



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, May 21, 2018
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 23, 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

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

The start of the project has been delayed until May 21.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 5C: Wastewater Pressure Testing at Borough Properties

The same rules that apply to private properties in the borough relative to wastewater compliance and pressure testing also apply to all borough-owned properties. Staff has been making progress on verifying compliance.

The YPCC passed its pressure test after a minor repair. The tennis center passed after repairing a viewport cap damaged by a mower. Babcock is new and passed when installed. The pool required minor repairs and has passed. The municipal building line has been replaced into Julian Street and passed. The High Street garage and ballfields are still being evaluated.

Recommended Action – No action required.

* **Item 5D: Inframark Proposal for Water Treatment Plant Operations**

The Water/Wastewater Committee will meet following the Council meeting for preliminary review of a proposal from Inframark for water plant operations.

Recommended Action – No action required.

6. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Barber, Jacoby & May

7. STREET COMMITTEE

Cobaugh & Houser

Item 7A: Sidewalk Ordinance

Prior to issuing an RFP for sidewalk design, Council reviewed the existing Ordinance, amending street segments wherein sidewalks are required. Tentative approval was granted to Ordinance #643, it has been advertised, and is ready for final approval.

There was some discussion last month about further amending the Ordinance to include additional sidewalk segments, specifically both sides of a section of West Triumph Street. If amended, the Ordinance should be readvertised, and final approval sought in June.

Recommended Action – Grant final approval to Ordinance #643, amending where sidewalks are required on certain segments of streets, OR, grant tentative approval to any agreed upon amendments and readvertise for public inspection.

Item 7B: Sidewalk Project

Council issued an RFP for design of a proposed sidewalk project. The schedule for review of the RFP is as follows:

Release RFP	April 30, 2018
Deadline for Clarifications	May 14, 2018
Proposals Due	May 21, 2018
Finalists Notified	May 23, 2018
Interview Finalists	May 29, 2018
Apparent Consultant Selected	May 29, 2018
Contract Negotiations	May 31, 2018
Selection Finalized	June 4, 2018

A preliminary review of proposals received earlier in the day might be available for Council tonight. Final award will be considered in June.

All property owners abutting the proposed project will be provide with preliminary information, and invited to a series of public meetings where details of the project are reviewed. They will also be informed that the project may be completed in phases, or not at all, depending on bids eventually received. Staff’s intent is to provide enough information to the property owners as early as possible so that they are prepared for the costs involved and impacts on their property.

The earliest that any further action could be taken on this project will be in 2019. Construction bids could be sought in early 2019 while the sewer project is winding down. Actual construction could not begin until late spring or early summer, following completion of the sewer project.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 7C: Chris Street

Chris Street currently dead ends at the Ritchey property, making it necessary for the snow plow to back out of Chris Street twice when plowing. It is a dangerous practice because the street is so narrow, and West Street traffic, which the plow is backing on to, is on a grade. Staff suggests that an existing private fence at the end of Chris Street be removed, and the street graded to allow the truck to proceed further west on Chris Street, and turn around on CASA Management’s vacant parcel. CASA Management approves of the proposal, as does Ritchey, owner of the existing fence.

Recommended Action – No action required.



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 2018 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the April 2018 financial statement.

- * Item 9C: Bills
A list of bills totaling \$381,522.48 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

Item 9D: Engineering Request for Proposals (RFP)

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Recommended Action – No action required.

- * Item 9E: Berleue Property
Acquisition of the 209 East Ogle Street property through judicial sale was approved last month, subject to Solicitor approval.

Recommended Action – Make it a matter of record that the acquisition of 209 East Ogle Street has been finalized.

Item 9F: Cambria County Boroughs Fall Dinner Meeting

Ebensburg Borough will host the fall meeting of the Cambria County Boroughs Association at Amici's on Tuesday, October 23rd.

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.

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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