



**Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting**  
**Monday, February 24, 2020**  
**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 8A: Make it a matter of record that Tim Myers was hired as part-time public works at the rate of \$13.00 effective 2/10/2020.

Item 8C: Make it a matter of record that Corrine Markovich and Erin Talko have been hired to fill part-time positions at the tennis center.

Item 9A: Approve the minutes of the January 27, 2020 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**

**Item 2A: 2019 Audit**  
Representatives of Wessel & Company will present the 2019 Audit.

**3. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Item 3A: Report on Police Department**

#### 4. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS

#### 5. WATER, WASTEWATER & STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Ball & Kuhar

**Item 5A: Report from Inframark on Wastewater Treatment 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: Report from Inframark on Water Treatment Plant Operations**

Plant Supervisor Luke Byrne will provide a verbal report on projects and activities at the water plant during the month.

Recommended Action – No action required.

\* **Item 5C: Sewer Lateral Project Report**

Council has been provided with a report on progress made by customers complying with sewage regulations and sewer lateral replacement.

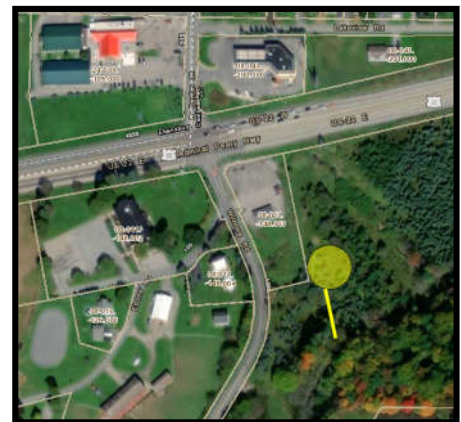
Recommended Action – No action required.

**Item 5D: Municipal Authority Projects**

The Municipal Authority is undertaking several relatively small stormwater and wastewater projects related to the overall CSO elimination project. Three very small projects will be completed in-house, while bids will soon be advertised for five others.

**Project #1 – Wilmore Road Overflow**

This is the actual removal of the CSO and elimination of the 8” restriction on the bypass to the plant. The Engineer is completing design and will obtain a DEP permit, and borough staff will develop the bid documents.



**Project #2 - East High Street Stormwater**

This project involves installation of 350 LF of 24” stormwater pipe in the 700 block. The Engineer will provide design, and staff has developed the bid documents. This needs to be completed prior to street paving this fall.



Project #3 - East Sample Street Stormwater  
This project involves installation of 435 LF of 8" stormwater pipe between Locust & Poplar. Staff will complete design and bid documents. This needs to be completed prior to this summer's curb and sidewalk project.



Project #4 - West Horner Street  
Four houses in the 200 block were believed to connect in front but actually require service to rear yards. A new main extension is necessary. The Engineer will prepare easements for those properties, and staff will complete design and bidding.



Project #5 - Industrial Park  
I&I in Industrial Park has dramatically decreased since replacement of private laterals. It is still necessary to have a dozen or more manholes sealed.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**Item 5E: Reservoir Drain Valve**

It is necessary to replace an inoperative drain valve at the small reservoir. The new valve was purchased two years ago, with the intention of borough crews installing it. We have not been able to schedule that work and recommended that the Municipal Authority seek bids for the project. The reservoir has been drained several times already for this project. The required permit for the project is active until September. The Engineer is finalizing plans for this project.

Recommended Action – No action required.

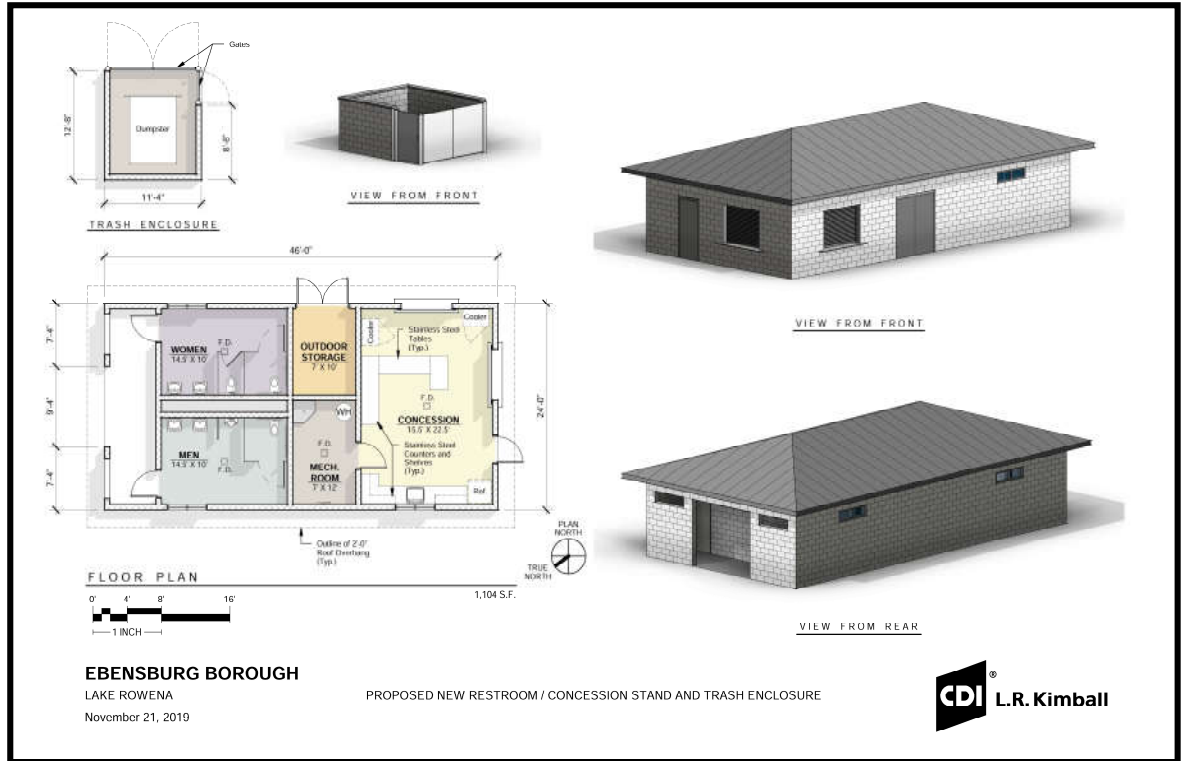
**6. RECREATION COMMITTEE** **Jacoby, May & Owatt**

**Item 6A: Lake Rowena Concession Building**

The condition of the existing concession stand at Lake Rowena is poor. Staff will review a preliminary design for a new combined concession/restroom/storage building. Staff is seeking direction on whether to pursue a new building.



Recommended Action – Dependent on discussion.



**Item 6B: Lake Rowena Pier Repair**

The fishing pier at Lake Rowena is nearly off the support pilings. The pilings have shifted out of position and need to be replaced.

Recommended Action – Advertise for bids for repair of the pilings supporting the pier.



**7. STREET COMMITTEE** **Ball, Houser & Owatt**

**Item 7A: 2020 Sidewalk Project**

The 2020 sidewalk project in the northeast quadrant is scheduled for bidding in March. The Street Committee was asked to review the project one last time for any change in the project scope. The Committee will discuss three proposed changes.

If any changes are made that add areas to the scope, an Ordinance revision will be necessary now. If areas are deleted, the Ordinance amendment can wait until final changes are made for the northwest corner.

Construction is expected to begin June 1<sup>st</sup>. During April and May stormwater improvements will occur along West Sample Street and East Sample Street.

Recommended Action #1 – Grant tentative approval to any necessary amendment to the Sidewalk Ordinance to reflect any additions in project scope.

Recommended Action #2 – Approve advertising the 2020 sidewalk project for bids.

Recommended Action #3 – Approve advertising for the removal of 35 trees associated with the 2020 sidewalk project.

**Item 7B: Downtown Sidewalk Repairs**

The downtown streetscape project was completed in 2005. The red brick patterned walks are in poor condition. Some are cracked and raised. All are faded. Many of been cut and patched for gas line repairs. Staff recommends that a replacement project be undertaken to replace the decorative walks over a two-year period.

This is a relatively simple project of breaking and removing the old concrete, then forming and repouring. No base work is necessary. New concrete would be poured and the red brick pattern applied. The work would be limited to the decorative red areas, thus not impacting pedestrian traffic or access to buildings. The red detectable surfaces at intersections would be replaced with the newer pre-formed treads.

The cost estimate for Phase 1 replacing the sections on West High Street between Beech Street and Center Street is \$50,000. Phase 2 on East High Street, North Center Street and South Center Street involves slightly more quantities and would cost \$60,000.

The replacement of the decorative red brick would renew the aesthetic appeal of the streetscape project. The project would require a Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDOT. We can use the old plans for that submission, however, it can still be an involved process. Prior to seeking a permit, staff is seeking guidance from Council as to whether Council wishes to undertake such a project.

Recommended Action – Dependent on discussion.

**8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar**

\* Item 8A: Public Works Hire

A vacant part-time position in public works was advertised. Tim Myers was hired to temporarily fill that position, and his was the only application received.

Recommended Action – Make it a matter of record that Tim Myers was hired as part-time public works at the rate of \$13.00 effective 1/27/2020.

**Item 8B: Public Works Wages**

Last month Council approved wage adjustments within public works, subject to the approval of AFSCME. Those adjustments included eliminating graded pay for new hires in public works and introducing a new wage tier. AFSCME has since agreed to the former action but denied the latter.

Recommended Action #1 – Rescind Resolution 2020-01 adopted January 27, 2020.

Recommended Action #2 – Rescind the Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME dated January 27, 2020 eliminating graded pay and adding a wage tier.

Recommended Action #3 – Adopt Resolution 2020-02 establishing the wage for summer crew leader (had been included in Resolution 2020-01).

Recommended Action #4 – Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME to delete Article XII, Section 3 of the collective bargaining agreement eliminating graded pay.

- \* Item 8C: Tennis Center  
Corrine Markovich and Erin Talko have been hired to fill part-time positions at the tennis center.

Recommended Action – Make it a matter of record that Corrine Markovich and Erin Talko have been hired to fill part-time positions at the tennis center.

## 9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- \* Item 9A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)  
The minutes of the January 27, 2020 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 January 2020 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the January 2020 financial statement.

- \* Item 9C: Bills  
A list of bills totaling \$235,701.96 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

### **Item 9D: Sustainability**

The sustainability committee will update Council on steps taken to achieve certification as a sustainable community. One of the measures required in the application process is adoption of a Resolution.

Recommended Action – Adopt Resolution 2020-03 affirming participation in the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification program.

## 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**

*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](http://www.ebensburgpa.com).*

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