

**Borough of Edinboro
Council Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER:

Monday, August 12, 2019 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, Mary Ann Horne, Fred Langill, Aaron Gast, Nathan Latimer, and Pat Davis. Absent was Alyssa Dobson.

Finance Director Jason Spangenberg was present, while Borough Manager Kevin Opplé and Solicitor Tim Wachter were absent. Citizens present were Curtis Hals, Alex Topor, Sam Comfort, Debbie McElroy, Mary Ann Schenck, and Cal Robinson.

MINUTES:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve the July 8, 2019 regular meeting, liquor license hearing, and CDBG hearing minutes as presented. Jim Kiley seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mary Ann Schenck, 116 Sunset Drive. Ms. Schenck discussed the recent algae blooms in Edinboro Lake and mentioned her concern for the water in Mallory Run, due to algae being present at the edge of the spillway before the dam. The topic was discussed briefly, also regarding testing procedures for Harmful Algae Blooms (HABs). It was determined that Mallory Run could potentially be added as a testing site for the HABs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve bills paid July 22, 2019 totaling \$37,521.60; and paid August 12, 2019 totaling \$456,102.71. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve payroll paid July 19, 2019 totaling \$77,342.59; and paid August 2, 2019 totaling \$82,564.47. Jim Kiley seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Personnel Committee:

Pat Davis stated that the Personnel Committee had performed the Borough Manager's annual review and met with Manager Opple at length to discuss the review. She moved for Manager Opple to be awarded a \$3,000 bonus as a result of the review, as allowed in his employment contract. Aaron Gast noted that this was the same amount given last year. Mary Ann Horne seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Jason Spangenberg presented Manager Opple's report. The ECGRA Façade Committee has approved seven grants. So far, this accounts for an investment of just over \$15,000 from building owners matched by \$15,000 from ECGRA.

The pre-construction meeting was held on the 26th of July for the CDBG paving project on Darrow Rd. The timeline for the contractor means that work won't be starting prior to the university starting again. The Contractor does have a plan to continue to keep the road open. The section from Brora to Heather should only be under construction for 1 to 2 days. The section from Brora to Perry needs more work and so will take around a week and a half.

Chris and Manager Opple met with PennDOT last week and discussed the lack of progress on the sidewalk grant. There was miscommunication between their office, and the Project Manager took a position in another division of PennDOT without notice. We now have more firm guidance of our steps to take, and so it is back on track.

Manager Opple had lunch with President Huang and Superintendent Scaletta this past Thursday. President Huang is a dynamic individual and is extremely interested in working with the community as he did in Alexandria, LA for positive changes.

Nearly all the persons taking the NW PA Police Consortium test this past weekend selected Edinboro as a community they would be interested in applying to. We sent out an email inviting those who passed to ask them to apply. The email gives the requirements and the procedure. The deadline for application is 4 PM on August 26th. We will then select finalists for oral examinations on 17 September. By having all of our process set out and acting quickly, we hope to get the best candidates before they are hired by other communities.

Police Chief Al Donahue did a great job organizing a wonderful evening of community-building activities for National Night Out last Tuesday. There were participants scheduled from Edinboro PD, EUP PD, State Police, Erie Sheriff, EVFD, Borough Public Works and Wastewater, etc. and in particular there were generous donations from both Sunview Golf and the EVFD to have free activities for the kids. Unfortunately, the weather necessitated the event being cancelled. With school starting soon, it doesn't make sense to try and re-schedule, but we intend to participate in next year's event.

Last Friday, managers and staff from a number of NWPA communities were invited to Warren for the quarterly manager's meeting. This quarter, department heads also were invited, and they met their counterparts as well. Mr. Spangenberg stated that the meeting was very useful, as each of the departments met in groups and shared information regarding issues in common.

COMMUNITY LIAISONS:

Edinboro Area Historical Society:

Mary Ann Horne stated that she attended the dedication ceremony for the new historical markers in town, and the EAHS sends their thanks to the Borough.

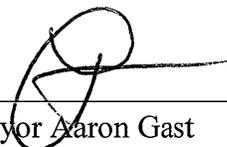
ADJOURNMENT:

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

ATTEST:



Manager Kevin Oppe



Mayor Aaron Gast