Home Rule Borough of Edinboro
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

Monday, October 9, 2017 the regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Mayor Mary Ann Horne at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Council members present were Jim Kiley, Mary Ann Horne, Nathan Latimer, Aaron Gast, Pat Davis, and Stephen O'Neill. Absent was Brenda Cannell.

Also present were Manager Kevin Opple, Finance Director Jason Spangenberg, Solicitor Tim Wachter, Janet Banaszak, Mary Ann Schenck, Cal Robinson, Bob Capone, Jeff Richards, Peggy Richards, John Boylan, Nancy Crawford, Theresa Thewes, Tom Thewes, Gretchen Blough, Lindsay Bauman, and Abbey Hudson.

MINUTES:

Jim Kiley moved to approve the September 11, 2017 regular meeting minutes as presented. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Dave Smith, 123 Harrison Drive. Mr. Smith said that people tend to complain when things don't go well but tend to not give praise when deserved. So, on behalf on Sunset Heights, he thanked Manager Opple, Jerry Humes, and the Borough staff for quickly addressing issues on Harrison Drive. He mentioned Mr. Humes in particular for his quick work cleaning up a fallen tree.

Janet Banaszak, Pittsburgh. Ms. Banaszak stated that her five year old, developmentally delayed grandson lives in Edinboro on Maple Street. He enjoys using the nearby Billings Park playground but is unable to use the current, standard swings. She asked Council to consider installing a seated swing at Billings Park which he would be able to use. She discussed the parks near her home in Allegheny County, and showed pictures of those swings in use. She said that the addition of one of these swings would make the park even better and more accessible to all children. She said that she understands the swing is being considered for installation at a different park but requested that Council consider Billings Park. Mayor Horne thanked her for her comments and said that the recreation committee would discuss the topic.

Gretchen Blough, 126 Waterford Street. Ms. Blough discussed concerns about college student behavior near her home, stating that this year has been worse than normal. She said there are fights on her street on the weekend, and her railing was smashed as a result. She repaired the railing quickly to not give them any satisfaction. Ms. Blough requested a greater police presence in the area to ensure peace and quiet, adding that her neighbors have reported similar complaints. Manager Opple stated that he has spoken to the police officers about this issue and will make sure it will be addressed.

Theresa Thewes, 127 Waterford Street. Ms. Thewes agreed with Ms. Blough. She added that the offenders have done damage to Borough property as well, tearing up a tree and moving around rocks. She also requested a greater police presence on weekend nights. Mayor Horne thanked both women for their comments.

With no further speakers, Mayor Horne closed public participation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Jim Kiley moved to approve bills paid September 25, 2017 totaling $124,710.78; and bills paid October 9, 2017 totaling $347,761.16. Stephen O'Neill seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Jim Kiley moved to approve payroll ending September 9 and paid September 15, 2017 totaling $70,455.42; and payroll ending September 23 and paid September 29, 2017 totaling $69,065.46. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Streets, Buildings, and Grounds Committee:

Mr. Kiley said that the committee met on September 25 to review three community requests. First, the committee recommended installation of a second set of stop signs at the Cypress/Jefferson intersection to make it a four-way stop. Since this was already contained in the Code, no ordinance is required. Second, the committee recommended moving the "No Parking Here to Corner" sign at the EU Admissions Office driveway on East Normal Street farther from the driveway to improve visibility. Third, the committee did not recommend installation of no parking signs on the south side of West Normal Street. Mr. Kiley moved to approve these recommendations and Pat Davis seconded. Stephen O'Neill asked why the third item was not recommended. Manager Opple replied that the Police Chief did not think it was necessary, since the road in question is a standard width, so approval of the no parking signs would make it reasonable for any street to have parking restricted. The motion passed 6-0.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Manager Opple presented his report to Council. He said that the HHW collection service through Tri-County Industries was to be delayed for a short amount of time. Tri-County has not yet received DEP approval since the person at DEP who needed to approve the service was out unexpectedly for an emergency. They expect to receive the approval shortly. Tri-County will call the six residents who had scheduled for a pickup to let them know.

The Water System Improvements Project is underway. The foundation of the new water plant is progressing well. PA Bureau of Labor & Industry has informed us that we need a building permit for the new water tower on Dundon Road. We had thought that the tower was exempt since it is an essential service, but there is a maximum storage capacity for the exemption, which the tower exceeds. This should not cause a delay.

Bids were opened for the wastewater plant sludge hauling contract on October 5. Bids were received from Tri-County Industries and Pro Waste. Pro Waste, the current hauler, submitted the lowest bid. The overall cost of the contract will be lower than previous years since the centrifuge removes more water from the sludge, resulting in lower tonnage. This contract will be awarded later in the meeting and is good for up to 5 years.

Bike racks are at Edinboro Industries, being fabricated with a 1" pipe around the edge. Erie County is funding the modification. The racks will be installed in the spring.

Hilltop Road full-depth reclamation is complete. The new storm sewer system did well in the recent heavy rainfall.

Dock renters were solicited for their input regarding the choice of our new dock purchase. They voted 40-5 in favor of the 4'x8' docks. This will also be approved later in the meeting.

Regarding the Beau Drive storm drainage issue, we have still not received any quotes from contractors to perform the work. We are baffled by this, since the work is just to install ready-made parts.

Beth Zewe of Edinboro University has registered EU as a training provider and sponsor with DEP, making them eligible to provide classes on water and wastewater treatment. They must now determine the course structure and receive approval.

Jason Spangenberg mentioned the upcoming Edinboro Community Party on Saturday the 14th from 11-7. Great live, local music has been lined up.

Manager Opple discussed the Town & Gown meeting that was held on September 13 on campus. The main topic was trying to change the perception from community members about the ease of access to campus. They will look into new signage that makes it clear that a parking pass is not required in most lots on nights and weekends. We are also working on grants together and are looking for more positive interactions between the students and community.

An indemnification agreement between the Borough and Suburban Propane has been signed to allow us to use their vacant lot for parking for bands and vendors for the Community Party. We would be responsible for any damage to the property.

Nathan Latimer asked about potential speed bumps on Maple Drive. Manager Opple said that the speed sign would be moved there from Lakeside. Pat Davis mentioned that speed bumps had been discussed in the past for Maple Drive. Mayor Horne said that there used to be speed bumps on Lakeside Drive, but people would throw them in the lake. Manager Opple said speed bumps on Maple Drive could be discussed.

Finance:

Jason Spangenberg said that 2018 budget workshops, open to the public, are scheduled for the next three Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sewer:

Mayor Horne asked for a motion to award the sludge hauling contract, previously discussed by Manager Opple, to Pro Waste. The following bids were received:

Name	Address	Bid Amount
Tri-County Industries	159 TCI Park Drive, Grove City, 16127	$89,695.62
Pro Waste	813 E. 18th St., Erie, 16503	$80,088.71

Jim Kiley moved to award the contract to Pro Waste as low bidder. Stephen O'Neill seconded. Aaron Gast asked about contract extensions. Jason Spangenberg explained that the contract can be mutually extended for two one-year increments, at no increase in cost from the 2020 cost. The motion passed 6-0.

Recreation:

Aaron Gast moved to award the dock contract to Mahoney Dock Sales, for the 4'x8' bid variation. The bid price for the docks and related parts was $235,753.50. Bid price for the initial installation and assembly was $28,446.40. Bid price for the annual installation and removal was $4,500 each time. No other contractors submitted bids. Pat Davis seconded. Nathan Latimer asked about disposal of the current old docks. Manager Opple said that they are for sale and we have had a few interested parties already. Aaron Gast asked where the new docks will be stored during the winter. Manager Opple replied that they may be stored by the playground instead of the beach. The motion passed 6-0.

Jim Kiley made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager and Finance Director to apply for and proceed with acquiring a $105,000 loan from the Erie County Redevelopment Authority for the balance of the boat dock purchase. Aaron Gast seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNITY LIAISONS:

EVFD:

Mayor Horne said that the EVFD paid EMS service is going well. They are now under 10% dropped calls, and the morale has improved. The social hall is expected to open in January. A party will be held at the fire hall in November for the club's charter members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Horne read aloud Resolution 12-2017, shown below:

HOME RULE BOROUGH OF EDINBORO
RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-2017

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2017 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 principally benefits low-to-moderate income persons, and*

WHEREAS, *the Borough has requested that the County of Erie, acting through the Erie County Department of Planning (ECDP), administer the Borough's CDBG program; and*

WHEREAS, *the PA DCED has informed the Borough that it is eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant monies in the amount of* ***$101,678*** *for FY 2017; and*

WHEREAS, *the Borough, with the assistance of the ECDP, 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 2017 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 Erie County 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.*

Enacted this 9th day of October 2017 by the Borough of Edinboro Council

Stephen O'Neill moved to approve the Resolution. Jim Kiley seconded, and the motion passed by 6-0 roll call vote: Stephen O'Neill, yes; Brenda Cannell, absent; Nathan Latimer, yes; Aaron Gast, yes; Pat Davis, yes; Jim Kiley, yes; and Mary Ann Horne, yes.

Pat Davis moved to authorize the signing of the additional required CDBG documents. Jim Kiley seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim Kiley moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

Manager Kevin Opple

Mayor Mary Ann Horne