



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, August 23, 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 July 26, 2021 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.

Item 10B: Approve the financial statement.

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 Paving Project

New Enterprise was awarded the 2021 Paving Project and received a notice to proceed commencing on July 19, 2021. The deadline for completion is September 28, 2021. New Enterprise is expected to begin milling the streets the week of September 6th 2021. The Borough was contacted last week by People’s Gas. Despite having previously indicated otherwise, they are now requesting that we delay our paving because they have decided move forward with a project of their own that is within our planned 2021 paving area. Upon further discussion, we were told that their project will extend into next year. The Borough can delete 25% of the awarded paving project without penalty. The area where the gas company will be replacing lines this year and next year amounts to less than 15% of the entire project and will be withdrawn and placed in the 2022 paving project. The gas company has committed that they will be done with this project by June 2022, which allows the borough to include it in the scope for paving next fall. This area deleted in this year’s project will be the 500-600 blocks of N. Spruce, 500-600 blocks of W. Horner, 500-600 blocks and N. West and the 700 block of Belmont. We will continue to work with the gas company to secure reimbursement for the areas of their project which we end up paving.

Recommended Action –No action required.

Item 7C: Center and High Street Traffic Signal
The new audible signal was installed on July 28, 2021.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 7D: Stormwater

The borough has recently experienced several large rain events that have caused damage to property. The most immediate concern involves the 100 block of S. Caroline Street, where the stormwater undermined the road, washing out the sub-base. The borough will excavate up the street in that area to repair broken stormwater lines, replace the sub-base, and repave the area.

Recommended Action – No action required.

8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar

Item 8A: Public Works Hire

A vacant full-time position in public works was advertised. Applicants were reviewed and interviews were conducted. Gerald Poruban was hired.

Recommended Action – Make it a matter of record that Gerald Poruban was hired as a full-time public works employee at the rate of \$17.08 per hour.

9. DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

May, Kuhar & Houser

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

* Item 10A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

The minutes of the July 26, 2021, regular meeting is presented for Council review and approval.

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

* Item 10B: Financial Statement

The financial statement for July 2021 is presented for approval.

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

* Item 10C: Bills

A list of bills totaling \$292,349.61 for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

Item 10D: PLCB Noise Enforcement Exemptions

Since 2008, Ebensburg Borough has opted to enforce noise regulations at local licensed liquor establishments, exempting those establishments from PLCB's enforcement of noise violations. That exemption was last approved in 2016 and is due for renewal. A hearing of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board was held this afternoon regarding said exemption. Staff will provide an update to Council based on the results of the hearing.

Recommended Action – No action is required.

Item 10E: Lease Agreement with Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies

Ebensburg Borough and Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies entered into a lease agreement October 18, 2021 for three years, terminating on September 31, 2021. The tenant has requested to move into a month-to-month option with the Borough. Negotiations are continuing and a final recommendation will be forthcoming at next month's meeting.

Recommended Action – No action is required.

Item 10F: Planning Commission Vacancy

A vacancy has existed on the Planning Commission for several months and the Borough has requested letters of interest. The borough received an application from resident Thomas Williams. Staff has interviewed Mr. Williams and feels that he would be an excellent candidate for the position.

Recommended Action – Approve the appointment of Thomas Williams to the Planning Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of the previous incumbent until December 2023.

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 Dana 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- No activity

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. ADJOURNMENT

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