



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, October 28, 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 7C: Adopt Resolution #2019-08 adopting the maintenance agreement for the traffic signal at Center Street and Highland Avenue.

Item 9A: Approve the minutes of the September 23, 2019 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.

Item 9B: Approve the financial statement and quarterly transfers.

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

Item 3B: Eagle Scout Project

Bobby Soyka has successfully completed his Eagle Scout project. He obtained funding and constructed a bicycle shelter at the YPCC for the rental bikes.



4. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS

5. WATER, WASTEWATER & STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Houser, Kuhar & May

Item 5A: Report from Inframark on Wastewater Plant Operations

Plant Supervisor Mike Montgomery 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

All work on sewer mains and laterals is completed, and all work has successfully tested. Walk-through inspections were completed on October 24th. Work continues on a punch list of remaining items. A small amount of street repair remains.

Recommended Action – Dependent on discussion.

• **Item 5C: Water Plant Upgrades**

Council was informed earlier that DEP had approved a 60-day extension for completion of the required upgrades to comply with new regulations regarding the monitoring of alarms and shutdown capabilities for water treatment facilities. That work has been completed, and a 10/22/19 DEP inspection has confirmed compliance.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 5D: Water Plant Operations

Inframark has submitted a proposal to assume responsibility for operation of the water treatment plant, in the same manner in which they already operate the wastewater treatment plant. Services at both plants would be combined into a single 3-year contract. The current contract with Inframark was allowed to expire two years ago and has continued on a year to year basis. As the issue involves AFSCME matters, Council will meet in executive session to discuss the proposal.

Recommended Action – Dependent on discussion.

6. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Barber, Jacoby & May

7. STREET COMMITTEE

Cobaugh & Houser

Item 7A: Street Resurfacing

Quaker Sales has completed all street milling and resurfacing in areas south of High Street.



Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 7B: Triumph Street Sidewalk

The Borough and the contractor have expressed concern to PennDOT that the design of the handicap ramps on Triumph Street at South Center Street are unsafe due to the extreme grade onto Center Street. Nonetheless, PennDOT insists that the ramps be constructed as drawn. The curbs were installed prior to resurfacing. Kishmo has ordered the non-standard detectable warning surfaces and will complete the ramps in the near future.

Recommended Action – No action required.

- * Item 7C: Highland Avenue Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement
The traffic signals and arms on Center Street and Highland Avenue will be replaced next year by PennDOT. Design is completed and the project will be bid and awarded soon. The local municipality is always responsible for maintenance of the signals, and a revised maintenance agreement is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Adopt Resolution #2019-08 adopting the maintenance agreement for the traffic signal at Center Street and Highland Avenue.

8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Barber, Jacoby & Kuhar

- * Item 8A: FOP Labor Agreement
The administrative committee has met twice with the police officers to negotiate a renewal of the FOP labor agreement, which expires at the end of 2019. An agreement is expected soon.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 8B: 2020 Annual Budget

The administrative committee has compiled a tentative 2020 budget for Council’s review; however, presentation of the full budget will be delayed until the November meeting. It is necessary that Council first decide how to proceed with water plant operations.

Council will be presented with preliminary budget figures in order to assist with a decision relative to water plant operations. Regardless of the option chosen, there is no need for any increase in tax, garbage or utility rates.

The 2020 annual budget will be granted tentative approval at the November meeting, advertised for public inspection, and then adopted at the December meeting.

Recommended Action – No action required.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- * Item 9A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
The minutes of the September 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 September 2019 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the September 2019 financial statement and quarterly transfers.

- * Item 9C: Bills
A list of bills totaling \$536,237.27 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

Item 9D: Ogle Street House

The house recently acquired by the borough through judicial sale has been razed by the Cambria County Redevelopment Authority with Act 152 grant funds. Council’s intention was to dispose of the land once the house was razed.



The 42' x 132' lot is on a steep grade. The small frontage and steep grade limit possibilities for stand-alone development. Staff suggests that, in order to comply with regulations, the land be first advertised for sale. If no bids are received, Council can consider coordinating a subdivision of the land involving adjacent property owners.

Action – Dependent on discussion.

Item 5E: Ventrac

The Ventrac tractor is eleven years old and requires replacement. The Ventrac is a heavy-duty 4-wheel drive tractor. It has a variety of attachments used for multiple purposes including mowing of the reservoir breasts and winter sidewalk maintenance. The new tractor will have an attachment for maintenance of skinned areas of the ballfields.

The purchase was scheduled in the Capital Budget for 2020. It needs to be ordered now so that it arrives in the spring.



Recommended Action- Approve the purchase of a new Ventrac tractor and attachments in the amount of \$42,570 from Somerset Power Equipment on State bid list.

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. EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session will be conducted to discuss a proposal from Inframark to operate the water treatment plant. A decision may follow the session.

14. 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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