

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2026

The Edinburg Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 10, 2026. Mayor Harshman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All the Council members were present except for Councilman B. Dellinger. Also present was Capt. Wes Dellinger and Master Dep. J. Cook from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilwoman T. Dellinger to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilwoman T. Dellinger to approve the Treasurer's report and to pay all the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Harshman called attention to Inboden's report and stated that there was another blocked line at the Wastewater Treatment Plant that required pumping out the old contact tank and doing extensive cleaning of the UV lights. The mayor mentioned last month that they thought this was being caused by leaves clogging the telescoping valves, but he hasn't heard what they think caused it this time.

Mayor Harshman reported that the DEQ placed Shenandoah County under a Drought Warning yesterday and the Town's Drought Response Ordinance calls for reducing water withdrawal by 10% through voluntary water consumption. The mayor also reported that the Town has sent out notices by email and the notice has been posted on the Town's website and Facebook page. The mayor noted in the announcement that many of the items listed are probably not going to happen this time of year and he asked that residents use common sense with water usage to conserve where they can. The mayor stated that the Town Ordinance says that there is a 15% rate increase for monthly water usage over 10,000 gallons during a Drought Warning.

The Street Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman stated that the snowstorm in January was a challenge and if anyone tried to move any of the blocks of frozen snow, they would know what he was talking about.

Mayor Harshman reported that VDOT has asked that the Town work on what to do to clear the cul-de-sacs completely with the initial plowing since the Town has been plowing everything to the center and coming back later to haul it away. The mayor stated that the problem is that between driveways, mailboxes, fire hydrants and phone pedestals, there is nowhere to push the snow off the cul-de-sac. The mayor reported that VDOT has also asked the Town to look into restricting parking along Rose Drive and Kadies Lane during snow events now that the Town will be plowing there since they will become state-maintained roadways. The mayor stated that the Town will first try to send letters to notify the residents not to park along the curb during snow events and some signage might also need to be installed.

The Ordinance Committee had no report.

The Personnel Committee had no report.

The Finance Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that he still hasn't heard anything from the County about the final reassessment totals.

The Property Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that work is continuing at the King Cola building.

The Cemetery Committee had no report.

The Park Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that the Park Committee met and decided that the proposed types of equipment that were suggested at last month's meeting are what they would like to do and he will be working on the grant application this month. The mayor stated that the Town will also need to get Letters of Recommendation for the grant.

Mayor Harshman also reported that Councilwoman T. Dellinger brought some information and questions from the BBQ Competition folks and they asked that the Town look at the outlets and lights in the shelters before their event on August 22nd, and they also asked that the tables be removed from the large shelter for the event. Mayor Harshman also stated that this year's competition in Edinburg will be the State Championship.

The Insurance Committee had no report.

The Health and Safety Committee had no report. Capt. Dellinger called attention to the Calls for Service report and stated that there were 1,396 calls for January. Mayor Harshman stated that there are cars parking too close to the fire hydrants and asked Capt. Dellinger to have the Deputies start ticketing vehicles that are parking closer than 15 feet to any fire hydrant. Capt. Dellinger reported that the full closure of the southbound lanes of I-81 for the bridge repairs will take place on March 7th and he stated that there will be a meeting with the contractor at the end of this month which the Town can attend.

Mayor Harshman stated that the Tourism Council met in January and he provided the Council with a copy of the minutes from the meeting. The mayor reported that a 250th Anniversary rack card will be available soon that will list all the activities that will be going on in the County during 2026. He also reported that there will be another Traveling Exhibit from the Virginia Museum of History and Culture at the Edinburg Mill for the month of September until October 12th. The title of the exhibit is "We the People" and tells the story and impact of the many people that came to Virginia over the last 250 years. The mayor stated that they also reported that Hank Zimmerman and Zach Hottle from the County Library will be doing historic podcasts.

Mayor Harshman also reported that County Tourism along with "Noah Shenandoah" has been working on a "Bo Birdie" video campaign. The mayor had no idea what Bo Birdie was, but it is a golf magazine that also focuses on food, travel, art and unique stories of the Shenandoah Valley. The video campaign includes stops at 18 local destinations in Shenandoah County and a competition involving hitting a golf ball in hopes of winning the Noah Shenandoah Cup. The mayor reported that they are also working on a digital event for National Tourism Week in May.

Mayor Harshman reported that despite the weather and being closed for a few days, visitation at the Mill for January was up compared to last year and the sales in the gift shop were about the same.

Mayor Harshman reported that he has been working with a professor from JMU to install 3 exhibit structures in the Mill Museum. He also reported that the installations are complete and he met on February 6th with 40 JMU students from an Architectural Design class at the Museum to view the exhibits and familiarize them with the Mill. The mayor stated that the student portion of the exhibit came from a senior Architectural Design studio course taught by Dylan Krueger, an Assistant Professor of Architectural Design in the fall of 2025. The mayor reported that each student selected a building that they found interesting or meaningful and studied their building through repeated observation and drawing. The mayor stated that the purpose of this project was

to help students develop a deeper understanding of how buildings reflect local history and community. Mayor Harshman reported that the exhibits consist of drawings that each student did of their chosen building and Professor Krueger also did 3 drawings based on the Edinburg Mill that are on display. The mayor also reported that the exhibits are displayed on custom made structures designed by the students and will be on exhibit indefinitely and the structures will remain at the Mill for future use.

Mayor Harshman reported that work is underway on the construction of the letters for the LOVE sign and they are still working out the details on the digital graphics for the letters. He also reported that the subject has been decided on for the most part, but there are still things to be worked out on how to blow everything up and maintain the same level of quality for the various photos that have been assembled.

Mayor Harshman reported that he heard back from the Department of Historic Resources that the Glass Mosaic Quilt Square project at the Mill has been approved. He also reported that the Quilt Squares and descriptions will be installed on metal tracks at the flood wall beneath the windows at the Mill.

Mayor Harshman reported that the Bus Service reported a 24% increase in riders for 2025 compared to 2024. They also reported that 2 bus shelters will be installed at Walmart, one was paid for by the Northern Shenandoah Regional Commission and the other was paid for with a grant. The mayor stated that so far, Edinburg is the only town that has installed bus stop benches. The Town received 5 benches and they were installed at Dollar General, the County Library, Kadies Lane, at the bridge on Main Street and since there was already a bench at the Post Office, one of the benches was installed in front of the Fire Department. Mayor Harshman also reported that there was some discussion about expanding the Bus Service, but no decisions were made.

Mayor Harshman reported that the Town Clerk included a candidate packet in the meeting packets for the council members that are up for reelection in November. The mayor stated that it is early, but he hopes that everyone is going to run again. The deadline to file is June 16th.

Mayor Harshman reported that the Town & County Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1st at Belgravia Manor. The mayor stated that Happenings Catering will be providing the food, Mike Clem from Heritage Mill Wines will be serving the wine and beer and there will also be soft drinks, water and iced tea. He also reported that Theatre Shenandoah will be the program for the evening with cast members from their latest production of "The Sound of Music".

Mayor Harshman stated that the Town had special mugs made which will be filled with easter candy as a gift for the attendees. Social Hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner will be at 6:45 p.m. The cost is going to be \$35 with the Town paying for the Council and the Staff and everyone will be responsible for paying for their guests. The mayor asked the Council to let the Town Clerk know if they are planning on attending by March 16th.

The Architectural Review Board did not meet.

The Planning Commission did not meet. Mayor Harshman stated that Shentel submitted a Boundary Line Adjustment that he and Councilman Crisman need to look at, approve and sign.

There were no Zoning Permits issued.

There was no report from the Town Attorney.

Mayor Harshman read a Resolution requesting that the Virginia Department of Transportation add specific segments of Rose Drive and Kadies Lane to the Secondary System of Highways. The mayor stated that this should be the final action required to put these streets in the State Maintenance program and that there was a copy of the document in the council packets for review. A motion was made by Councilwoman Strong and seconded by Councilman Wood to adopt the Resolution requesting that the Virginia Department of Transportation add specific segments of Rose Drive and Kadies Lane to the Secondary System of Highways. Motion carried.

Mayor Harshman reported that Theatre Shenandoah inquired about placing a sign on Route 11 that would direct people to their location on Center Street since many County residents have no idea where they are located, but the Zoning Ordinance does not permit off street premise signage like this. The mayor stated that because the Old Town Hall building where the Theatre is located is a historic building within the Designated Historic District, the Town could get a brown sign that would serve to identify and direct residents to the Theatre and he has provided a sketch of a sign that might work. Mayor Harshman explained that this would be like the Wayfinding Signs that are in Woodstock and if the sign is placed on the corner of Center Street just up from the streetlight pole, it would be located on a town-owned street and would not require VDOT approval. The mayor reported that a 2-sided sign would be visible traveling in both directions on Route 11 and with the nearby fire hydrant and the sign's location on the north side of the intersection, it would not be blocked by any parked vehicles. The mayor asked the Council if they would be interested in working with the Theatre on this. The mayor does not know the budget or the size of the sign yet, but he is expecting Theatre Shenandoah to cover at least 50% of it. The Council agreed that they were interested in working with the Theatre on a sign.

Councilwoman T. Dellinger stated that the Edinburg signs need some sprucing up since the paint is chipping and she would also like to see more color on the signs.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Crisman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Daniel J. Harshman, Mayor

Mary L. Lowerre, Town Clerk