



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, May 22, 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 April 24, 2017 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

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.

6. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Barber & Jacoby

Item 6A: Swimming Pool

The pool is scheduled to open on Saturday, May 27th. The pool was acid-washed this year prior to refilling. Borough crews replaced several heater and pump parts, and landscaping has been completed. The new pool manager has met with all lifeguards.

Season passes can be purchased at the YPCC, and the “swipe cards” are provided to all season patrons age 13 and older. Individual passes are \$120; family passes are \$205.

Recommended Action – No action required.

* **Item 6B: Tennis Center Lighting**

Sylvania has not yet completed the rebate application. \$40,000 of the \$49,000 total bill is being paid to Sylvania, and the balance is withheld pending completion of the application.

Recommended Action – No action required.

7. STREET COMMITTEE

Cobaugh, Miller & Houser

8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Barber, Jacoby & Kuhar

Item 8A: Recreation Director

The Recreation Director position was vacated last month. The position was advertised, with twenty-five applications received. Interviews for twelve of the applicants were conducted, and follow-up interviews were granted to three of those. The selection committee was comprised of members of Council’s administrative committee and recreation board, with the Borough Manager participating in the second round of interviews.

The committee unanimously recommended Dirk Johnson for the position.

Recommended Action – Make it a matter of record that Dirk Johnson was hired as Recreation Director, effective May 22nd, at a salary of \$38,900.

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 April 2017 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the April 2017 financial statement.

- * Item 9C: Bills
A list of bills totaling \$420,154.49 is submitted for approval. The list of bills includes an account in the amount of \$693.45 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: Penelec Street Lights

There are 224 street lights in Ebensburg Borough owned by Penelec. This does not include the Victorian streetlights along High Street and Center Street that are owned by the Borough. The borough-owned street lights are supplied power through a conventional meter, and the borough is billed on a kWh basis. The Penelec-owned street lights are billed monthly on a flat rate, costing a total of \$2,900 per month.

Penelec has a program to change out the old sodium vapor fixtures for new LED lights. There is no cost to the borough, and the change could save as much as \$600 per month.

Most of the Penelec streetlights are now 70W. Penelec is suggesting that a 50W LED would be closest to being equal, however, the direction of the light will be more confined. Staff recommends switching to 50W LED in a remote sample area, such as the north end of Caroline Street and the loop along Roland and Tibbott streets. If the new lighting is acceptable, the project could then continue throughout town.

The change to LED involves replacement of the entire fixture. The installation is only done by the trouble shooting teams as time permits. The complete conversion will take more than a year.

Recommended Action – Approve the conversion by Penelec to LED streetlights, beginning in the northeast corner of town and progressing accordingly.

Item 9E: County Parking Lot

In March, Council approved a joint project with the County for resurfacing of the parking lot on Center Street, opposite the front of the courthouse.

Bids for the project were opened on March 15th:

Quaker Sales	\$33,679.90
Grannas Brothers	\$41,192.30
Duey, Inc.	\$41,802.34
New Enterprise	\$42,681.25
LTM Paving	\$43,599.20

The project cost estimate was \$31,900. Staff recommends that the bid be awarded to Quaker Sales.



The borough will underwrite the costs of the project. In exchange, the county has agreed to provide an additional liquid fuels allotment to the borough in future years for borough projects that would be eligible for liquid fuels funds. This will be especially helpful to the borough when streets will need to be repaired following the wastewater project.

Recommended Action – Award a contract for resurfacing of the county parking lot to Quaker Sales in the amount of \$33,679.90.

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 Danae 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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