

**Borough of Edinboro
Council Meeting Minutes
March 13, 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 Aaron Gast, Jim Kiley, Mary Ann Horne, Mark Eisert, Amanda Frantz-Mamani, and Pat Davis. Absent was Spencer Larson.

Other officials present were Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg and Solicitor Tim Wachter. Citizens present were Mary Ann Mook, Stephen Skaines, Curtis Hals, and Mike Baker.

MINUTES:

Mark Eisert moved to approve the minutes of the February 13 regular meeting as presented. Jim Kiley seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Stephen Skaines, 103 Moray Drive. Mr. Skaines asked about laws restricting children playing outside unattended, and about the Borough's plan should the University close. Solicitor Wachter stated that there are not any laws in effect in the Borough restricting the ability of children to be outdoors without supervision. Brief discussion about the University topic. Manager Spangenberg stated that closing the school would require action by the PA Legislature, so it would not be a quick and easy process, adding that he believes the recent changes provide optimism and he sees a closure as unlikely. Mayor Gast stated that the best we can do is to only take on what we can control in the situation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve bills paid February 27 totaling \$112,821.08; and paid March 13 totaling \$126,679.62. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve payroll paid February 23 totaling \$83,144.70; and paid March 9 totaling \$88,283.69. Amanda Frantz-Mamani seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg presented his report. We have been awarded \$50,000 in funding from ECGRA to cover a portion of the Nature's Outlet CDBG project. This grant, along with the CDBG funding, leaves only about \$10,000 of the estimated \$200,000+ cost to be paid from local funds.

The PennDOT US-6N/PA-99 intersection project is on track for 2023 construction. He has not yet been provided a schedule for this summer, although the project was mentioned on the local news by a PennDOT representative discussing this year's projects.

We have been awarded the ECGRA Renaissance Block Grant for \$100,000, which provides funding for exterior improvements to residential properties. Eligible property owners have been contacted to begin the process.

Eligible 6N and Mill Street business and property owners have been contacted informing them of available funding through the new ECGRA downtown façade grant program. Up to \$10,000 per property will be awarded. We anticipate a few more projects on Rt. 99 will be completed this summer as well.

He will be in State College March 15-17 attending the Public Employer Labor Relations Advisory Service conference.

The State Aid Liquid Fuels audit for 2021 was performed on February 27, with no issues.

The Knox Law Municipal Symposium is scheduled for March 29, open to all Council members.

RECREATION:

Mayor Gast moved to appoint Pat Davis to serve as the Borough liaison to the Washington Township Parks & Rec Committee. Amanda Frantz-Mamani seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve the Lakeside July 4 Celebration event permit and road closing, waiving the fee. Jim Kiley seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.


COMMUNITY LIAISONS:

Mary Ann Horne noted that the EVFD is looking to hire a consultant to review their staffing issues.


ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Gast moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

ATTEST:



Manager Jason Spangenberg



Mayor Aaron Gast