



**Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting**  
**Monday, August 28, 2017**  
**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 July 24, 2017 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.

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: Bill Shaffer**

Bill Shaffer wishes to address Council concerning the Main Street Partnership.

**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 Mark Wirfel 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 Update**

The permit for the project has been received, and the Pennvest application has been submitted. The Pennvest board meeting is scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**6. RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Barber & Jacoby**

**Item 6A: YPCC Loan**

The YPCC loan was first acquired in 2001 in the amount of \$600,000. The Borough has always made inflated payments on the 20-year loan in order to retire it early. The balance of the loan is now approximately \$61,000. The interest rate on the loan is just over 4%. The Borough earns much less than that on investments, thus it makes sense to pay the loan off with funds on hand.

Recommended Action – Pay off the YPCC loan in the amount of approximately \$61,000.

**7. STREET COMMITTEE**

**Cobaugh, Miller & Houser**

**Item 7A: Tanner Street Bridge**

The Tanner Street bridge was last repaired in 1977. It consists of steel I-beam girders and a large corrugated metal pipe. The curvature of the pipe is filled with bricks. The I-beams are rusting, the metal pipe is rotted, and the bricks are collapsing.

The most cost-effective replacement for such a bridge is probably a pre-formed box culvert. A pre-formed box culvert would also minimize the period of time that the road would have to be closed. PennDOT has a grant program that would reimburse the borough 80% of project costs. In order to be



Typical pre-formed box culvert

eligible, the project must be included in PennDOT's Traffic Improvement Plan (TIP). In order to be added to the TIP, a formal bridge

inspection and report is necessary. The 2019 TIP is being finalized now, so it is urgent that a bridge inspection be completed immediately.



The borough engineer has submitted a proposal to perform the inspection at a cost of \$4,380.

Recommended Action – Approve a bridge inspection and report to be performed by Kimball on the Tanner Street bridge at a cost of \$4,380.

**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 July 2017 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the June 2017 financial statement.

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

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

**Item 9D: Outdoor Burning**

Ordinance #638 was proposed last month. It prohibits open burning at all times, allowing recreational fires, with restrictions.

Council requested additional information regarding burning regulations, and was provided a copy of the current burning ordinance for review.

Recommended Action – Dependent on discussion.

**Item 9E: Street Sweeper**

Council had preliminary discussion last month concerning the jointly-owned 2006 street sweeper. The consensus of Council appeared to be a reluctance to sell the borough's share of the sweeper to Cambria Township, or to incur the high cost of a new sweeper.

Additional discussions were held with the township. The borough suggested that a log be developed detailing each municipality's use of the machine by engine hours, and that the terms of the original agreement be abided by. That agreement states that the borough would pay all costs of maintenance, and then be reimbursed a proportionate share by the township.

The township does not believe that will work, and believes that shared use of the sweeper will be a continual source of tension between the two municipalities. They offered to sell their share of the sweeper to the borough, and would then purchase their own. Such a price would

have to be negotiated, but would be between \$25,000 and \$38,750, based upon the two earlier appraisals.

Borough staff does not wish to buyout the township. The current sweeper is much larger than is needed here, and staff fears the upcoming maintenance costs on a machine that old.

Staff's recommendation to Council is that the matter of a new street sweeper be referred to the administrative committee for further discussion during the budget process, allowing them to address it over time in the capital budget. In the interim, staff will utilize the log of engine hours, distributing ongoing maintenance costs accordingly.

Recommended Action – Dependent on discussion.

**Item 9F: Garbage Bids**

The 3-year garbage collection and recycling contract expires at the end of 2017. The contract has been advertised, with bids due on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

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.

**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 Dana Koss will provide a verbal report on the community development department's activities during the month.

**Item 10D: Recreation Department**

Recreation Director Dirk Johnson 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 – No activity

## **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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