

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 10, 2025

The Edinburg Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. Mayor Harshman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All the Council members were present. Also present was Jim Hines, Sgt. T.H. Davis and Capt. Wes Dellinger from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department.

Mayor Harshman welcomed the guests and asked if anyone had anything that was not on the agenda.

A motion was made by Councilman B. Dellinger and seconded by Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman B. Dellinger to approve the Treasurer's report and to pay all the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Harshman called attention to May's Inboden Report.

Mayor Harshman reported that Patterson Construction should be finishing up soon at the Water Pump Station and once they are finished, the 200,000-gallon tank will need to be chlorinated to get it ready for water. The mayor has talked to Southern Corrosion about doing this, but he doesn't know yet if it can be done under the Town's Tank Maintenance Contract.

Mayor Harshman reported that the paving on Wiers Lane has been completed on the section of the roadway that serves the residents and the paving company will come back later to complete the section of roadway and the driveway that serves the tank property. The mayor reported that their tar machine broke down the day before they were planning to do Wiers Lane and it was going to take more than a month to get the parts to fix it, so they offered to do asphalt instead of tar and chip for the section that serves the residents for the same cost as the tar and chip quote. He also reported that once the tar machine is repaired, they will come back and complete the rest of the work.

Mayor Harshman reported that the old roof has been removed from the Well #2 Pump House and the new trusses were delivered today. The mayor reported that the Town still needs to replumb the piping to disconnect the old green sand filters from the well and then find someone to lift them out before replacing the roof. The mayor is planning on installing a metal screw down roof and he will assist the maintenance crew with installing the new trusses and roofing. The material cost will be substantially lower than what was received from the insurance claim and he is hoping the difference will cover the cost to lift the green sand filters out of the building.

Mayor Harshman stated that the Town signed up to be a part of a Class Action Suit that is still underway regarding the PFAS issue. PFAS are chemicals that come from a number of different products and have been showing up in water systems and do not break down like most things that might make it into the Town's water. The mayor reported that the Health Department tested the Town's two wells for PFAS and the levels were low enough that the Town does not have to take any treatment action, but despite this, the attorneys still said that any trace was enough to be part of the lawsuit. The mayor also reported that the suit is still ongoing and yesterday, the Town received a Phase 1 settlement of \$3,534.94.

The Street Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that the Town is still waiting to hear from the contractor about the sidewalks on Main Street. The mayor mentioned last month that the Town would also be doing the raised front stoop in front of the Post Office as part of the sidewalk work, but they have told the Town it would disrupt business too much to do this work, so it will not be done.

The Ordinance Committee had no report.

The Personnel Committee had no report.

The Finance Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that the Town received this year's Bank Franchise Tax, which came in at \$69,971 compared to the \$39,648 that was in the Budget.

The Property Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that the Town has not gotten any bids yet on the old Volvo dump truck. He also reported that Ortt's will be doing the work on the HVAC unit at the Mill at a cost of \$11,900.

The Cemetery Committee had no report.

Mayor Harshman reported that the Town is going with Tennis Courts, Inc. from Aylett, Virginia who quoted the Town \$30,240 to do the 2 courts for tennis and pickle ball. The colors will be Irish green for the out of bounds, light blue for the tennis courts with white stripes and yellow stripes for pickle ball.

Mayor Harshman also reported that the signs for the Disc Golf Course are done and will be installed as soon as possible. The mayor also reported that the Masons are moving forward with the BBQ Cook Off at the Town Park on Friday, August 22nd and Saturday, August 23rd. They will have Kansas City BBQ Society Certified Judges and a special "Edinburg's Choice" award that will be judged by members of the Town Council and Town Staff. The judging for the Edinburg's Choice award will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 23rd with the awards being handout out starting at 4:00 p.m. The mayor plans to be there, Councilman Crisman has said that he is interested and if anyone else is interested to let him know.

Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar stated that the playground looks nice with the new mulch. She reported that she has a full staff and the Ducks have their first swim meet on June 17th. Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar stated that she was disappointed with the Sheriff's Department and she hasn't seen anybody come by the pool area. She would like them to make their presence known and talk to people at the pool. Councilwoman T. Dellinger stated that the Party in the Park will be on June 20th at 7:00 p.m.

The Insurance Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that a rock from a town mower dented a truck door today and a claim has been filed.

The Health and Safety Committee had no report. Sgt. Davis stated that there has been a slight uptick in calls and he asked everyone to look out for a purple Dodge Dakota in the area since the driver's license has been revoked. Sgt. Davis reported that there was an overdose at the Exxon station last night and he also stated that he will talk to the other units about the pool. Capt. Dellinger stated that the pool will be checked on a regular basis and the Deputies will be checking in with the Town Office staff. He also stated that the Deputies will be doing foot patrol and communicating with the public.

Mayor Harshman reported that he attended the annual meeting of the Rail Trail Group today. He stated that VDOT is currently working on Phase 2 & Phase 3 of their study of Rails with Trails and they hope to complete Phase 2 in July and release the results of Phases 2 & 3 in August. VDOT will not be making a recommendation between the Rail with Trail and the Trail only option, but they will be updating the cost estimates from their earlier study on the Trail only option so that it can be compared to the Rail with Trail cost estimate. The mayor reported that VDOT has chosen three bridges that have different engineering and construction characteristics and they will consider what it will take to make the bridge safe for trains again, whether the bridge can support having a trail section cantilevered on the side of the bridge structure, or if a separate trail "bridge" will be needed. They will be estimating the cost of track rehab, storm water management, any required easements for things like storm ponds and other environmental impact that might come into play. They will also prepare a summary of environmental impacts for Rail with Trail and the Trail only option and compare the two side by side. Mayor Harshman stated that the VDOT representative told the group that there may be a decision made on which option will be moving forward before the end of the current Governor's term. The mayor also stated that the Friends of the Shenandoah Trail, the non-profit group that was formed

to raise money for the Trail, now has \$100,000 in their bank account and this plus other money raised will eventually be used to support the effort to build the Trail.

Mayor Harshman reported that Brittney Clem-Hott has been hired by the County to replace Brenda Black. The mayor stated that his term as the Town's representative on the Tourism Council is expiring and he asked the Council if they were good with him continuing as the Town representative. The Council was fine with this.

Mayor Harshman reported that visitation at the Mill and sales at the gift shop were slightly lower than last May.

Mayor Harshman reported that back in 2007, the Council passed a Resolution of Support and signed a Cooperative Agreement to form a regional Home Consortium with Winchester serving as the lead entity. The members of the Consortium include Shenandoah County and all the towns in the County, as well as other surrounding counties and towns. The mayor reported that the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission handles the administration and planning for the program. The mayor stated that the purpose of the Consortium is to give communities access to federal financial aid from the HOME program funding which is aimed at ensuring that people have access to decent, safe and sanitary housing. These funds may be allocated to a certified non-profit for rental assistance, down payment assistance, and the construction of single family and multifamily housing. Mayor Harshman reported that this agreement is up for renewal effective October 2025 for a 3-year period and will automatically renew for 3-year periods going forward. The original agreement and new agreement call for the lead entity to notify each member in writing of its right not to participate in the successive 3-year period. There is a chance that non-participating by any one member could result in discontinuation of the Consortium and access to future federal funding under the HOME Investment Partnership Program for all the members. The mayor stated that with this mind, he believes the Town owes it to all involved to remain a member of the Consortium. There is no Council action required.

The Architectural Review Board did not meet.

The Planning Commission did not meet.

One Zoning Permit was issued:

1. Richard & Carol Dellinger
107 Water St.
Driveway

Mayor Harshman reported that the Town received a complaint from the County about a deck built with pallets on Main Street and it has been passed on to the Zoning Administrator.

Mayor Harshman reported that the Town Attorney has still been going back and forth with the Bank about Madison Village and that no one has heard anything from David Madison.

Mayor Harshman read the title and the "Now Therefore It Be Ordained" Sections 1 & 2 of the Budget Ordinance for the year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. A motion was made by Councilman B. Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Wood to adopt the Budget Ordinance for the year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. Motion carried. Recorded vote as follows: Wymer-Hollar – aye, B. Dellinger – aye, Strong – aye, Crisman – aye, T. Dellinger – aye, Wood – aye, Harshman – aye.

Mayor Harshman reported that the auditors identified three material weaknesses that he addressed in a letter he provided to the Council and the only one that the Town struggles with is the first one about Material Audit Adjustments and as he explained in the letter, the cost to solve this is equal to or

surpasses the actual cost of doing an Audit. The mayor reported that all the correct amounts are included in the financial reports, however, QuickBooks doesn't always put the amounts where the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles want them to be. This is mainly things on the monthly Profit & Loss that do not move to the balance sheet without doing journal entry adjustments. The mayor reported that the last quote the Town received to track this monthly was \$18,000 for the year, but if he and the Town Treasurer can determine the rational for what needs to be moved, they should be able to do this in house at the end of each year. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilwoman T. Dellinger to approve the Audit for the year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. Motion carried.

Mayor Harshman stated that he had provided the Council with information about the roof replacement at Theatre Shenandoah and Councilman Wood proposing an amount of \$14,000. He heard back from most of the Council members that they supported this amount. The mayor thinks that the Town should require that the work is underway and that Theatre Shenandoah has the additional funds to pay the total cost of the roof replacement before any money is given. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Crisman to pledge \$14,000 towards the roof replacement at Theatre Shenandoah with the stipulation that they have raised the remaining amount required and that work has begun on the roof replacement before the funds are paid out. Motion carried.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar and seconded by Councilman B. Dellinger to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Daniel J. Harshman, Mayor

Mary L. Lowerre, Town Clerk