



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, April 26, 2021
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 10A: Approve the minutes of the March 22, 2021 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.

Item 10B: Approve the financial statement and quarterly transfers.

Item 10C: 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

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.

6. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Jacoby, May & Owatt

7. STREET COMMITTEE

Ball, Houser & Owatt

Item 7A: 2021 Sidewalk Project
Ameron Construction began the sidewalk project on March 5, 2021. Curbing on the north side of West Horner Street should be completed this week. The project is on schedule for completion by July 31, 2021. Coordination of our construction with the gas company project continues.

Item 7B: 2021 Tree Cutting Project
Tree Expert Tree Service was issued a notice to proceed on February 23, 2021 and the work was completed at the end of March.

Item 7C: Handicap Parking- 621 West Crawford Street
Patricia Mulvehill requested a handicap parking spot be reestablished on West Street near her house. Chief Wyland and Jeff Evans concurred the previous spot was acceptable under the applicable ordinance.

Recommended Action – Approve the designation of a handicap parking spot on the NE corner of North West Street.

8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar

Item 7B: Error in the 2020 MMO Payment to Non-Uniformed Pension Plan
The 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) must be paid in full by the end of a fiscal year. Due to an clerical error, the MMO due to the Non-Uniformed plan was not paid in full. The state portion of the plan was paid, but the remaining balance, due from the Borough, was not. According to the provision of Act 205 of 1984, the balance of a MMO that remains unpaid beyond the end of the plan year must be deposited into the plan with interest compounded at a rate equal to the interest rate assumption from the actuarial valuation report upon which the MMO calculation was based. The interest must be calculated from the

beginning of the plan year in which the MMO was to be paid, through the date of the payment.

Of the full MMO (\$135,396) due for 2020, only \$80,775.99 was paid by 12/31/2020. Therefore, a funding deficiency of \$54,620.01 resulted. The calculation of the funding deficiency with interest is \$59,599.43, due by April 30, 2021.

Recommended Action – Approve the payment of \$59,599.43 into the plan to resolve the 2020 funding deficiency with interest. (This amount is also reflected in the bill pack.)

* Item 8A: **Summer Hires**
Applications for summer positions were due on March 2nd and staff has reviewed those. The following were hired for summer employment.

<u>Office Assistant</u>		
Tori Brodish	Skyline Drive	1 st yr.
<u>Summer Maintenance</u>		
Dontae O'Neal	Manor Drive	5 th yr.
Evan Becquet	New Germany Road	4 th yr.
Joshua Jacoby	Candlelight Drive	1 st yr.
<u>Landscaping Assistant</u>		
Elisabeth Keim	Colver Road	3 rd yr.
<u>Summer Public Works</u>		
Gavin Knopp	East High Street	1 st yr.
Jason Bacho	14 th Street	1 st yr.
Ryan Meckley	Sylvan Glen Drive	1 st yr.
Corbin Vrabel	Dinwood Road	1 st yr.
<u>Memorial Field/YPCC</u>		
Brandon Frank	Nanty Glo	3 rd yr.
Devin Renzi	Vinco	2 nd yr.
<u>Swimming Pool Manager</u>		
Nolan Johnson	East Highland Avenue	6 th yr.
<u>Head Lifeguard</u>		
Serena Koss	Truman Street	4 th yr.
<u>Lifeguards</u>		
Zander Johnson	East Highland Avenue	7 th yr.
Ian Swope	Portage	4 th yr.
Jaylee Sikora	Lou's Road	4 th yr.
Zachary Malay	North West Street	3 rd yr.
Darron Koss	Tanner Street	3 rd yr.
Karson Johnson	East Highland Avenue	3 rd yr.
Seth Farabaugh	Adams Avenue	3 rd yr.
Elizabeth Bopp	Winterset Road	4 th yr.
Tina Hildebrand	BelAir Road	4 th yr.
Abby O'Brien	North Spruce Street	3 rd yr.
Braden Sweeney	East Crawford Street	3 rd yr.
Brandon Dick	Ogden Road	3 rd yr.
Tessa Novotny	Sylvan Glen Road	3 rd yr.
Anna Dill	West Crawford Street	2 nd yr.

Loralyn Simmers

Vetera Road

2nd yr.

Recommended Action #1 – Make it a matter of record that the persons listed above have been hired to the respective positions in public works, summer maintenance, Memorial Field, lifeguards, landscaping and office assistant at the rate of \$8.50/hr.

Recommended Action #2 – Make it a matter of record that Serena Koss has been hired as head lifeguard at the rate of \$9.50/hr.

Recommended Action #3 – Make it a matter of record that Nolan Johnson has been hired as Pool Manager at the rate of \$12.50/hr.

9. DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

May, Kubar & Houser

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- * Item 10A: **Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**
The minutes of the March 22, 2021 regular meeting are presented for Council review and approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the minutes of the previous meeting(s).

- * Item 10B: **Financial Statement**
The financial statement and quarterly transfers for March 2021 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the March 2021 financial statement and quarterly transfers.

- * Item 10C: **Bills**
A list of bills totaling \$356,159.79 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

- Item 10D: Explore Grant Funding for Dredging Lake Rowena**
Lake Rowena needs to be dredged in the future. A simplified explanation of the dredging process involves the removal of sediment from the bottom of the lake, spreading it over a large area to dry, and disposing of the material. This can be expensive due to the labor involved, locating a suitable large areas for drying and securing a facility that can accept the soil. Kimball Engineering asked us if we would be interested in pursuing a joint venture with Robindale. They have the equipment to haul the material, the land to dry the sediment and a need for the material once dried to be used for cover. Their close proximity would substantially reduce the cost of the project as well. I would like to explore funding possibilities with Kimball Engineering to secure grant funding for dredging.

Recommended Action – Approve exploring grant possibilities with Robindale Energy and Kimball Engineering.

11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Item 11A: Police Department**
Chief Wyland has submitted a written report on the police department's activities during the month.
- Item 11B: Public Works Department**
Public Works Director Jeff Evans has submitted a written report on the public works department's activities during the month.
- Item 11C: Community Development**
Community Development Director Danae Koss has submitted a written report on the community development department's activities during the month.
- Item 11D: Recreation Department**
Recreation Director Dirk Johnson has submitted a written report on the recreation department's activities during the month.
- * **Item 11E: Codes Enforcement**
A monthly codes enforcement report was forwarded to Council.
- * **Item 11F: Ebensburg Municipal Authority**
A copy of the minutes of the last municipal authority meeting is included in Council's packet.
- * **Item 11G: Ebensburg Planning Commission – No activity**
- * **Item 11H: Ebensburg Zoning Board**
1. Rizzo - 400 North Center Street
The Zoning Hearing Board Denied a Variance for additional parking.

12. 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.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public are invited to comment at this time on any issues, whether or not on the agenda.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Item 14A: Brief discussion regarding a personnel issue.**

14. ADJOURNMENT

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