



**Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting**  
**Monday, February 26, 2018**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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**Mayor**  
Randy Datsko

**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 January 22, 2018 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: Mountain Laurel Trout Unlimited**

Butch Kerchenske will speak to Council concerning a stream bank stabilization and habitat project already completed in Howells Run behind Dr. Morris' office, and a second like project planned upstream near the Little League field. Permission has been granted to the group to use the borough-owned parking lot for access to the stream.

The Mountain Laurel Chapter of Trout Unlimited, a volunteer group that works to preserve and enhance fishing opportunities, serves Cambria, Somerset and Blair counties.

**Item 2B: 2017 Audit**

Stephanie Stohon and Meghan Freidhof of Wessel & Company will present the 2017 audit.

**Item 2C: Dauntless Fire Company**

The officers of the fire company will stop by to introduce themselves to Council.

**3. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Item 3A: Report on Police Department**

**4. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS**

**5. WATER, WASTEWATER & STORMWATER COMMITTEE**

**Houser, Kuhar & May**

**Item 5A: Report from Inframark 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 project is expected to get underway in April.

Recommended Action – No action required.

- \* Item 5C: Wastewater Project Easements  
Of the 300 easements required for the project, condemnation proceedings were necessary on approximately 50. Those were filed February 9<sup>th</sup>, and 20 have since been secured.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**6. RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Barber, Jacoby & May**

**Item 6A: Joint Meeting with Recreation Board**

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, Council's recreation committee met with the Recreation Board to discuss the possibility of an expansion of the YPCC. The Board will compile a more comprehensive proposal for Council's future consideration.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**Item 6B: Recreation Facility Roofs**

There is a significant amount of water leaking from the ceilings at the YPCC and the tennis center. Professionals have inspected the roofs, and Kimball has studied the problem. There is a roof insulation vapor barrier at the ceiling, and it is compromised. In some places it is damaged, and in others, such as around the purlins, gaps exist. When the warm air in the building reaches the cold metal roof structure, it condenses, causing a water problem inside the building. The same situation is occurring at both buildings.

Replacing the metal roofs with new metal and insulated panels is a very expensive project. There is a more cost effective retrofit option available, and we are awaiting proposals for that work. With this option, the existing roof and insulation would be kept in place, while new insulated panels would be installed inside at the ceiling. This solution would not only solve the condensation problem, but also reduce heating costs, brighten the playing surfaces, and reduce noise levels.

The rough estimate for the 8,200 sq. ft. YPCC is \$28,000. An estimate is not yet available for the 24,000 sq. ft. tennis center. If Council wishes to proceed, staff will prepare specifications for bidding.

Recommended Action – No action required.

## 7. STREET COMMITTEE

Cobaugh & Houser

## 8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Barber, Jacoby & Kuhar

### Item 8A: Full-time Police Position

Following an extensive Civil Service testing procedure, the administrative committee recommends that Scott Mackanick be selected as the new full-time police officer.

Recommended Action – Hire Scott Mackanick as full-time police officer, effective 3/12/18.

### Item 8B: Drug Task Force Ordinance

The Cambria County Drug Task Force was heretofore administered by the Cambria County District Attorney's office. It is now being administered by the Pennsylvania Attorney General. A new intergovernmental agreement, dated January 18, 2018 has been approved by the Solicitor. Intergovernmental agreements require an Ordinance for adoption, and Ordinance #641 is proposed.

Recommended Action – Grant tentative approval to Ordinance #641, adopting an intergovernmental agreement for the Drug Task Force, and advertise for public inspection.

## 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 January 2018 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the January 2018 financial statement.

- \* **Item 9C: Bills**  
A list of bills totaling \$255,408.88 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

**Item 9D: Fair Districts PA**

Mr. Kane presented Council with information last month concerning Fair Districts PA, a non-partisan organization working to support the creation of fair voting districts that are drawn by a citizens committee as opposed to the current system where the party in power "gerrymanders" districts for political advantage. They requested that Council adopt a Resolution in support of HB722 and SB22 which would serve this purpose. More than 150 municipalities have already adopted such a Resolution. The matter was tabled until this month.

Recommended Action – Adopt Resolution #2018-01 supporting HB722 and SB 22.

**Item 9E: Code of Ethics**

Council first adopted a Code of Ethics in August 2009. It is applicable to all elected and appointed officials. Residents expect responsible, fair and honest officials, and compliance with this Code assists all of the borough's officials and employees in satisfying that goal.

Since its original adoption, there are four new Council members and Mayor, several new members on boards and commissions, and several new employees. The Code of Ethics should be reaffirmed.

This is purely a proactive measure intended to outline the types of activities that would be deemed to be wrong, and that all officials and employees should strive to avoid.

Recommended Action – Adopt Resolution #2018-02 adopting a Code of Ethics for all elected and appointed officials.

**Item 9F: Borough Council Protocols**

Council first adopted its own protocols in 1999, and reaffirmed them in 2005. For the same reason as above, the Borough Council Protocols should again be adopted by Resolution.

The protocols establish policies relative to Council and boards and commissions, the orderly conduct of meetings, and the roles and responsibilities of administrative staff and boards and commissions.

Recommended Action – Adopt Resolution #2018-03 adopting Borough Council Protocols.

**Item 9G: Municipal Building Facade**

Staff has been discussing options for necessary repairs to the front and side of the municipal building. An entirely new design of the front façade was considered, but even the architecture costs were significant. We considered replacing the stone aggregate panels with dryvit, but once a project becomes that extensive, it would make sense to replace the doors and windows at the same time, and the project would become too costly.

Staff recommends that the building remain as is, but that three repairs be made to the façade.

First, the bricks on the handicap ramp on the Julian Street side are collapsing. They need to be removed and replaced, anchored, sealed and caulked. (\$3,740)



Second, the white aggregate panels will be chemical washed. The rusted fasteners will be replaced, and holes filled. Area will be sealed. (\$6,630)



Third, the lower portion of the front and side walls, approximately four feet high, has many spalling bricks. Those will be replaced as necessary. The mortar joints will be repointed. All will be sealed. (\$7,850)



Recommended Action – Award a contract to Raimondo, Inc. in the amount of \$18,220 to make repairs to the municipal building façade.

**Item 9H: Sale of Van**

A 2002 van has been advertised for sale. Body is poor. There is no plan to replace the vehicle. Bids are due earlier on meeting day.

Recommended Action – Dependent on bids received.

## 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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