



## Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting

### Monday, May 23, 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 April 25, 2016 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council and the May 9, 2016 joint meeting with the Municipal Authority.

Item 9B: Approve the Financial Statement.

Item 9C: Approve payment of bills.

Recommended Action – Approve the consent agenda.

### 2. APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

#### Item 2A: Middle School Field

A representative of Central Commons, the new owner of the former middle school and football field, will speak to Council about a proposal to make the football field available for recreation.



### **3. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Item 3A: Report on Police Department**

### **4. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS**

### **5. WATER, WASTEWATER & STORMWATER COMMITTEE**

**Houser & Kuhar**

**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**

The Municipal Authority took several actions this month in preparation for the upcoming wastewater project.

1. The southwest corner of town is not expected to be included in the project. Nonetheless, the Authority directed that it be included in the design and included in the bid document as an alternate. Depending on bids received, a decision will be made then if it can be included in the project.
2. Mapping was ordered for the project area, based upon aerial photography that the Authority had conducted last fall.
3. Under-slab testing will not be required for the project. Testing will be required to an exposed foundation wall. Under-slab testing will be required only if I&I is later detected.
4. All properties will be required to have a cleanout and a viewport. Traps and backflow preventers will be recommended but not required.
5. Demarcation for ownership of the sewer lateral within the project area will be the Authority-installed viewport near the property line or applicable R/W line. Outside of the project area will be at the owner-installed viewport near the property line or applicable R/W line.
6. The Authority is unable to include the construction of private laterals in the project. Paying for lateral construction within the project area would result in significantly higher project costs and would prevent the Authority from requiring owners outside of the project area to perform their own lateral testing and repair.
7. All owners, contractors and plumbers will be authorized to perform the pressure tests subject to monitoring by the borough or authorized representative.
8. The project contractor will connect existing laterals to the new connection stubs. Customers will be granted a six-month period following notice to perform testing and complete all necessary repairs. The notices will be staggered as connections are made.
9. Ebensburg Borough and Cambria Township will be asked to repeal their respective ordinances for pre-sale testing requiring dye tests, and instead adopt new ordinances requiring air pressure testing.

Between now and final design, for a pre-sale test, in those cases in which it is not yet known where the new sewer main will be located, the required pressure test may be waived. The seller will be required to escrow the funds that will eventually be necessary to repair/replace the sewer lateral, or the buyer may acknowledge in writing the requirement for the buyer to later comply.

10. All system customers not affected by the project will be required to complete pressure testing and lateral repair, in accordance with a schedule to be determined, following the project.
11. Previous pre-sale testing certificates of compliance will expire as soon as pressure testing is adopted. Any previously witnessed pressure tests will be honored. All pressure test certificates will have a term of five years.
12. Grease traps will be required prior to lateral approval for all commercial kitchens.

A letter of explanation will be mailed to all customers later this week detailing the project and the new rate structure. Public meetings have been announced as follows:

Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>            6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>        1:00 p.m.  
Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>         1:00 p.m.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**Item 5C: Reservoir Drainage Structure**

The drawdown of the lower reservoir is complete. The drainage structure is being evaluated, and final design and permitting will be completed.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**Item 5D: Disinfection Byproducts**

A quote received from PAX Water Technologies regarding equipment sizing details and cost estimates for a project at the Ogden tank was twice the amount expected. Further research is being done.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**6. RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Barber & Jacoby**

**7. STREET COMMITTEE**

**Cobaugh, Miller & Houser**

**Item 7A: West Street/Lovell Avenue Intersection**

Several people, over the last two months, have suggested that a stop sign be added on West Street, northbound approaching Lovell Avenue.

The intersection has never had a stop sign. It is possible that increased traffic at that intersection from the rear of the new Sheetz store, plus increased activity at the new Al's Tires location may be highlighting the need for an additional stop sign.



South West Street at Lovell Avenue

West Street is an ordained street through the intersection at Lovell Avenue to the dead end at the former Appledale parking lot. Although a borough street, it more closely resembles a driveway, as it is much narrower than the rest of West Street. Because of the design of the intersection, a stop sign would be appropriate.



#### **Item 7B: Full-Width Lane Paving**

The upcoming wastewater project will result in many borough streets being excavated. The project will be funded through PENNVEST, and the funding is limited to restoring only within the edges of hole, crosscut or trench, unless a law requires full-width pavement. Staff recommends that an Ordinance be adopted requiring full-width paving.

Ordinance #630 amends the existing Ordinance relative to street excavations, and does the following:

1. Clarifies that the borough's approval of a project does not waive our ability to pursue damages for a later failure.
2. Any surface that was not excavated but is required to be overlaid must first be milled.
3. If more than two openings are made within a block, then the entire area between those openings must be overlaid full lane width.
4. If more than two crosscuts are made within a block, then the entire area between those crosscuts must be overlaid full lane width. If any crosscuts extend across the center line, then overlay is required curb to curb.
5. Full lane width overlay is required for nearly any trench excavation.
6. Borough Council reserves the right to waive the requirements.

There is no rush to enact the Ordinance, if Council wishes more time to consider the matter. However, it should be implemented well in advance of the project, and in time for bid award.

**Recommended Action** – Grant tentative approval to Ordinance #630 requiring “full width lane paving” for street restoration, and advertise for final inspection.

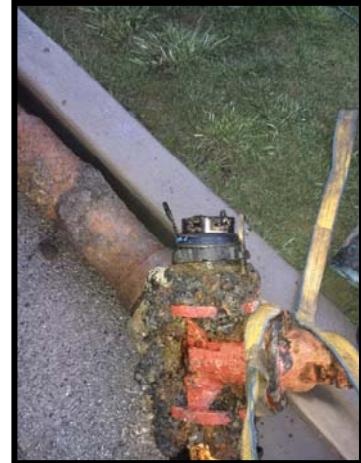
**Item 7C: PennDOT Paving Project**

Borough crews have completed all prep work for PennDOT's resurfacing project on High Street and Center Street. Five new water valves were installed on North Center Street. Those areas will be sawcut in the near future and a permanent patch applied.

Old stormwater basins were replaced on South Center Street above Prave Street. Those basins were at risk of collapse. The old double basins were replaced with triple basins on both sides of Center Street.



Old basin on Center Street at Prave Street



Corroded water valve



New triple basin

**8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**Barber, Jacoby & Kuhar**

**Item 8A: Summer Office Position**

Staff had hoped to have a summer intern assigned for office duties, but all prospective applicants have accepted paid internships elsewhere. Staff is recommending that Jill Bracken be hired as the summer office assistant.

Recommended Action – Hire Jill Bracken as summer office assistant at the rate of \$8/50/hr.

**Item 8B: Summer Maintenance Position**

One of the workers previously approved for a summer position has accepted another job. James McCulley of West Ogle Street is recommended to replace that applicant.

Recommended Action – Hire James McCulley as summer maintenance worker at the rate of \$8/50/hr.

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- \* Item 9A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)  
The minutes of the previous regular meeting and the joint 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 April 2016 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the April 2016 financial statement.

- \* Item 9C: Bills  
A list of bills totaling \$322,761.56 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

### **Item 9D: Resident Survey**

At last month's meeting Council received a summary of the resident survey, and a long list of each and every comment received. In June, Council will receive a follow-up on many of the comments and suggestions. A complete report on the survey will also be included in the upcoming newsletter.

Recommended Action – No action required.

## **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 Danea 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.

- \* 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) Rizzo Chiropractic  
The Zoning Hearing Board denied an amended special exception for an additional parking area at 400 North Center Street.
- 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

*Copies of all staff reports and documents subject to disclosure that relate to any item of business referred to on the agenda are available for public inspection the Thursday before each regularly scheduled meeting at the Borough office, located at 300 West High Street, Ebensburg, Pa. Any documents subject to disclosure that are provided to members of the Borough Council regarding any item on this agenda are available for public inspection at the Borough office or at [www.ebensburgpa.com](http://www.ebensburgpa.com).*

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