

**Borough of Edinboro
Council Meeting Minutes
May 8, 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, Spencer Larson, Amanda Frantz-Mamani, and Pat Davis. Absent was Mark Eisert.

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

MINUTES:

Pat Davis moved to approve the minutes of the April 10 regular meeting and ordinance hearing as presented. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Stephen Skaines, 103 Moray Drive. Mr. Skaines mentioned that Lindy Paving paved a parking lot for Erie County recently and did not perform the job very well. He asked if a speed limit sign could be placed on Brora Drive in front of the community center. He mentioned a fire hydrant snow flag on Moray Drive that had been bent badly. He asked if there was an update on the 6N/99 intersection project schedule. Manager Spangenberg replied to his questions: Lindy Paving has performed the paving for the Borough for a few years without issue, but the warning was appreciated; a speed limit sign can be placed at that spot; he would pass along the fire hydrant news; the 6N/99 intersection project is expected to start in June and will include new pedestrian crossing signals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve bills paid April 24 totaling \$194,094.48; and May 8 totaling \$65,829.36. Jim Kiley seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve payroll paid April 20 totaling \$83,814.03; and paid May 4 totaling \$118,526.57. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 6-0. Manager Spangenberg noted that the large increase for May 4 was due to the payout of unused leave time for the retiring Police Chief.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg presented his report:

PennDOT US-6N/PA-99 Intersection: Construction is expected to start after Memorial Day and last through the summer. No all-out intersection closures are anticipated at this time.

Sidewalk along Rt. 99 north: This project is now underway and is expected to last through the summer. No traffic impact is anticipated.

Clean Up Day: This annual event was held on April 29. Although the weather did not cooperate, town was still cleaned up, in large part thanks to the University athletes.

Police Chief: Chief Al Donahue has officially retired from our Department as of April 29. A party was held April 28 in his honor. Landon Silva has been promoted from Sergeant to Chief, having served with us for 15 years to date.

RHMC Grant: The ECED, on the Borough's behalf, applied to the Ronald McDonald House of Erie for a \$9,000 grant for new accessible playground equipment for Chestnut Park. We have been awarded the grant, and the equipment has been ordered.

PML District Meeting: On April 19, he and Mary Ann Horne attended the PML District Meeting in St. Marys. Representatives from Erie and Corry also were present, among other municipalities.

GMSD Meeting: On April 20 he attended a meeting with the General McLane Superintendent and Business Manager, along with representatives from the other GMSD municipalities. Superintendent Lane intends to hold these meetings twice a year to keep the municipalities and school district on the same page.

Renaissance Block Grants: We have been awarded an ECGRA Renaissance Block Grant for \$100,000, which provides funding for exterior improvements to residential properties. We have started to receive applications and will continue to solicit more applications from eligible property owners along Rt. 99.

ECGRA Façade Grant: Up to \$10,000 per property will be awarded for eligible 6N and Mill Street businesses. We anticipate a few more projects on Rt. 99 will be completed this summer as well. We have started to receive applications and will continue to solicit more applications.

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 will open bids for this project on May 9. Work is expected to begin in the late summer or early fall.

Summer Events: The Art & Music Festival is scheduled for May 19-21. The final running of the Edinboro Triathlon is set for June 3. Planning is underway for the July 3 fireworks event and the Movies Under the Stars series.

Police Grant: In October 2022, the Edinboro Borough Police Department applied for a PCCD (Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency) eGrant for funds to purchase the following items:

- Body Worn Cameras (BWC) for all 8 officers
- Mobile Video Recording Systems for (4) four Patrol Units (MVR's)
- Patrol Unit Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's) for all (4) patrol Units

- License Plate Readers (LPR) for (3) three Patrol Units
- Borough Wide Video Surveillance System (multiple cameras will be installed throughout the Borough)
- Office Computers for all (5) five Police Department workstations
- Records Management System (RMS) – Cloud-based

The Edinboro Borough Police Department was notified in December 2022 that we were awarded \$396,132.00 in funding for the above-mentioned items. As such, the Police Department received final approval of the funding on April 21, 2023 and will begin the process of obtaining and implementing the equipment.

Public Works:

The following bids were received for the 2023 paving project:

Joseph McCormick Construction	3340 Pearl Ave, Erie, PA 16512	\$268,722.55
Lindy Paving	1807 Shenango Rd, New Galilee, PA 16141	\$246,451.50
Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.	106 Hawbaker Blvd, Grove City, PA 16127	\$302,050.10
Cross Paving, LLC	8955 Wattsburg Rd, Erie, PA 16509	\$287,109.87

Jim Kiley moved to award the paving bid to Lindy Paving as the low bidder. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Recreation:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve the annual 3 on 3 basketball tournament June 19-30. Amanda Frantz-Mamani seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNITY LIAISONS:

Mary Ann Horne noted that the EVFD will be paving their parking lot this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve Resolution 6-2023:

***Erie County 2023 Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation Plan Update
Municipal Adoption Resolution
Resolution No. 6-2023
Borough of Edinboro, Erie County, Pennsylvania***

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edinboro, Erie County, Pennsylvania is most vulnerable to natural hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and
WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires State and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edinboro acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County 2023 Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation Plan has been developed by the Erie County Department of Planning and Community Development and Erie County Department of Public Safety in cooperation with other county departments, and officials and citizens of Borough of Edinboro, and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Erie County 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County 2023 Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by natural hazards that face the County and its municipal governments,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body for the Borough of Edinboro:

- The Erie County 2023 Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Borough of Edinboro, and
- The respective officials and agencies identified in the implementation strategy of the Erie County 2023 Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation Plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them.

ADOPTED, this 8th day of May, 2023

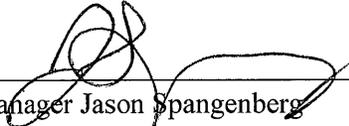
Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed by 6-0 roll call vote: Amanda Frantz-Mamani, yes; Jim Kiley, yes; Mary Ann Horne, yes; Pat Davis, yes; Spencer Larson, yes; and Aaron Gast, yes.

Jim Kiley moved to approve the road closing permit for the University soccer tournaments in June. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Gast moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.

ATTEST:



Manager Jason Spangenberg



Mayor Aaron Gast