

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 10, 2026

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

A motion was made by Councilman B. Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Crisman to approve the minutes of the February 10, 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 for February.

Mayor Harshman reported that Southern Corrosion completed the annual inspection of the 3 water tanks in February. The reservoir tank and the 200,000-gallon tank exteriors were both found to be in excellent condition, but they do have some mildew buildup on the shady side of the tank. The mayor also reported that the interior of the reservoir tank had minor deficiencies caused mostly by discoloration due to minerals like iron in the water. The interior of the 200,000-gallon tank which has not had any water in it yet was also found to be in excellent condition with no deficiencies.

Mayor Harshman reported that the elevated tank's exterior had what they called minor deficiencies and there is also mildew buildup again on the lower bowl of the tank. The Town can pressure wash the 2 ground tanks, but someone will need to be hired to clean the elevated tank every couple of years, which is not included in the maintenance contract with Southern Corrosion. The mayor also reported that the interior of the elevated tank has never had anything done to it since it went online in July 1998 and surprisingly it only has moderate deficiencies and was found to be in satisfactory condition. Some rust can be seen inside the areas where T-Mobile welded the mounting brackets on the top of the tank and painting of the wet areas of this tank is planned as soon as the 200,000-gallon tank goes online. The mayor met again with the Engineer and the SCADA people at the new pump station for the 200,000-gallon water tank last week and hopefully they now have the answers to all their questions. Mayor Harshman reported that the Contractor and the electrician are scheduled to be back onsite this month to finalize the running of electric and signal wires from the elevated tank to sync it with the new pump station.

Mayor Harshman reported that the DEQ still has Shenandoah County under a drought warning.

The Street Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that the closing of I-81 for the bridge repairs has been rescheduled for March 21st and the Town will be restricting parking on both sides of Main Street from 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 21st through 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 22nd.

The Ordinance Committee had no report.

The Personnel Committee had no report.

The Finance Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman stated that he plans to get information on the Budget out to the Council before the April meeting.

The Property Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that the King Cola building should be completed this month.

The Cemetery Committee had no report.

The Park Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that he received the five letters of support that were needed for the T-Mobile grant and the application will be submitted before the March 31st deadline.

The Insurance Committee had no report.

The Health and Safety Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman stated that the Town has been receiving more revenue from enforcement lately and the increase in enforcement is appreciated. Capt. Dellinger called attention to the Calls for Service report and stated that there were 1,233 calls for February. Capt. Dellinger reported that the Sheriff's Department along with other agencies are preparing for the I-81 closure on March 21st.

Mayor Harshman reported that he was sick and did not attend the February Tourism Council meeting and he will provide the meeting minutes to the Council when he receives them.

Mayor Harshman reported that there was a 28% increase in visitation at the Mill.

Mayor Harshman reported that work is underway on the construction of the letters for the LOVE sign.

Mayor Harshman reported that work on the Glass Mosaic Quilt Square project is continuing at the Edinburg Mill. He also reported that the squares will be installed on metal tracks at the flood wall beneath the windows.

Mayor Harshman reported that he received a quote of \$890 for the Theater Shenandoah sign from Eddie Edwards Signs. He also reported that Theatre Shenandoah stated that they would pay for half of the sign and he asked the Council if they were okay with the Town paying for the other half, which will be \$445. The Council approved of paying \$445 towards the sign.

Mayor Harshman reminded everyone about the Town & County Dinner on April 1st.

The Architectural Review Board did not meet.

The Planning Commission did not meet

There were two Zoning Permits issued:

1. Harris Thompson
225 Taylortown Rd.
Farm Storage
2. Christopher Davis
Palmyra Church Rd.
Single Family Home

There was no report from the Town Attorney.

Mayor Harshman stated that last month, the Council adopted a resolution stating that the storm water management, sidewalks and streets have been completed for the Madison Village Development Project and the Town has requested that the development be added to the State's Secondary System of Highways. The mayor reported that the necessary documents were submitted to VDOT, which have been acknowledged as being received to place the development in the State system. The mayor stated that for the most part, all the requirements have been met that are covered by the Letter of Credit and if the Council agrees to release the Letter of Credit, there will need to be a motion. A motion was

made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilwoman T. Dellinger authorizing the Zoning Administrator to release the Letter of Credit and to notify the bank of this action. Motion carried.

Mayor Harshman stated that the proposed 2026 Real Estate Tax Rate must be determined at this meeting and hopefully, everyone looked over the information that was previously sent about the tax rate. After some discussion, Councilman Wood stated that he would like to see a \$0.17 tax rate and the rest of the Council agreed. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilwoman T. Dellinger to set the 2026 Real Estate Tax Rate at \$0.17. Motion carried.

Mayor Harshman stated that there will be a 25% increase on the Local Choice health insurance rates for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 and this is the highest increase that he recalls ever seeing. The mayor reported that from talking to other towns and the County it is hard to find coverage that is comparable to the Local Choice program at a comparable price and those that have tried found the new coverage lacking. The Town must tell them by April 1st if we are planning to renew. A motion was made by Councilman Crisman and seconded by Councilwoman Strong to renew the Local Choice health insurance for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Motion carried.

Mayor Harshman stated that a Public Hearing needs to be scheduled next month for the proposed 2026 Real Estate Tax Rate. The Council agreed that the Public Hearing be held before the Regular Council meeting on April 14th at 7:00 p.m. The mayor will schedule the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman B. Dellinger to go into closed session to discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose as permitted by § 2.2-3711 A. 3 and a personnel matter as permitted § 2.2-3711 A. 4. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Strong and seconded by Councilman B. Dellinger to come out of closed session and return to regular session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Crisman and seconded by Councilman B. Dellinger that to the best of each member's knowledge, they certify that only the acquisition of real property for public purposes as permitted by § 2.2-3711 A. 3 and a personnel matter as permitted § 2.2-3711 A. 4 were discussed in the closed session. Motion carried. Recorded vote as follows: Wymer-Hollar – I certify, B. Dellinger – I certify, Strong – I certify, Crisman – I certify, T. Dellinger – I certify, Wood – I certify, Harshman – I certify.

A motion was made by Councilman B. Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Crisman to accept the sales agreement to purchase the parking lot on the corner of Center Street and South High Street from Shenandoah Cable Television for the price of \$60,000 and to authorize the mayor to sign any required documents. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman T. Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Wood to authorize the mayor to secure financing of \$60,000 for a five-year period for the purchase of the Shenandoah Cable Television property. Motion carried.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman B. Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Crisman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Daniel J. Harshman, Mayor

Mary L. Lowerre, Town Clerk