



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, May 18, 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 9A: Approve the minutes of the April 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: Richard Davis

Mr. Davis wishes to discuss the sidewalk project's impact on the Sample Street side of 415 East High Street.

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**

Q&A on the written report submitted and on projects and activities at the wastewater plant.

Recommended Action – No action required.**Item 5B: Report from Inframark on Water Treatment Plant Operations**

Q&A on the written report submitted and on projects and activities at the water plant.

Recommended Action – No action required.**Item 5C: Reservoir Drain Valve Replacement**

The project to replace the drain valve on the small reservoir has been advertised for bids. The valve and associated parts are already on hand. A project to install that valve primarily involves draining the reservoir again, redirecting or pumping the channel flow away from the intake tower, and pouring concrete for the tower base. The cost estimate for this portion of the project was \$50-100,000. Bids for the project were opened on May 11th.

Laurel Management, Johnstown, PA	\$41,470.00
Kev's Excavating, Ebensburg, PA	\$49,800.00
Guyer Brothers, New Enterprise, PA	\$56,200.00
Concrete Services, Dover, PA	\$67,950.00

Recommended Action – Award a contract in the amount of \$41,470.00 to Laurel Management for replacement of the sluice gate at the small reservoir.

Item 5D: West Horner Street Sewer Project

This project extends a new sewer main at the rear of several residences in the 200 block of West Horner Street. The cost estimate for this project was \$12,000. Bids for the project were opened on May 11th.

Snyder Excavating, Johnstown, PA	\$ 9,900.00
Kev's Excavating, Ebensburg, PA	\$12,600.00
Whitehorse Excavating, Berlin, PA	\$18,780.00
Ray Winters & Sons, Inc., Indiana, PA	\$19,844.00
Laurel Management, Johnstown, PA	\$31,206.00
Guyer Brothers, New Enterprise, PA	\$43,910.00
Ligonier Construction, Laughlintown, PA	\$57,000.00

Recommended Action – Award a contract in the amount of \$9,900.00 to Snyder Excavating for extension of a sewer main on West Horner Street.

Item 5E: North Cherry Street Sewer Project

This project extends a new sewer main along North Cherry Street between Horner Street and Alton Street. The cost estimate for this project was \$20,000. Bids for the project were opened on May 11th.

Snyder Excavating, Johnstown, PA	\$18,900.00
Ray Winters & Sons, Inc., Indiana, PA	\$20,181.00
Kev's Excavating, Ebensburg, PA	\$23,600.00
Whitehorse Excavating, Berlin, PA	\$31,750.00
Guyer Brothers, New Enterprise, PA	\$44,790.00
Laurel Management, Johnstown, PA	\$50,735.00
Ligonier Construction, Laughlintown, PA	\$53,000.00

Recommended Action – Award a contract in the amount of \$18,900.00 to Snyder Excavating for extension of a sewer main on North Cherry Street.

6. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Jacoby, May & Owatt

7. STREET COMMITTEE

Ball, Houser & Owatt

Item 7A: 2020 Sidewalk Project

Work on the sidewalk project began on May 11th on East Crawford Street. The removal of trees is nearly completed. The installation of the stormwater line in the 300 block of East Sample Street is completed. Borough crews have already completed the replacement of the catch basins on East Sample Street.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 7B: Unit Debt Act Compliance

All new debt, regardless of duration, requires Unit Debt Act compliance involving calculation of an updated debt statement and borrowing base certificate and adoption of an Ordinance. Ordinance #652 was granted tentative approval last month, has been advertised and is ready for final adoption.

Recommended Action – Grant final approval to Ordinance #652 seeking DCED approval to incur line of credit of \$1 million for the 2020 and 2021 sidewalk projects.

8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

* Item 9A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

The minutes of the April 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 April 2020 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the April 2020 financial statement.

- * Item 9C: **Bills**
A list of bills totaling \$532,905.55 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

Item 9D: Office Access

Staff is requesting that an interior wall be constructed in the foyer of the municipal building, closing off the hallway before the Mayor’s office. A security window would be installed into the front office for the public to interact with front office staff. Access through the door would be limited. That would provide for employee safety and customer convenience during and after Covid-19 and would improve security in the long term for those working in offices. The cost for the project would be minimal as it only involves eight feet of wall, a door and a window.

Staff also suggests that rental of the community room cease for private parties. The room would still be available for public functions and training.

Recommended Action – Approve construction of an interior wall at the municipal office entrance to control access.

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Item 10A: Police Department

Chief Wyland has submitted a written report on the police department’s activities during the month.

Item 10B: Public Works Department

Public Works Director Jeff Evans has submitted a written report on the public works department’s activities during the month.

Item 10C: Community Development

Community Development Director Danae Koss has submitted a written report on the community development department’s activities during the month.

Item 10D: Recreation Department

Recreation Director Dirk Johnson has submitted a written 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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