- ✓ *All other terms and conditions regarding the FY 2018 CDBG program not affected by this modification shall remain in full force and effect; and*
- ✓ *The Erie County Department of Planning is authorized to submit all necessary documentation to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development to effectuate the program change.*
- ✓ *Additional costs for the Darrow Road Reconstruction Project not covered by CDBG funding described herein shall be paid from the Borough Liquid Fuels Fund.*

**ADOPTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.**

Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed by 5-0 roll call vote: Nathan Latimer, yes; Mary Ann Horne, yes; Pat Davis, yes; Jim Kiley, yes; and Aaron Gast, yes.

**Recreation:**

Jim Kiley moved to approve the Lakeside July 4 and EU Homecoming road closings. Mary Ann Horne seconded. Cal Robinson asked if the road could be closed half an hour later than last year. Manager Opple and Sam Comfort said that his request would be evaluated. The motion passed 5-0.

**COMMUNITY LIAISONS:**

**EVFD:**

Mary Ann Horne said that the EVFD is looking to increase their paid EMS staffing, and noted that this program continues to be successful in reducing missed calls.

**Lakeside Association:**

Pat Davis noted that the EVFD did a great job assisting with the Triathlon this month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**


Mayor Gast asked that the Public Safety Committee meet to discuss the use of small speed detection signs that attach to the speed limit sign posts and could be moved around town, noting that they are cheaper than the speed sign trailer that was purchased recently. Council discussed briefly and supported the idea.

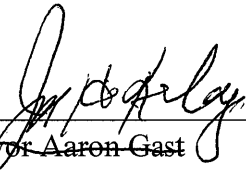
Nathan Latimer said that the sunscreen dispenser discussed at previous meetings had been received, and could be installed whenever the Borough is ready.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mary Ann Horne moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

ATTEST:

  
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Manager Kevin Oppe

  
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~~Mayor Aaron Gast~~  
Deputy Mayor Jim Kiley