



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, August 27, 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 July 23, 2018 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 amount owed Barber Oil Company.
- Item 9F: Appoint Lisa Shirt to complete a 5-year term on the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership, term expires 12/2019.

Recommended Action – Approve the consent agenda.

2. APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Item 2A: Residents of East Sample Street**
Residents of East Sample Street wish to address the proposed sidewalk project. Before the residents speak, staff will provide an update highlighting changes to the proposed sidewalk project along East Sample Street that have arisen since last month's meeting.

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 project is proceeding in the southern sections of the borough. Project is 10% complete. Staff mailed 41 notices to customers within the project area to proceed with connections.

There are only five customers in the initial notification area (Hillcrest and Industrial Park) that have not yet made the required repairs. Water termination notices have been mailed to those customers.

Of the 486 notices issued in the second notification area (Crestwood, Lovell, New Germany Road, Emerald, north of Highland), 184 had yet to make repairs as of August 15th. Warning notices were mailed, and since then 33 have been contracted and 13 have been completed. Any remaining in this group will receive termination notices after October 31st.

All borough-owned properties, with three exceptions, have successfully tested. The rental house at the pool requires pipe bursting, and that will be completed after the pool season. Memorial Field and the borough garage will be completed as the sewer project reaches those areas.

Recommended Action – No action required.

6. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Barber, Jacoby & May

Item 6A: YPCC Lease

Additional discussions are underway with Child Development and a possible second tenant for the basement area of the YPCC. If those details are ready to be presented, Council will be asked to approve an amended lease and a new lease.

Recommended Action – Dependent on information received.

7. STREET COMMITTEE

Cobaugh & Houser

Item 7B: Sidewalk Project

Given recent discussions regarding sidewalks in the Borough, staff feels that it is appropriate to review the overall reasoning and strategy behind previous and proposed projects. Please keep in mind that the Borough has had a sidewalk ordinance in place for many years. That ordinance was substantially revised in 2003 in preparation for the Downtown Streetscape Project, and again in 2008, 2010 and 2013 in advance of other sidewalk projects. It was again revisited and updated earlier this year. Since the completion of the major “Streetscape” project in 2003 in the central business district, numerous sidewalk replacement projects have taken place along primary streets in both commercial and residential areas. Included in the supplemental agenda package is a document entitled “Ebensburg Borough Sidewalks” which provides a clear explanation of why and where we plan to install sidewalks.

The four public meetings have been held to seek input from residents concerning the proposed sidewalk project, and residents of East Sample Street spoke at last month’s Council meeting. Council received a letter from several residents of West Sample Street. Staff has considered all comments received, and will review any proposed changes with Council.

Recommended Action – Approve changes to the original sidewalk plan as recommended by staff.

8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Barber, Jacoby & Kuhar

* Item 8A: AFSCME Labor Agreement

The administrative committee has had three meetings with the AFSCME representatives to negotiate a renewal of the AFSCME labor agreement, which expires at the end of 2018. They are hopeful that negotiations will wrap up after one more meeting on September 11th.

Recommended Action – No action required.

* Item 8B: 2019 Annual Budget

Staff will begin work in September on the 2019 budget. The administrative committee will meet in early October to compile a tentative budget for Council’s review at the October meeting. Final adoption is expected at the November Council meeting.

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 July 2018 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the July 2018 financial statement and quarterly fund transfers.

- * Item 9C: **Bills**
A list of bills totaling \$698,708.75 is submitted for approval. The list of bills includes an account in the amount of \$1,047.57 payable to Barber Oil Company. An abstention will be recorded in the minutes on behalf of Councilor Barber on these bills.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

Item 9D: Zoning Amendment

Ebensburg Borough’s Zoning Ordinance, and most zoning ordinances, are written in such a fashion that only uses specifically listed are permitted. If a proposed use is not included on that list, it is prohibited. Several months ago, Council discussed whether B&Bs should be permitted in residential districts. The question was referred to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission believes that B&Bs are common place in most older communities, especially those communities with large historic homes such as in Ebensburg. The Commission’s recommendation was to permit B&Bs in all zoning districts in which residential occupancies are already permitted.

Proposed Ordinance #644 was provided to the Cambria County Planning Commission for comment, and they responded positively. A public hearing on the matter was advertised in accordance with the MPC and was conducted just prior to this meeting.

Recommended Action – Subject to any issues raised at the earlier public hearing, grant final approval to Ordinance #644, amending the Ebensburg Borough Zoning Ordinance and allowing B&Bs in all zoning districts in which residential occupancy is already permitted.

Item 9E: Crestwood Estates Right-of-Way

During the development of Crestwood Estates, a right-of-way was preserved from New Germany Road for a 2-acre parcel owned by Ebensburg Borough. Maplebrook Road now provides access to that parcel on the southwest side and from the east. Consideration was given at one time to extending Maplebrook Road through the parcels owned by the Borough and Persio/Sossong and subdividing, but no action was ever taken. That proposed street extension is shown in cross hatch.

The R/W, though recorded on the adjacent property deeds, does not appear on County GIS records, but is indicated in yellow below. Those property owners wish to clear the unused R/W from the deed. There are no utilities utilizing the R/W, and it does not appear that Ebensburg Borough would ever have any use for the R/W.

Persio/Sossong are still interested in extending Maplebrook Road, but it is not a priority and not proposed now. They have no interest in preserving the R/W from New Germany Road.



Recommended Action – Waive any interest that the Borough has or may have in a right-of-way extending between New Germany Road and Borough-owned parcel 08-020-140.000 in Cambria Township.

- * Item 9F: Ebensburg Main Street Partnership
Barb Kirby has retired from First National Bank and no longer serves on the Main Street Partnership board. Staff recommends that her successor at FNB, Lisa Shirt, be appointed to the Partnership board.

Recommended Action – Appoint Lisa Shirt to complete a 5-year term on the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership, term expires 12/2019.

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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