



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, February 28, 2022
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 11A: Approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.

Item 11B: Approve the financial statement .

Item 11C: Approve payment of bills.

Recommended Action – Approve the consent agenda.

2. APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Item 2A: 2020 Audit: Representatives of Wessel & Company will review the 2021 audit.

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 & Miller

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, Miller & Owatt

8. STREET COMMITTEE

Ball, Houser & Owatt

Item 8A: Ordinance # 662: An Ordinance that amends Ordinance #591, the Tree Ordinance, by allowing the Approved Street Tree Planting List and the list of Prohibited Trees to be changed by resolution.

The current Tree Ordinance includes detailed lists of trees that are approved or prohibited for planting in tree lawns. The current lists are in need of updating and will very likely require periodic updating in the future. Staff recommends that we remove the actual lists from the ordinance itself, thus allowing any updates to be handled by Council resolution rather than requiring an amendment to the ordinance each time. Once this change is made, the current lists will then be updated.

Recommended Action-Grant final approval to Ordinance #662 removing the approved and prohibited tree lists from the Tree Ordinance and allowing these lists to be changed in the future by Council resolution.

Item 8B: Resolution #2022-01 A Resolution updating a detailed list of trees that are approved for planting in tree lawn.

The current list of approved/prohibited trees was deemed to be out of date. New lists have been created, based on input from tree and landscape professionals.

Recommended Action- Approve Resolution #2022-01 which approves a list of trees for planting in tree lawns.

Item 8C: Liquid Fuels Audit for 2019 and 2020: Make it a matter of record that the Pennsylvania Auditor General issued the 2019 and 2020 audit and determined that Ebensburg’s Liquid Fuels money was spent in accordance with laws and regulations.

Recommended Action-No action required at this time.

9. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE	Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar
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10. DIVERSITY COMMITTEE	Kuhar & Houser
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11. GENERAL BUSINESS

* Item 11A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
The minutes of the January 24, 2022, regular meeting are presented for Council review and approval.

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

* Item 11B: Financial Statement
The financial statement for January 2022 are presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the February 2022 financial statement and quarterly transfers.

* Item 11C: Bills
A list of bills totaling \$ 276,389.92is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

Item 11F: Ordinance #663: An Ordinance that adopts the Guaranty Agreement for the PENNVEST loan.

PENNVEST has approved a grant of \$1,265,610 and a loan of \$1,505,765 for the High Street Waterline replacement. The loan is for 20 years, with 1% interest for the first five years and then 1.743% thereafter. It will be necessary for the Borough to guarantee the PENNVEST loan. In accordance with the Unit Debt Act, Council will need to adopt a Guaranty Agreement by Ordinance. The Solicitor has drafted the enabling Ordinance, the required

guaranty agreement, promissory note, debt statement, and borrowing base certificate for tentative adoption. The Borough and Authority solicitors will review those documents for compliance. The Solicitor has also compiled a Self-Liquidating Debt Report to be certified by the Authority's Engineer. Those documents are included in the proposed Ordinance.

Recommended Action-Grant final approval to Ordinance #663 authorizing a PENNVEST loan guaranty in the amount of \$1,505,765 on behalf of the Ebensburg Municipal Authority the water system improvement project.

Item 11G: Resolution #2022-02: A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant through the Statewide Local Share Account Grant.

Dauntless Fire Company continues to explore any and all opportunities available for obtaining grants to upgrade their programs and equipment. They have requested our assistance in applying for an \$85,000 grant to be used for refinishing the floors at the firehall. Unlike the \$382,952 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant that they recently secured, this grant must be applied for by the sponsor municipality.

Recommended Action-Approve Resolution #2022-02 supporting and applying, on behalf of the Dauntless Fire Company, for a \$85,000 grant through the Statewide Local Share Account Grant, and further authorizing Borough officers to execute any and all documents required to secure the grant.

Item 11G: Resolution #2022-03: A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant through the Statewide Local Share Account Grant.

The Borough will apply for a grant for the rehabilitation to the Community Pool.

Recommended Action-Approve Resolution #2022-03 authorizing the application of a \$300,000 grant through the Statewide Local Share Account Grant, and further authorizing Borough officers to execute any and all documents required to secure the grant.

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.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if required – reason to be stated publicly)

16. ADJOURNMENT

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