



**Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting**  
**Monday, April 25, 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 March 28, 2016 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.

Item 9B: Approve the Financial Statement and quarterly transfers.

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

Stiffler-McGraw, the Municipal Authority's engineer, has presented to the Authority their evaluation of the wastewater collection system, and their recommendations for what should be included in the upcoming wastewater project.

This project will now be entering the design and permitting phase, a necessary step before funding can be sought. A funding application is expected to be submitted to PENNVEST at the end of 2016. The project should occur during 2017. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$9 million.

The project will involve excavation in nearly all sections of the borough. All customers, including those in the township, will be impacted by having to connect to the new collection system, and complying with new testing regulations.

Because the project will affect so many, a joint meeting of the Municipal Authority and Borough Council is requested so that engineers and staff can review the scope of the project and its impact. Staff is suggesting that such a joint meeting be scheduled for Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Later in May, a series of public meetings will be conducted so that details of the project can be explained to residents and customers, and allow them the opportunity to ask any questions. Prior to those public meetings, information concerning the project will be mailed to all customers.

Recommended Action – Advertise a joint meeting of the Municipal Authority and Borough Council for Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

#### Item 5C: Reservoir Drainage Structure

A slow drawdown of the lower reservoir will begin as soon as word is received from DEP on any downstream monitoring concerns. Once drained, the drainage structure will be evaluated, and final design and permitting will be completed. The reservoir may or may not be allowed to refill between the design/bidding phase and actual construction later this summer.

The drawdown permit, issued by the Pa Fish and Boat Commission, allows for fish to be taken from the reservoir regardless of seasons, sizes, or limits. Public information has been made available about the drawdown and temporary lifting of fishing regulations. The temporary relaxed regulations will permit licensed anglers to catch and keep any species of any size and in any numbers from now through May 15<sup>th</sup>.

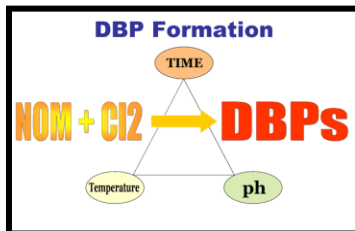


The temporary loss of the reservoir will not adversely affect the supply of water in the Ebensburg system. The lower reservoir is only used during the winter months, when its water temperature and alkalinity levels are more conducive to the water treatment process

Recommended Action – No action required.

#### **Item 5D: Disinfection Byproducts**

The staff and Municipal Authority engineers continue to study how to reduce the TTHM and HAA5 levels that continue to plague our customers served from Greater Johnstown Water Authority's (GJWA) Saltlick reservoir.



Natural organic matter (NOM) is common in any surface water source. When combined with chlorine, byproducts such as TTHM and HAA5 are formed. The chlorine effectively treats the disease-causing microorganisms, but the disinfection byproducts are distributed throughout the system.

Time, temperature and pH contribute to the levels of byproducts. Ebensburg's Saltlick system is especially prone to higher levels of byproducts because of the low flows through that portion of the system. Longer storage times will contribute to higher levels of byproducts. Ebensburg already keeps the water level in the Ogden storage tank relatively low and regularly flows water from the system, but those efforts have not helped.

GJWA is undertaking measures to assure that the water produced in their treatment process at the Saltlick reservoir contains the lowest levels of disinfection byproducts possible. They utilize the particular intake from the reservoir that produces the lowest levels of NOM. They are pre-treating with activated carbon to reduce the amount of NOM prior to chlorination. They are using the lowest practical chlorine dose, and aerating their storage tank. They are considering additional mechanical venting on their storage tank to reduce HAA and TTHM levels.

Our own Municipal Authority is waiting on PAX Water Technologies to prepare equipment sizing details and cost estimates to add aeration and mixing at the Ogden tank. In the meantime, our staff has conducted its own testing at additional sites throughout the system, and has verified that the TTHM and HAA5 problem is confined to that portion of the Ebensburg system receiving water from the Saltlick source, specifically the Route 22 corridor.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**6. RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Barber & Jacoby**

**Item 6A: Nathan’s Divide Education Center**

Council previously approved a DCNR planning grant application through Southern Alleghenies Planning Commission in the amount of \$10,500 for a \$21,000 feasibility study. The 50% matching funds were committed by donations and in-kind work. The grant was since approved. At a March 23<sup>rd</sup> planning meeting, it was learned that the actual total project cost is \$26,000. Southern Alleghenies and DCNR have agreed to increase the grant to \$13,000. The planning group has secured the additional matching funds.

Staff issued an RFP for the associated professional services. Two responses were received; L.R. Kimball and Keller Engineers. An evaluation of the proposals was performed, and provided to Borough Council. The highest rated proposal was that of L.R. Kimball. Staff subsequently met with Kimball and confirmed that the cost of the study would be performed for \$26,000, the amount of the available grant. Staff recommends that L.R. Kimball be engaged to develop the feasibility study for this project.

A separate project fund will be established wherein the grant funds and matching funds will be deposited, and from which all project invoices will be paid.

Recommended Action – Engage L.R. Kimball to perform the feasibility study for the Nathan’s Divide Education Center project, in the amount of \$26,000.

**Item 6B: Tennis Center Lighting**

In September 2015, Council awarded a \$49,000 contract to Sylvania Lighting Services to relamp the tennis center with LED lighting. The project was to result in significant energy cost savings while meeting or exceeding the current lighting levels. The project was completed in early 2016. The consensus is that the new lighting levels are significantly below what existed before.

Several options were discussed at a February 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of all parties. Sylvania has not yet proposed how they intend to address the problem. The Borough wrote to Sylvania on April 11<sup>th</sup> seeking a solution.

Recommended Action – Dependent on discussion.

**7. STREET COMMITTEE**

**Cobaugh, Miller & Houser**

**8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**Barber, Jacoby & Kuhar**

**Item 8A: Summer Workers**

Applications for summer positions were due on March 28<sup>th</sup> and staff has reviewed those. The following are recommended for summer employment.

Summer Maintenance

Nathan Knopp	East High Street	3 <sup>rd</sup> yr.
Zachary Nedwreski	Municipal Road	2 <sup>nd</sup> yr.
Will Seymour	South Center Street	1 <sup>st</sup> yr.

Summer Public Works

Steven Papuga	Maple Avenue	5 <sup>th</sup> yr.
Josh Surkovich	North Spruce Street	3 <sup>rd</sup> yr.

Memorial Field

Victor Wess	South West Street	1 <sup>st</sup> yr.
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Vehicle/Garage Maintenance

Matt Leary	West Crawford Street	1 <sup>st</sup> yr.
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GIS Data Collection

Nicholas Myers	North Beech Street	2 <sup>nd</sup> yr.
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Swimming Pool Manager

Alexandra Fedorko	Portage	
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Head Lifeguard

Luke Marcinko	East Highland Avenue	6 <sup>th</sup> yr.
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Lifeguards

Josh Remillard	East Sample Street	5 <sup>th</sup> yr.
Gabrielle Gironda	A-Frame Rd.	4 <sup>th</sup> yr.
Jessica Schaffer	McConahy Way	4 <sup>th</sup> yr.
Jordan Johnson	East Highland Avenue	5 <sup>th</sup> yr.
Erica Kozorosky	North Marian Street	4 <sup>th</sup> yr.
Tyler Weigel	Pinelock Street, Mineral Point	4 <sup>th</sup> yr.
Cooper Gilkey	Pinelock Street, Mineral Point	3 <sup>rd</sup> yr.
Jocelyn Simmers	Vetera Road	3 <sup>rd</sup> yr.
Marc Garzarelli	East High Street	2 <sup>nd</sup> yr.
Jacob Myers	Adams Avenue	2 <sup>nd</sup> yr.
Zander Johnson	East Highland Avenue	2 <sup>nd</sup> yr.
Sydney Gilkey	Pinelock Street, Mineral Point	2 <sup>nd</sup> yr.
Phillip Miller	A-Frame Road	2 <sup>nd</sup> yr.
Megan Orange	Tibbott Street	1 <sup>st</sup> yr.

Concessions

Bethany Bauer	Sylvan Glen Drive	3 <sup>rd</sup> yr.
Madyson Simmers	Vetera Road	3 <sup>rd</sup> yr.
Hannah Schofield	New Germany Road	1 <sup>st</sup> yr.

Recommended Action – Approve the hiring the following persons to the respective positions.

Hire the eight persons recommended above for positions in summer maintenance, public works, Memorial Field, garage maintenance and GIS at rate of \$8.50/hr.

Hire Alexandra Fedorko as swimming pool manager at rate of \$12.50/hr; 35 hrs/week.

Hire Luke Marcinko as head lifeguard at rate of \$9.50/hr.

Hire the fourteen persons recommended above for lifeguard positions at rate of \$8.50/hr.

Hire Bethany Bauer, Madyson Simmers and Hannah Schofield for concessions at rate of \$8.50/hr.

Hire Ron Jacobs as the summer work supervisor at rate of \$14.00/hr.

Hire Jack Habas for landscaping at rate of \$9.00/hr.

## 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 March 2016 is presented for approval.

At the end of each quarter, transactions are made in order to process fund transfers to and from reserve accounts, and to distribute the cost of routine and capital expenses among the proper accounts. Fund transfers made for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter are attached.

Recommended Action – Approve the March 2016 financial statement and quarterly fund transfers.

- \* Item 9C: Bills  
A list of bills totaling \$629,945.36 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

### **Item 9D: Property Lien Interest**

Council last month granted tentative approval to Ordinance #628, amending Ordinance #563 of 2009. Rather than a fixed rate of 10%, this will allow Council to adjust interest rates assessed on liens from time to time by Resolution.

Resolution 2016-04 is proposed to establish a current interest rate on liens of 6%.

Recommended Action #1 – Grant final approval to Ordinance #628, allowing for the interest rate on property liens to be amended from time to time by Resolution.

Recommended Action #2 – Adopt Resolution #2016-04 establishing an interest rate of 6% per annum on all liens.

**Item 9E: Tanner Street Noise Complaint**

Joe Miller requests that Council reconsider enforcement action at Legends Strength & Fitness Warehouse on Tanner Street. He is concerned that the number of participants has increased and that weather will soon allow for the garage doors to be opened, resulting in an even worse noise disturbance.

This issue was discussed by Council in August and September 2015. Staff had measured noise levels at the property then with a borrowed meter. The levels did not exceed the Ordinance, and were comparable to noise levels in other neighborhoods. Council considered noise ordinances from other communities, and considered amending the noise ordinance negating the need for an actual sound measurement. The consensus of Council was to take no action on the matter of noise enforcement at that time.

Recommended Action – Dependent on discussion.

**Item 9F: Resident Survey**

The results of the 2016 resident survey have been tabulated, and staff will review those with Council.

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 Danae 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 – 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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