

**Borough of Edinboro
Council Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER:

Monday, March 9, 2020 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 Jim Kiley, Aaron Gast, Mark Eisert, Fred Langill, Pat Davis, and Alyssa Dobson. Absent was Mary Ann Horne.

Other officials present were Borough Manager Kevin Ople, Solicitor Tim Wachter, and Finance Director Jason Spangenberg. Citizens present were Sam Comfort, Rick Chernicky, Nathan Brennan, Curtis Hals, Michael Prihoda, Heather Bauer, and Michael Feikles.

MINUTES:

Jim Kiley moved to approve the February 10, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. Alyssa Dobson seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No speakers were present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Jim Kiley moved to approve bills paid February 24 totaling \$84,577.20; and paid March 9 totaling \$70,305.36. Mark Eisert seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Jim Kiley moved to approve payroll paid February 14 totaling \$80,741.74; and paid February 28 totaling \$75,610.66. Mark Eisert seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Personnel Committee:

Jason Spangenberg stated that Dan Mulligan had resigned from the Water and Municipal Authority Boards, so a replacement was needed. Council requested that the opening be posted online to seek applicants.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Manager Opple presented his monthly report. We printed the sample census invitation on the backs of utility bills at the end of February, so our residents know in advance to keep them. In response to our request, the Census staff are looking into providing census workers at our census events at the library and Borough Hall. The dates are scheduled for:

Monday 23 March Edinboro Library: 2-8 pm

Tuesday 24 March Edinboro Borough Hall: 2-8 pm

Wednesday 8 April Edinboro Library: 1-5 pm

Thursday 9 April Edinboro Borough Library: 2-8 pm

We provided the university the addresses of active student rental units, so they can give student-specific information about how to be enumerated. The ECED has also applied for a grant to provide refreshments at the above events. If awarded there is also a more substantial event with food and music planned for 24 April.

The ECED was awarded a grant to receive free planning services from the Northwestern Rural Electric Cooperative. They hope to focus on tourism.

The Civil Service Commission met on 11 February for their reorganization meeting. Todd Jay was elected Chair, Chuck Klenk as Vice-Chair, and Rosemary Baker as Secretary. Meeting times were set for 5pm on the second Tuesday of each month as needed. Chief Donahue discussed his plan to amend the civil service rules with lessons learned.

Edinboro University will officially inaugurate President Huang at a public ceremony on 20 March. The dinner afterward will be attended by Aaron Gast, Fred Langill, and Manager Opple.

Dinner with President Huang and his cabinet is scheduled for 14 April at Culbertson Hills.

The State of the Community was a nicely organized event. County Executive Dahlkemper and Erie Mayor Schember both discussed 2019 in brief review as well as goals for 2020.

We had a nice opening event for the Little Free Library in the WIC waiting area downstairs. There are some books for older ages, but the majority are for younger children. President Huang and the WIC Regional Director attended. Kiwanis and Thrifty Threads have volunteered to help keep the stock of children's books high.

Manager Oppe attended the MLK Awards lunch the week before last at the Van Houten dining facility. It was a very nicely organized event.

Manager Oppe will be in State College from 17-20 March for annual PELRAS municipal law training. Finance Director Jason Spangenberg went last year. He will be back in time for President Huang's inauguration.

Sewer:

Manager Oppe stated that the bid opening for work to upgrade the sewer line from Normal St. to the plant via Brookview and Water St. Extension was held on Friday. The following bids were received:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Terra Works	49 S. Sheridan Rd., Clarion, 16214	\$1,331,541.00
McLallen Construction	8349 Edinboro Rd., Erie, 16509	\$1,445,497.50
Pollard Land Services	8150 Franklin Rd., Girard, 16417	\$1,146,150.00
Glenn Johnston	1055 Center St., McKeesport, 15132	\$1,621,519.00
Bison Construction	9014 Olean Trail, Fairmount City, 16224	\$1,207,731.00
Showman Excavating	P.O. Box 646, Waterford, 16441	\$1,323,698.00
Mealy Excavating	128 Lake Lucy Rd., Tionesta, 16353	\$1,692,566.00
Chivers Construction	6700 Tow Rd., Fairview, 16415	\$938,552.00
Konzel Construction	1921 Powell Ave., Erie, 16505	\$1,988,000.00

Manager Oppe recommended awarding the contract to Chivers Construction as low bidder. Mayor Gast moved to award to Chivers Construction. Jim Kiley seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Recreation:

Mark Eisert moved to approve the July 3 firework permit, waiving the permit fee and authorizing use of Borough insurance for the event. Mayor Gast seconded, and the motion passed 6-0. Mayor Gast moved for the Borough to give a \$500 donation to the fireworks event. Jim Kiley seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Gast mentioned that members of Borough Council will soon begin informal meetings with members of Washington Township Council to discuss ways to work together for the good of the community.

Fred Langill moved to authorize the Borough Manager to explore a relationship between the ECED and the Erie Regional Chamber. Mayor Gast seconded. Manager Oppe briefly discussed the topic. Mr. Langill asked about the Borough sponsoring the ECED membership in the Chamber for the first year as a good gesture. Council discussed and requested that the ECED's interest in joining be determined. The motion passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Gast moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

ATTEST:



Manager Kevin Oppe



Mayor Aaron Gast