



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2019
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 5B: Make it a matter of record that the 4/18/19 Sippel traffic accident report was forwarded to the municipal authority.
- Item 9A: Approve the minutes of the March 25, 2019 and April 22, 2019 regular monthly meetings 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.

Recommended Action – Approve the consent agenda.

2. APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Item 2A: Pat Tsikalas**
Mr. Tsikalas wishes to express his displeasure with borough services including inadequate trash collection, the sidewalk project and damage to his property.

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 progressing. The overall project is 66% complete, however, 81% of the contract time has elapsed.

Restoration of streets, sidewalks and driveways is progressing well. Yard restoration appears to be moving much slower.



Council was made aware last month of a vehicle accident involving one of Sippel's loaders. The matter was referred to the municipal authority.

Recommended Action – No action required.

* Item 5C: Stormwater Project

Delivery of basins is expected this week, with work to shortly follow. This project involves East Ogle Street, West Lloyd Street and South Julian Street.

Recommended Action – No action required.

* Item 5D: Virginia Street Sewer Project

Work on installation of the new sewer main is expected soon.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 5E: Inframark Contract

The contract with Inframark for operation of the wastewater plant is currently on a year-to-year basis. During this time, the contract fee has been increasing 2% annually. Inframark has again proposed a 2% increase for the upcoming contract year that begins June 1st. The monthly fee will increase from \$46,866 to \$47,803. That is in line with the amount budgeted for contracted operations.



Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 5F: Filter Plant Performance Evaluation

The Department of Environmental Protection completed a formal and very extensive evaluation of the optimization level of the water treatment plant on March 26-27. Optimization is the process of continually improving the effectiveness of each treatment process to provide the highest level of public health protection to customers. The Ebensburg treatment plant received an overall “Commendable” performance rating, the highest possible rating.

The staff involved in the operation of the water treatment plant, under the direction of Luke Byrne, are to be commended for their dedication and professionalism in assuring that water is being delivered to the community in a safe manner.

Recommended Action – No action required.

6. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Barber, Jacoby & May

Item 6A: Assistant Tennis Professional

Our assistant tennis pro, Brandon Statler, has taken a position with another facility. Staff is currently searching for a candidate to fill the part-time position. In the interim, Kourtney Cavalier is assisting with duties.

Recommended Action – No action required.

7. STREET COMMITTEE

Cobaugh & Houser

Item 7A: Sidewalk & Curb Project

Kishmo has completed installation of curbs and sidewalks on South Caroline Street. Work on West Triumph Street has been interrupted by ongoing gas line construction. In the interim, good progress is being made on South Marian Street.

Recommended Action – No action required.



8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Barber, Jacoby & Kuhar

Item 8A: Full-time Police Position

Five applications were received for the position, and one applicant later withdrew. The written test was administered on May 8th, and all four candidates advanced to the next stage of testing; the oral exam. That exam is scheduled for May 23rd before a panel of three evaluators; Joe Stephan, Karen Fugini and Gary Makosy. The combined scores of the written and oral exams will be used to compile the list of three finalists.

The Civil Service Board will meet on May 28th to certify the list of the top three candidates. The Chief, Mayor and Manager will interview the highest ranked candidate, along with any Council members that wish to attend. Once a final recommendation is formed, Council will be asked to approve the hiring at a special meeting on Monday, June 10th, subject to pre-employment medical and psychological exams and background check.

Recommended Action – Schedule a special meeting of Borough Council for Monday, June 10th at 6:30 p.m.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- * Item 9A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
The minutes of the March and April regular meetings 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 2019 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the April 2019 financial statement.

- * Item 9C: Bills
A list of bills totaling \$502,619.60 is submitted for approval. The list of bills includes an account in the amount of \$1,100.33 payable to Barber Oil Company. An abstention will be recorded in the minutes on behalf of Councilor Barber on this particular bill.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

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
 1. A variance to the front setback was approved for a new residence constructed at 508 North Spruce Street.

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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