



**Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting**  
**Monday, February 25, 2013**  
**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 8B: Approve supplemental agreement to the collective bargaining agreement with AFSCME.
- Item 9A: Approve the minutes of the January 28, 2013 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 amounts owed Barber Oil Company and Anne Barber.

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: Water Project**

Contract 1: Waterlines and Valves – Mortimer’s Excavating, of Pulaski, PA. – Completed installation of new waterlines on Triumph Street and Reddinger Street. Now moving to North Caroline Street and Roland Street. DEP has approved design in Crestwood, and PennDOT has issued a highway occupancy permit. The contractor expects to begin work in Crestwood in another month.

Contract 2: WTP – Hickes Associates of Alexandria, PA. – Installed 16” influent and effluent lines to DAF clarifier. Completed installation of the weir extension in the two circular clarifiers. This has made a noticeable improvement in the clarifier effluent water quality and has extended filter runs between backwashes. Hickes has removed the filter media and underdrains in preparation for filter #2 to be rebuilt. Air headers for the scour system have arrived. The underdrain and filter media are delivered. Contractor is currently replacing the valves for filter #2. Construction of the backwash tank delayed until better weather.

Contract 3: L B Water – Borough has advertised for temporary workers. Expect to have four workers assigned to install 750 new water meters and new remote readers on all customers. Should begin early March and take four months. LB Water will provide training.

Contract 4: Cambria Systems, Inc. of Sidman – They have installed the new control panel at the water treatment plant and have all feeds from the old control system tied in and working. Plant operators are pleased with the appearance and features of the new system. Many additional functions to be added as the components are added to the construction project. A portion of the control work has been done at the elevated tank. Control work is being completed at the Salt Lick Pump Station. Cambria will then move to the Ogden Tank to perform their work.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**Item 5C: Cherry Street House**

The Municipal Authority purchased the house on Cherry Street in 2006 at the request of the Borough for \$85,000. The property was originally purchased in anticipation of a parking deck being constructed at the municipal parking lot. The likelihood of that occurring in the foreseeable future is low. Staff believes it is in the long-term best interests of the Borough and Authority to sell the property now rather than continue to lease it, and recommends that it be sold. The Authority approved selling the property, and it will be listed with Strayer & Associates for \$99,500.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**6. RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Illig, Houser & Nesbella**

**Item 6A: Lake Rowena Goose Control**

**7. STREET COMMITTEE**

**Lutz & Houser**

**Item 7A: Parking Violations**

The police department has suggested that the fine for violation of the winter parking regulations needs to be increased. It is currently \$5 (\$15 after 7 days), which is not enough to encourage owners to move their vehicle. The recommendation is to increase the fine to \$15 (\$35 after 7 days).

While amending the Ordinance, it is also recommended that the fine for meter violations be increased. The fine has been \$3 (\$15 after 7 days) in Ebensburg for as long as anyone can remember, at least for 35 years. The increased fine will discourage violators, be more in line with what one might expect a parking fine to be, and help toward making the processing of fines cost-effective, while not adversely affecting downtown businesses.

Recommended Action – Grant final approval to Ordinance #604 amending the fines for various parking violations.

**8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**Barber & Lutz**

**Item 8A: Community Development Director**

The search committee for a new community development director was comprised of three members of the Main Street Partnership and the Borough Manager. There were 64 applications for the position. A series of interviews was conducted to develop a short list of candidates to be considered. The committee has recommended Danae Williamson Koss for the position.

Danae holds a B.S. in Communications Media from IUP. A resident of Emerald Estates, she is currently employed as a convention and meeting planner at the Blair County Convention Center. She is very familiar with Ebensburg's events, and is excited to begin her new career.

Recommended Action – Approve hiring Danae Williamson Koss as Community Development Director, effective 3/11/2013, at a salary of \$35,000.

\* Item 8B: AFSCME CBA Amendment

**Item 8C: Temporary Workers**

Four temporary worker positions were advertised for the upcoming water meter conversion project. Work is expected to begin in March and last for approximately four months. There are 750 new water meters to be installed, and more than 2,200 remote readers. There were fourteen applicants for the positions. LB Water will provide the necessary training for the workers. Staff recommends that the four persons listed below be hired for the temporary

positions. All four candidates have prior experience working with water systems and meter installation. Bill Leary is retired from the borough. Brian Springer's previous work here in the borough included this type of work. Matt Bracken and Ted Farabaugh worked for Nanty Glo and Portage water authorities, respectively, doing meter conversions.

Recommended Action – Approve hiring Bill Leary, Brian Springer, Matthew Bracken and Ted Farabaugh for temporary meter installation positions, effective 3/4/2013, at the rate of \$9.00/hr.

## 9. GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Recommended Action – Approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

- \* Item 9B: Financial Statement  
The financial statement for February 2013 is presented for approval. A 12-month fund balance analysis is also included.

Recommended Action – Approve the February 2013 financial statement.

- \* Item 9C: Bills  
A list of bills totaling \$136,342.30 is submitted for approval. The list of bills includes an account in the amount of \$1,526.02 payable to Barber Oil Company and to Anne Barber in the amount of \$135.40. An abstention will be recorded in the minutes on behalf of Councilor Barber on those particular bills.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

**Item 9D: Ebensburg Main Street Partnership**

**Item 9E: Airport Grant**

## 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 Dave Dodson 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 Matt Pfeil will provide a verbal report on the recreation department's activities during the month.

- \* Item 10E: Codes Enforcement  
A monthly codes enforcement report is provided in Council's mailbox.
- \* 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**

*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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