



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, July 25, 2016
6:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public are invited to comment at this time on any item appearing on the agenda.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the Council request specific items to be removed for separate action.

Item 9A: Approve the minutes of the June 27, 2016 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.

Item 9B: Approve the Financial Statement.

Item 9C: Approve payment of bills. Vote to be recorded reflecting abstention by Councilor Barber on amount owed Barber Oil Company.

Recommended Action – Approve the consent agenda.

2. APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

3. MAYOR'S REPORT

Item 3A: Report on Police Department

4. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Item 5A: Report from Severn Trent Services on Wastewater Plant Operations

Plant Supervisor Bernie Kozlovac will provide a verbal report on projects and activities at the wastewater plant during the month.

Recommended Action – No action required.

* Item 5B: Wastewater Project

Recently ordered mapping has been received, and the project design is underway. Design should be completed at or after year end.

Recommended Action – No action required.

* Item 5C: Ordinance for Wastewater Pressure Testing

The Municipal Authority is finalizing language for a proposed Ordinance that will require pressure testing of sewer laterals, and adopt changes to the Wastewater Rules & Regulations. Staff hopes to be able to present the draft Ordinance to Council in August.

Recommended Action – No action required.

* Item 5D: Reservoir Drainage Structure

The small reservoir remains drained, and the pipe through the breast of the reservoir is being cleaned and evaluated. Once the line is videoed, a determination will be made of the extent of the repairs necessary, and final design and permitting will be completed.

Recommended Action – No action required.



* Item 5D: Disinfection Byproducts

Despite all other efforts to correct, the problem with the disinfection byproducts at the Ogden water storage tank persists. The Municipal Authority has authorized the engineer to seek a permit for the installation of removal equipment in the tank, and to prepare performance specifications in order to ensure a successful project. The project is expected to cost more than \$100,000 and should be completed in the spring.

Recommended Action – No action required.

6. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Barber & Jacoby

Item 6A: Lake Rowena Pavilion

Our own public works crew has completed construction of the new pavilion at Lake Rowena. The new pavilion is 20' x 50', about twice the size of the old one. The project is an example of the diverse skills that our public works laborers have, allowing projects such as this to be completed in-house at considerable savings.

Recommended Action – No action required.



7. STREET COMMITTEE

Cobaugh, Miller & Houser

8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Barber, Jacoby & Kuhar

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- * Item 9A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
The minutes of the previous regular meeting are presented for Council review and approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the minutes of the previous meeting(s).

- * Item 9B: Financial Statement
The financial statement for June 2016 is presented for approval.

At the end of each quarter, transactions are made in order to process fund transfers to and from reserve accounts, and to distribute the cost of routine and capital expenses among the proper accounts. Fund transfers made for the 2nd quarter are attached.

Recommended Action – Approve the June 2016 financial statement and quarterly fund transfers.

- * Item 9C: Bills
A list of bills totaling \$272,350.45 is submitted for approval. The list of bills includes an account in the amount of \$771.78 payable to Barber Oil Company. An abstention will be recorded in the minutes on behalf of Councilor Barber on this particular bill.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

Item 9D: Noise Enforcement

The borough has purchased a noise meter that is suitable for measurement and logging of neighborhood noise, and subsequent enforcement. The new meter is expected within the next few weeks. All noise complaints will be evaluated by the police department.

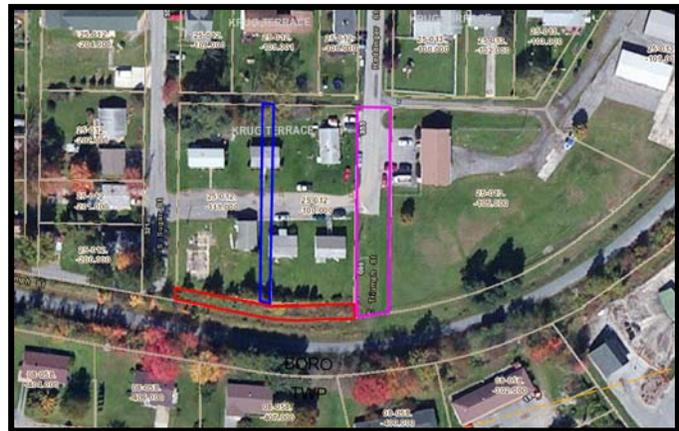
Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 9E: Precision Business Expansion

Precision Business Solutions, located at 302 Reddinger Street, has acquired the property across the street, situated between Sugar Street and Reddinger Streets. The property is currently occupied by five mobile homes. The occupants of those homes have already been evicted. There are two existing parcels divided by an unopened alley. One of the homes is actually situated across that alley.

Mr. Shrift, of Precision Business, has future plans to expand his business onto those two parcels. He wishes to combine those two parcels with his business parcel. In order to do so, he is asking that 1) the unopened alley between the two parcels be abandoned (blue on attached); 2) that the unopened alley between those two parcels and the Ghost Town Trail be abandoned (red on attached); 3) that Reddinger Street be abandoned south of the 12’ unopened alley at the rear of the Ogle Street properties (pink on attached). Following an approved merger of all parcels, he desires to have the current Mixed Use-Village Commercial zone extended to Sugar Street.

Mr. Shrift is in the process of having the buildings on the parcels razed. The only building that will remain is the block garage.



There are water and sewer utility lines involved at the parcels (see attached). The red line is a 15” sewer line that crosses the two parcels diagonally. The blue line is a 8” water line recently installed in the unopened alley and the bottom of Reddinger Street. If the alley and street is abandoned, rights-of-way would have to be maintained for those utilities.

If Council is in general agreement with the request, Mr. Shrift will have a survey of the entire area completed, and submit a subdivision proposal to the Planning Commission for formal review and eventual Council approval. He is reluctant to invest in the survey and subdivision process if Council is not open to the proposal.

Recommended Action – Dependent on discussion.

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Item 10A: Police Department

Chief Wyland will provide a verbal report on the police department's activities during the month. A written report was e-mailed to Council separately.

Item 10B: Public Works Department

Public Works Director Jeff Evans will provide a verbal report on the public works department's activities during the month.

Item 10C: Community Development

Community Development Director Danae Koss will provide a verbal report on the community development department's activities during the month.

Item 10D: Recreation Department

Recreation Director Samantha Kemock will provide a verbal report on the recreation department's activities during the month.

The Manager has included in the packet a brief report on YPCC finances. Staff was anxious to examine the effect that recent changes implement by staff would have on budgeted finances including the new accounting system instituted this year at the facility and increased staffing. The changes have resulted in increased memberships over the first half of 2016, and should cut the annual operating deficit substantially.

* Item 10E: Codes Enforcement

A monthly codes enforcement report was forwarded to Council.

* Item 10F: Ebensburg Municipal Authority

A copy of the minutes of the last municipal authority meeting is included in Council's packet.

* Item 10G: Ebensburg Planning Commission – No activity

* Item 10H: Ebensburg Zoning Board

*1) Archibald Morris

The Zoning Hearing Board approved a variance involving the rear setback for installation of a solar deck at the rear of Dr. Morris' office on Manor Drive.

Recommended Action – No action required.

11. MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Representatives of the media are invited to comment and ask questions at this time on any issues, whether or not on the agenda.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public are invited to comment at this time on any issues, whether or not on the agenda.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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