

**Borough of Edinboro
Council Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

Monday, April 12, 2021 the regularly scheduled meeting, held online via Zoom due to COVID-19, was called to order by Mayor Aaron Gast at 6:32 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

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

Other officials present were Solicitor Chris Sennett and Borough Manager Kevin Oppe. Citizens present were Sarah Schoolcraft, Curtis Hals, and MJ Campbell.

Student guests present were Jenna Dreter, Hannah Shrader, Kendra Rice, Aubrey, Brandon Meola, Emily Brish, Dan Barker, Danny Desmond, and B Jeff.

MINUTES:

Mayor Gast moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve bills paid March 22 totaling \$41,081.80; and paid April 12 totaling \$93,738.68. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve payroll paid March 11 totaling \$81,604.56; paid March 25 totaling \$78,083.43; and paid April 8 totaling \$77,233.69. Jim Kiley seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

2020 Audit report was a clean audit. Jason Spangenberg was recognized for a job well done. Report is available.

Public Safety Committee:

Fred Langill addressed the crosswalks and vehicles not stopping.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Tim Wachter will be away on medical leave for 4-8 weeks with Chris Sennet as his replacement.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Manager Opple presented his monthly report. The ECED is planning to have an outdoor event to present the revitalization plan created with Atlas. No dates or locations are settled yet, but the hope is that it will be in May. ECED Parks Committee is discussing an events calendar & some additional events.

The PML Annual District Meeting was held this week via Zoom. Two main topics for discussion were:

Currently introduced legislation:

- HB606 Radar for local police- It has passed easily in the Senate the past few years, but stalled in the House. This time is introduced in the House. PML, Police Chief Donahue and Manager Opple all support this bill.
- SB252/HB955 Change to required Municipal Advertising.
- SB312 Commercial FOI requests- Introduced by Senator Brooks. It would require companies who do Freedom of Information requests for commercial use, to be charged.
- HB76 PennDOT Indemnification- Counters the recent move by PennDOT to require municipalities to indemnify PennDOT for events, such as the Triathlon.

American Rescue Plan (ARP) There are many questions about what the requirements will be for spending each municipal unit's allocation, but the following was discussed:

- Counties and Municipalities will be given an amount based on their annual budget pre-COVID (2019). Counties in PA will divide \$65.1 billion, and municipalities will divide \$65.1 billion. The state will get a separate allocation.
- This amount will be given in two installments. One this year and one not less than 12 months later.
- The state is the pass through for cities and counties with less than 50,000 population. The state may not take any money for administration, nor may they add restrictions for spending the money in addition to those given by the US Treasury. Those restrictions have

not been formalized yet, though pensions are already declared to be not allowed for allocation of funds.

- There is also a large amount of the ARP set aside for federal programs for infrastructure and development. Those will be led by individual federal departments.

At the Erie Area Council of Governments meeting on Tuesday, County Executive Dahlkemper led a discussion about creating a unified plan for the ARP funds the county will be receiving. Erie County Health Dept. also discussed COVID requirements for summer activities. Earlier reports said all events must have registration to including an email address. Manager Oppler asked about large events like fireworks, since it would be very difficult to verify people entering. The Public Health Director agreed and said they would rather we focus on mitigation measures in eating /food service areas event than contact information. This is also true for outdoor concerts/films.

EUP President Dr. Dale had a Zoom meeting to discuss the current integration plans with about a dozen local leaders including Aaron Gast. Manager Oppler had lunch with Dr. Dale and Rick Scaletta today.

Pat Davis, Mary Ann Horne, Chief Donahue, Sgt. Silva, and Manager Oppler interviewed a candidate for hiring a non-civil-service part-time Police Patrol Officer.

Manager Oppler discussed the projects planned in town this summer.

Public Works:

The following bids were received for roof and siding work:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Zehr Building, LLC	1100 Morgan Village Rd, Meadville, 16335	\$65,735.00
TIP Construction, Inc.	1583 W 32 nd St, Erie, 16508	\$146,000.00
A-1 Construction & Paint	299 Kenmore Ave, Tonawanda, NY 14223	\$48,600.00
Alex Roofing, Inc.	1644 E 12 th St, Erie, 16511	\$84,500.00

Mayor Gast moved to award the roof and siding contract to A-1 Construction as low bidder. Jim Kiley seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

The following bids were received for seal coat work, bid through the EACOG:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Suit-Kote Corp.	10965 McHenry Street, Meadville, 16335	\$34,354.50

Russel Standard Corp. P.O. Box 86, Union City, 16438 \$36,036.00

Mayor Gast moved to award the seal coat contract to Suit-Kote as low bidder. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Recreation:

Mark Eisert moved to approve a \$1,000 donation to the July 3 firework event on EU campus. Jim Kiley seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Gast moved to approve the 2021 Oars on the Shore event permit and waive the permit fee. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 5-0 with Mark Eisert abstaining due to his involvement with the event.

COMMUNITY LIAISONS:

Washington Township:

Mark Eisert discussed ordinance changes in the Township concerning recent solar panel issues. Suggested that the Borough also consider a possible ordinance.

Lakeside Association:

Pat Davis announced the April 25th meeting that will be held at the Hotel Bar at 6:30 PM. It is an open invitation for all.

COMMUNICATIONS:


Mayor Gast discussed the recent letter from a township citizen concerning the seaweed in the lake. Both the Township and Borough do their part and The Lake Resort is responsible for managing their frontage.

ECAB dinner invitation was addressed and RSVP by April 13 to attend.


ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Gast moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

ATTEST:



Manager Kevin Oppe



Mayor Aaron Gast