



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, March 23, 2015
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 February 23, 2015 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: Ebensburg Senior Center

Tammy Monito wishes to address parking concerns on West Sample Street near the senior activities center.

3. MAYOR'S REPORT

Item 3A: Report on Police Department

4. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS

5. WATER, WASTEWATER & STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Kuhar & Houser

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: Frozen Water Lines

The Ebsenburg Municipal Authority discussed the high number of frozen water lines this winter, and the change in policy of borough staff not thawing the lines. Staff is investigating options for acquiring the appropriate equipment to thaw lines, and will be recommending a policy on how to better respond in the future.

Recommended Action – No action required.

6. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Barber & Jacoby

7. STREET COMMITTEE

Lutz, Miller & Houser

8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Lutz, Barber & Jacoby

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.

* Item 9B: Financial Statement

The financial statement for February 2015 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the February 2015 financial statement.

* Item 9C: Bills

A list of bills totaling \$337,606.26 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

Item 9D: Police Vehicle

Bids were sought for the sale of the 2010 police car.

McIlwain Bus Lines	Johnstown, PA	\$6,211.00
Chicago Motors	Chicago, IL	\$5,107.00
Bayridge Motors	Staten Island, NY	\$4,355.00
Kim Gaudino	Freedom, PA	\$3,210.00

Recommended Action – Approve the sale of the 2010 police car to McIlwain School Bus Lines for \$6,211.00.

Item 9E: Tax Collector Fees

Ordinance #486 dated December 1999 authorized the tax collector to assess and retain a fee of \$10 for tax certifications issued. Many tax collectors also assess a fee for a duplicate billing, most often provided to a mortgage company. The tax collector has requested that she be authorized to collect such a fee for duplicates. Further, since the tax collector manages her own accounts, it is necessary to authorize her separately to assess a fee for NSF checks.

Most municipalities include the above fees in a single Ordinance. Ordinance #622 is proposed repealing Ordinance #486 and authorizing all fees in a single Ordinance.

Recommended Action– Grant tentative approval to Ordinance #622 authorizing the tax collector to assess a fee for tax duplicates and NSF checks, and advertise for public inspection.

Item 9F: Cambria County Boroughs Association

Ebensburg Borough will be hosting the spring dinner meeting of the Cambria County Boroughs Association on Tuesday, April 21st at the Noon Collins Inn.

Recommended Action– No action required.

Item 9G: Middle School Field

The Central Cambria School Board is entertaining an offer on the two parcels on the west side of Center Street. The third parcel, the former football field, is not an integral part of that deal. Although included in the offer, the portion offered for the football field is far below the 6-figure appraisal of that parcel. The Board wants to offer the Borough the first chance to acquire the field, and to submit a proposal on that parcel only.



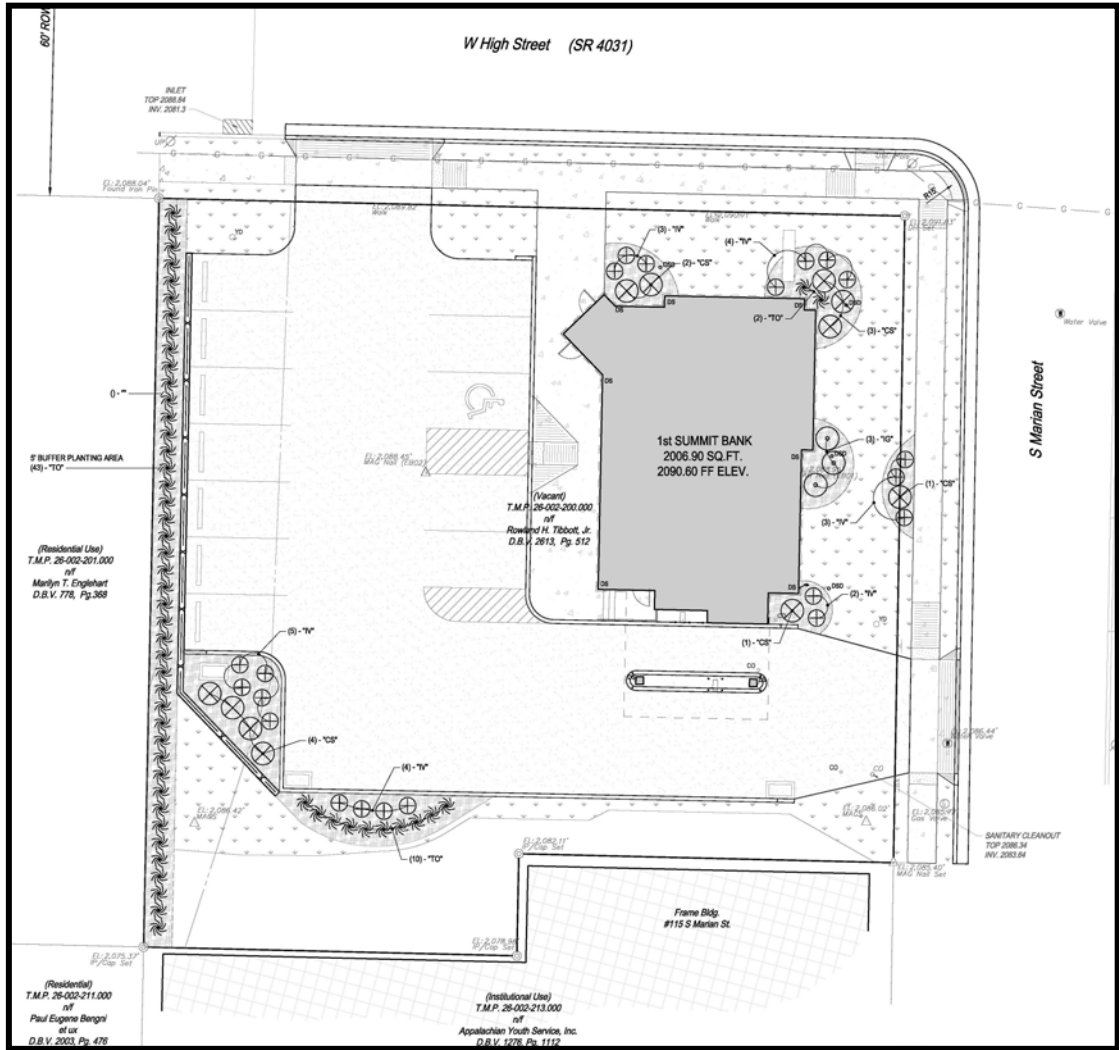
If there is sufficient interest on the part of Council in purchasing the football field, the details of any offer should be discussed in an executive session.

Recommended Action– Dependent on discussion.

Item 9H: 1st Summit Bank

1st Summit Bank is encountering a problem obtaining a highway occupancy permit for its new office on West High Street. The required sight distance cannot be achieved if parking is permitted in front of the neighboring residence at 516 West High Street. The bank is offering to provide a driveway for the residence so that off-street parking would be available. They ask then that the borough prohibit parking in two of the three existing spaces on West High Street, allowing for adequate sight distance for vehicles leaving the bank parking lot.





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 Dave Dodson 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 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session is necessary to discuss three personnel matters, and any action Council may wish to take in regard to the middle school field. No action is expected at the conclusion of this session.

14. 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.

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