

**Borough of Edinboro
Council Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

Monday, August 8, 2022 the regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Mayor Aaron Gast at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

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

Other officials present were Solicitor Tim Wachter and Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg. Citizens present were Mary Ann Mook, Kathy Seiler, Paul Seiler, and Chris Lovell.

MINUTES:

Mayor Gast moved to approve the minutes of the July 11 regular meeting and CDBG hearing as presented. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Chris Lovell, 302 Jefferson Street. Mr. Lovell thanked Council for the installation of the rope along the posts at Billings Park, discussed at the previous meeting, and made a suggestion for a solution to apply to the rope to help prevent vandalism.

Paul Seiler, 303 Jefferson Street. Mr. Seiler asked about the installation of a speed bump on Cypress Street next to the playground, discussed at the previous meeting. Manager Spangenberg replied that the speed bump has been ordered and will be installed as requested. Mr. Seiler discussed drivers disobeying the stop signs at the intersection of Jefferson and Cypress.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve bills paid July 25 totaling \$199,043.64; and paid August 8 totaling \$109,721.65. Mayor Gast seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve payroll paid July 14 totaling \$91,344.19; and paid July 28 totaling \$81,835.55. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Manager Spangenberg presented his monthly report. The Movies Under the Stars Series has had a successful year so far, with 3 movies held and one cancelled due to weather. Two movies remain.

The Parks Passport program is still open, in collaboration with Washington Township. This program encourages residents to visit all of the parks in the Borough and Township, which will enter them into a raffle to win a prize basket full of donations from local businesses. We have had a strong response to the program, and there is still time this month to participate.

We have hired Nathan Miller and Braden DeFranco as full-time police officers, starting on August 17. They will be in attendance at the next Council meeting to be introduced officially.

We have applied to ECGRA for their Renaissance Block Grant Program for \$100,000, which provides funding for exterior improvements to residential properties. We held a public meeting on July 19 to review the program with the eligible homeowners, and we had a very strong turnout. The ECED has applied on our behalf for the ECGRA Mission Main Street grant for \$250,000 for improvements to the business corridor along 6N and Mill Street, and the ECGRA Multi-Municipal Collaboration grant for \$50,000 for the Joint Parks Plan with Washington Township.

Regarding the sidewalk to Giant Eagle, all property settlements have been completed. The project is now moving forward, with construction expected to begin in May and lasting a couple of months.

Finance:

Mayor Gast moved to approve Resolution 18-2022:

**BOROUGH OF EDINBORO
RESOLUTION NUMBER 18-2022**

**RESOLUTION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL OF EDINBORO BOROUGH
APPROVING THE FY 2022 CDBG APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING ITS SUBMISSION TO
THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edinboro has been designated a CDBG "entitlement" municipality pursuant to the provisions of PA Legislative Act 179 of 1984; and

WHEREAS, such designation entitles the Borough to receive an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to undertake activities to address housing and community development needs as identified in the Three Year Plan and which will principally benefit low-to-moderate income persons, and

WHEREAS, the Borough has requested that the County of Erie, acting through the Erie County Department of Planning and Community Development, herein, referred to as County Planning, administer the Borough's CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, the PA DCED has informed the Borough that it is eligible to receive FY 2022 Community Development Block Grant monies in the amount of \$105,252; and

WHEREAS, the Borough, with the assistance of County Planning has conducted the requisite public hearings; completed the Three Year Plan; and prepared the application for CDBG funding assistance in accordance with program requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Edinboro Council that:

- *The application for FY 2022 CDBG funding assistance is hereby in all respects approved.*

- *The Borough agrees to comply with all program requirements, federal statutes and regulations applicable to the State CDBG program.*
- *The Department of Planning, on behalf of Edinboro Borough, is hereby authorized to file the application for financial assistance with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development.*

THEREFORE, the undersigned, Aaron L. Gast, Mayor of the Borough of Edinboro, does hereby certify that the resolution was adopted at a duly noticed regular meeting of the Borough of Edinboro Council on the 8th day of August, 2022.

Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed by 5-0 roll call vote: Amanda Frantz-Mamani, yes; Mark Eisert, yes; Mary Ann Horne, yes; Pat Davis, yes; and Aaron Gast, yes.

Zoning:

Mayor Gast moved to approve the application to move the property line at 700 Erie Street, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Mary Ann Horne seconded. Manager Spangenberg stated that this is relating to two properties that are owned by the same entity, moving the property line between the two properties slightly to fit the existing use of the land. The motion passed 5-0.

COMMUNITY LIAISONS:

EVFD:

Mary Ann Horne stated that the fire department has hired a third full-time EMT, although they are still looking for more part-timers. The EVFD has requested that the WECEMA vehicle parked on their property be moved.

Edinboro Lakeside Association:

Pat Davis stated that the Lakeside Cottage Tour is coming up this weekend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Gast moved to approve the firework permit application for August 19 on the University campus. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 5-0. Manager Spangenberg stated that this is just for a display as part of the University's move-in weekend activities.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mark Eisert moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.

ATTEST:



Manager Jason Spangenberg



Mayor Aaron Gast