



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, July 25, 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 6A: Approve report of Inframark for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations
- Item 6B: Approve report of Inframark for the Water Treatment Plant Operations
- Item 11A: Approve the minutes of the June 27, 2022 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
- Item 11B: Approve the financial statement for June and the quarterly statement.
- Item 11C: Approve payment of bills of July.

Recommended Action – Approve the consent agenda.

2. APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

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.

Item 6C: High Street Water Line Replacement Project

Work began on Monday, June 20th. Substantial completion is to be within 120 calendar days from the date of commencement putting that date on September 29, 2022. Final completion is estimated by November 28, 2022. W.A.Petrakis Contracting is progressing in a timely manner without any current issues to report at this time. After the main line is in place all the way through town, the contractor will come back through once again to excavate and install the lateral connections.

Recommended Action – No action required

7. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Jacoby, Miller & Owatt

Item 7A: Dog Park

The Borough applied for a \$30,000 Mini-Grant through the Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission. Staff will be notified of the status for the grant at the end of the month. Securing this grant will significantly close the shortfall of funds needed to proceed with the project.

A meeting between the Rotary and Recreation Committee will be scheduled to discuss the administration of the dog park construction once the necessary parties gather the required information.

Recommended Action – No action required.

8. STREET COMMITTEE

Ball, Houser & Owatt

Item 8A: 2022 Steet Paving Project

The paving project was awarded to Grannas Brothers in the amount of \$269,988.29. They were issued a letter to proceed. They are expected to start the project in September after the County fair.

Recommended Action – No action is required.

9. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar

Item 9A: AFSCME Contract

Negotiations with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees have commenced for the current contract expiring on December 31, 2022. The committees have met three times and negotiations are proceeding along.

Recommended Action – No action required.

10. DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Kuhar & Houser

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

* Item 11A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

The minutes of the June 27, 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 June 2022 and the quarterly are presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the June 2022 financial and quarterly statements.

* Item 11C: Bills

A list of bills totaling \$412,827.39 for July 2022 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

Item 11D: Sheetz has applied for a request for a hearing for an inter-municipal transfer of a restaurant Liquor License. The hearing has been scheduled for Monday, August 22, 2022 at 5:00 PM..

Recommended Action- No action required at this time.

Item 11D: Resolution #2022-10:

The Borough was requested to apply for a grant on behalf of Nathan’s Divide for paving and other improvements to the North Center Street access roadway, a boat launch, and several parking areas for the upper reservoir. In that regard, Council has been provided with a draft of Resolution #2022-10 which 1) authorizes the application for a \$1,875,996 grant through the Multimodal Transportation Grant, and 2) authorizes appropriate Borough officers to execute any and all documents required to secure such grant.

After further investigation by staff, it was determined that the proposed project is not consistent with the current Lease and Licensing Agreement between the Authority and Nathan’s Divide. As a result, it was anticipated that the lease issue would be discussed at the Authority meeting which immediately preceded this meeting.

Clearly, the Borough cannot and should not authorize submission of a grant for a project on Municipal Authority property unless the Authority is in full agreement to proceed with said project, and unless both the Authority and Nathan’s Divide have made a firm commitment to promptly revise/update the Lease and Licensing Agreement in a manner that is necessary to allow for completion of the project.

Furthermore, the Borough was advised by Nathan’s Divide that the required match for this grant could or would be waived. In the Multimodal guidelines for funding, it states a municipality receiving financial assistance through the CFA Multimodal Transportation Fund may not be required to provide a local match. It does not say it will not be required; therefore, Council should be aware that there is no guarantee that the local match for this grant would be waived.

Recommended Action – Dependent on feedback from the Municipal Authority and Council discussion.

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 Josh Surkovich 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 – only if needed. Reason for session to be clearly stated in advance.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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