



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, September 27, 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 August 23, 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. CONSIDERATION OF ANY MOTION(S) TO AMEND AGENDA

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Item 4A: Report on Police Department

5. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS

6. WATER, WASTEWATER & STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Ball & Kuhar

Item 6A: 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 6B: 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.

7. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Jacoby, May & Owatt

8. STREET COMMITTEE

Ball, Houser & Owatt

Item 8A: 2021 Paving Project

New Enterprise was awarded the 2021 Paving Project and received a notice to proceed commencing on July 19, 2021. They commenced work on September 13, 2021. The milling and paving of the northwest quadrant of the borough is nearing completion. The deadline for completion is September 28, 2021.

Recommended Action – No action required.



Item 8B: Ordinance Regarding Implementation of Act 50 of 2021

The Borough has the right, under Act 50, to regulate uses of the Right-of-Way. This ordinance administers a process for managing requests for the placement of Small Wireless Facilities within the Borough.

Recommended Action – Grant tentative approval to Ordinance #659 Establishing procedures and requirements pertaining to the implementation of Act 50 of 2021 and regulating small wireless facilities to be placed within the public right-of-way.

Item 8C: Resolution 2021-06

This resolution adopts a design manual for the regulation of small wireless facilities so that it does not deter from aesthetics and design in the Borough.

Recommended Action – Grant tentative approval to Resolution 2021-03 approving the Design manual for the regulation of small wireless facilities. (This is to be passed after Ordinance 659.)



9. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar

Item 9A: 2021 Budget Preparation

The Manager is preparing preliminary budget numbers. The administration committee will meet on Tuesday, October 5th to compile a tentative budget for Council’s review at the October meeting. Final adoption is expected at the November Council meeting.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 9B: Employee Pension Plans

There are several routine actions required every year relative to the employee pension plans. The Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) is the amount calculated each year that is required to be deposited into each pension plan. Regulations require Council to formally approve that number by September 30th. The state aid unit value for 2022 has not yet been announced, but it is not necessary to adopt the actuarily determined MMO.

The state aid listed below is approximated. Council must also establish the contribution rate, if any, for employees and determine how the State pension aid is to be distributed to the two pension plans

- Action #1 - Adopt the minimum municipal obligation (MMO) calculation for the non-uniformed pension plan in the amount of \$132,396.
- Action #2 - Adopt the minimum municipal obligation (MMO) calculation for the uniformed pension plan in the amount of \$55,407.
- Action #3 - Adopt the minimum municipal obligation (MMO) calculation for the defined contribution plan in the amount of \$6,038.
- Action #4 - Adopt Resolution #2021-03 establishing an employee contribution rate of 3% (unchanged) for the non-uniformed pension plan for 2021.
- Action #5 - Adopt Resolution #2021-04 establishing an employee contribution rate of 3% (unchanged) for the uniformed pension plan for 2021.
- Action #6 - Adopt Resolution #2021-05 authorizing distribution of the State aid check to the respective employee pension plans.

Item 9C: Part-time Employee

Tracy Brunatti

Recommended Action – Make it a matter of record that the persons listed above has been hired to clean the offices and tennis center at the rate of \$10.50/hr.

10. DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

May, Kuhar & Houser

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

- * Item 11A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
The minutes of the August 23, 2021, regular meeting is presented for Council review and approval.

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

- * Item 11B: Financial Statement
The financial statement for August2021 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the August2021 financial statement.

- * Item 11C: Bills
A list of bills totaling \$595,416.75 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

Item 11D: The PLCB approved the Noise Exemption Petition of Ebensburg Borough on September 22, 2021. This exemption will remain in effect until September 22, 2026.

Recommended Action – No action is required.

Item 11E: Lease Agreement with Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies

Ebensburg Borough and Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies entered into a lease agreement October 18, 2018 for three years, terminating on September 31, 2021. The tenant has requested to renew the lease with the Borough for one year, commencing on 10-1-2021.

Recommended Action – Approve a one-year lease with Goodwill.

Item 11F: Lease Agreement with Cambria County Child Development Corp.

Ebensburg Borough and Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies entered into a lease agreement October 18, 2018 for three years, terminating on September 31, 2021. The tenant has requested to renew a three-year lease with the Borough from 10-1-2021 until 9-31-2024.

Recommended Action – Approve the three-year lease with Cambria County Child Development Corp.

Item 11G: Adjoining Land Merger

Simple land merger of the property at 726 N. Marian Street. The Planning Commission reviewed on 9-1-2021 and recommended for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the land merger plan for 726 N. Marian.

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Item 12A: Police Department

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

Item 12B: Public Works Department

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

Item 12C: Community Development

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

Item 12D: Recreation Department

Recreation Director Dirk Johnson has submitted a written report on the recreation department's activities during the month.

- * Item 12E: Codes Enforcement
A monthly codes enforcement report was forwarded to Council.
- * Item 12F: Ebensburg Municipal Authority
A copy of the minutes of the last municipal authority meeting is included in Council's packet.
- * Item 12G: Ebensburg Planning Commission – No activity
- * Item 12H: Ebensburg Zoning Board

13. 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.

14. 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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