

**Home Rule Borough of Edinboro
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 23, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER:

Monday, July 23, 2018 the regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Mayor Aaron Gast at 6:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

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

Also present were Solicitor Chris Sennett, Manager Kevin Opple, Finance Director Jason Spangenberg, Maryann Mook, Carrie Crow, Greg Lucas, Nancy Crawford, Kevin Hayes, Pat Hargest, Cheryl Allen, Kip Allen, Debbie McElroy, Mary Schenck, George Roberts, Todd Jay, Heidi Huntley, Dave Baney, Wayne Bradford, Renee Thayer-Allison, Brian Schulz, Gina Mussett, Jeff Craft, and Robin Craft.

MINUTES:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve the July 9, 2018 rezoning hearing and regular meeting minutes as presented. Jim Kiley seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Greg Lucas, 100 Sherrod Hill Rd. Mr. Lucas requested to speak after the Manager's report. Mayor Gast granted this request.

With no further speakers, Mayor Gast closed public participation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve bills paid July 23, 2018 totaling \$98,225.30; and payroll ending July 14 and paid July 20, 2018 totaling \$108,333.55. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Manager Opple presented his report to Council. The new water building is still on track to be complete this summer. We are planning for August 9 for the grand opening. The outdoor

movie series on campus has been successful. Over 300 attendees watched The Little Mermaid two weeks ago, and over 200 watched Ghostbusters last week. The final movie, The Lion King, will be this week. PennDOT's paving of Rt. 99 is complete aside from small touch ups. The Erie Club picnic is this Thursday at 5 p.m.

Manager Opple then asked that Borough Council consent to his appointment of Al Donahue to the Police Chief opening. He stated that five excellent candidates were interviewed for the position, and Mr. Donahue showed that he was the best fit. Mary Ann Horne moved to consent to the appointment and Mayor Gast seconded. Nathan Latimer thanked the retired Chief Jeff Craft for his service and wished Mr. Donahue good luck as Chief. The motion passed 6-0. The Police Chief badge was presented to Mr. Donahue, and he thanked everyone for their support.

COMMUNITY LIAISONS:

Washington Township:

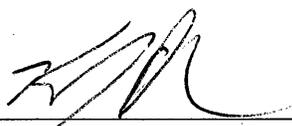
Nathan Latimer said that he has been in discussions with Washington Township regarding improving the appearance of the lake along the west side of Rt. 99. Township Manager Dave Anthony has agreed to have the brush cleared if the Borough workers can take care of traffic control. Manager Opple said that we would be glad to help with this. Mr. Latimer added that the work shouldn't take more than two days. He then said that he has also been discussing a nature trail with the Township, starting on Lakeside and ending at the high school. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) has been supportive of the idea and suggested a feasibility study. This would have a significant cost. Council then briefly discussed, and it was agreed that this topic should be researched. Mayor Gast moved for the Borough Manager to further research the nature trail and feasibility study. Fred Langill seconded, and the motion passed 6-0. Fred Langill noted that PennDOT would need to be consulted about traffic control on Rt. 99 when the Township clears the brush.

ADJOURNMENT:

Before adjournment, Greg Lucas spoke as he had requested during public participation. Mr. Lucas thanked Council for making the decision to hire Al Donahue as Police Chief.

Mary Ann Horne moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST:



Manager Kevin Opple



Mayor Aaron Gast