



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, December 17, 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 November 26, 2018 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council and the December 3, 2018 public hearing.
- Item 9B: Approve the financial statement.
- Item 9C: Approve payment of bills.
- Item 9D: Schedule the 2019 Council meetings for the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., with exception of May and December, which will be held on the 3rd Monday.
- Item 9E: Designate First National Bank, First Commonwealth Bank and PLGIT as depositories for 2019.

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 project is nearing completion in the southern sections of the borough. The overall project is 28% complete, however, 47% of the contract time has elapsed. There are now six crews working. Borings under state roads are nearly completed, and work has begun on East Sample Street.

Recommended Action – No action required.

6. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Barber, Jacoby & May

7. STREET COMMITTEE

Cobaugh & Houser

8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Barber, Jacoby & Kuhar

Item 8A: AFSCME Labor Agreement

The administrative committee, after seven negotiating sessions, and having issued its last best offer, has failed to reach an agreement with AFSCME. No further sessions are scheduled. It is possible that AFSCME could agree to terms prior to tonight's meeting.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 8B: FOP Supplemental Agreement

The FOP Bargaining Agreement stipulates graded pay for new police officers of 75%/85%/95% over the first three years of employment. Due to Huber's experience, an adjustment to 90% for the second year is recommended, and then 100% in the third year. The supplemental agreement does not create a precedent for future hires. The proposal is included in the draft budget.

Recommended Action – Approve a supplement to the FOP Bargaining Agreement approving a pay adjustment to Officer Huber, effective 4/7/2019.

Item 8C: 2019 Salary Resolution

A Resolution is adopted each year to establish the wages to be paid to borough employees, as recommended by the administrative committee, reviewed last month with Council, and included in the 2019 budget. AFSCME wages remain at 2018 levels, pending approval of a new labor agreement. The FOP agreement has a 2.5% increase. All non-union staff have a 3.0% increase.

Recommended Action – Adopt Resolution #2018-12 establishing wages for 2019.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- * Item 9A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
The minutes of the previous regular meeting and December 3rd public hearing 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 November 2018 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the November 2018 financial statement.

- * Item 9C: Bills
A list of bills totaling \$224,811.66 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

- * Item 9D: 2019 Meeting Schedule
Routine action to announce schedule of next year’s regular Council meetings.

Recommended Action – Schedule the 2019 Council meetings for the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., with exception of May and December, which will be held on the 3rd Monday.

- * Item 9E: Designation of Depositories
Routine action to approve bank depositories for coming year.

Recommended Action – Designate First National Bank, First Commonwealth Bank and PLGIT as depositories for 2019.

Item 9F: Appointments to Boards and Commissions

1. Reappoint Renee Martin-Nagle to a 5- year term on the Ebensburg Municipal Authority, expires 12/2023.
2. Reappoint Bruce Hultman to a 4-year term on the Ebensburg Planning Commission, expires 12/2022.
3. Reappoint Barry Templeton to a 3-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board, expires 12/21.
4. Reappoint Harold Eckenrod as alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board, expires 12/2019.
5. Reappoint Philip Woo and Charles Marcinko to 5-year terms on the Ebensburg Recreation Board, expires 12/2023.
6. Reappoint Matt Shetty to 5-year terms on the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership, expires 12/2023.
7. Appoint Nick Damin to a new 5-year term (Liscomb) on the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership, expires 12/2023.
8. Appoint Jessica Lieb to complete a 5-year term (Strenko) on the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership, expires 12/2020.

9. Appoint Tim Myers as alternate on the Ebensburg Civil Service Commission, expires 12/2019.
10. Reappoint Charlie Moyer as Chairman of the Ebensburg Vacancy Board, expires 12/2019.
11. Appoint John Hawksworth and Chief Mike Sheehan to 1-year terms on the Central Cambria Emergency Management Council, expires 12/2019.
12. Appoint Borough Manager as delegate to the Cambria/Somerset Council of Governments.
13. Appoint Borough Manager as delegate to the Cambria County Tax Collection Committee.
14. Appoint CCSD Business Manager as alternate to the Cambria County Tax Collection Committee.
15. Appoint Tracy Strom as delegate to the Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency.
16. Appoint Borough Manager as alternate to the Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency.
17. Appoint Tracy Strom as delegate to the Cambria County Sewage Enforcement Agency.
18. Appoint Borough Manager as alternate to the Cambria County Sewage Enforcement Agency.

Recommended Action – Approve the listed appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities.

Item 9G: Sidewalk Ordinance

In May 2018, Council adopted Ordinance #643 amending where sidewalks are required within the Borough. Since then, Council has approved changes along East Sample Street, specifically between Sugar Street and Roberts Street. Ordinance #646 was granted tentative approval last month, was advertised for public inspection, and is ready for final adoption.

Recommended Action – Grant final approval to Ordinance #646 amending where sidewalks are required.

Item 9H: 2019 Fee Resolution

A Resolution is required each year to establish fees to be charged for various services for the coming year. There are no changes in fees proposed.

Recommended Action – Adopt Resolution #2018-11 establishing the fees to be charged in 2019 for various purposes.

Item 9I: Middle School Field Zoning

A public hearing relative to a request to partially rezone the former middle school field was conducted on Monday, December 3rd. The planning commission had earlier deferred making a recommendation until after the public hearing. The matter has been referred back to the planning commission for review on January 3rd. A legal opinion is also sought concerning spot zoning.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 9J: Truck Purchase

The replacement of a 1999 International truck with salt spreader and plow is budgeted. Staff recommends that a new 2020 truck be purchased off the State bid list from Tri-County Motors in Johnstown. The truck will not be delivered until summer 2019. The 1999 truck will be advertised for sale at that time.

Recommended Action – Approve purchase of a 2020 International truck with spreader and plow from Tri-County Motors at a cost of \$167,650.



Item 9K: Natural Gas Supplier

The Borough’s current supplier for natural Gas is American Power & Gas, at \$5.35 per MCF. Quotes were sought through a broker. The lowest cost is \$3.99 per MCF through Dominion Energy.

Recommended Action – Approve a 3-year fixed-rate contract with Dominion Energy for supply of natural gas.

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

Minutes are not yet prepared for the meeting held earlier today.

* 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.

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