



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, August 22, 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 July 25, 2022 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
- Item 11B: Approve the financial statement for July.
- Item 11C: Approve payment of bills of August.

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**

Inframark’s written report was submitted regarding operations, projects and activities at the wastewater plant for Council review.

Recommended Action – No action required.

***Item 6B: Report from Inframark on Water Treatment Plant Operations**

Inframark’s written report was submitted regarding operations, projects and activities at the water plant for Council review.

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. The installation of the water mains is essentially complete. W.A.Petrakis Contracting is now completing the required testing and flushing of the installed main pipeline. Upon completion of testing activities, the Contractor will begin the process of connecting water service lateral lines for each facility along the project corridor. Any lead service lines will be replaced in their entirety.

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 was notified that this project is being recommended for the grant. The final decision will be made, and awards should be finalized by the end of September.

Staff requested the Rotary to schedule the meeting between the Rotary and Recreation Committee as soon as possible to discuss the administration of the dog park construction and project administration.

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. The Contractor is expected to start the project in September after the County fair.

Recommended Action – No action is required.

Item 7B: Sidewalk and Curbing Project 2022:

Bids were opened August 22, 2022, at noon. Council will receive bid results by 1:00. All qualified bids will be accompanied with the required bid bond. The estimated cost for the project was \$50,000, and sufficient funds are available in the 2022 budget to complete the work.

Recommended Action – Staff recommends approval of the bid to the lowest responsible bidder.

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 four 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 July 25, 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 July 2022 and is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the July 2022 financial statement.

* Item 11C: Bills

A list of bills totaling \$265,632.89 for August 2022 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

Item 11D: Resolution # 2202-10:

Sheetz Inc. has applied for an inter-municipal transfer of a restaurant Liquor License. A public hearing was held at 5:00 PM, prior to this meeting to consider the license.

Recommended Action- Council will consider Resolution #2202-10 regarding the inter-municipal transfer of a restaurant liquor license to the Sheetz store located at 818 West High Street. Action dependent on discussion.

Item 11E: Lake Rowena Dredging

In April of 2021 Council approved work with TranSystems (formerly Kimball) to explore the possibilities of dredging Lake Rowena. Originally Council believed an opportunity to work with Robindale Energy was present but after consideration it was determined to not be a viable option. Staff recently received news that PADEP is looking at a project located near Ebensburg in the next 2-5 years and they will be in need for material for cover. They may be able to help with any grant match depending on costs, amount of material, and quality of the material. There is likely enough area at the site that the wet material could be hauled there, stored, and allowed to dry. This would be an advantage to the Borough as other potential sites may not have sufficient area for drying and the material would need to be temporarily stored somewhere near the lake until it is adequately dried for use. Since PADEP is a self-permitting agency, the disposal site could be permitted by them which could save the Borough money as well.

The next step for the Borough would be to determine the amount of sediment that would need to be dredged and determine the quality of the material. Once the amount and quality of material is determined, we can develop costs for the project. Also, once we know the depths of the material/water, we will have a better idea on which dredging method would be best and if a water drawdown would be needed.

TranSystems (Kimball) has the equipment to perform an underwater survey to determine the amount of material to be removed and could also sample the material and send it away for agricultural testing to determine the quality.

Recommended Action- Staff recommends approval of an agreement with TransSystems, Inc. to perform the underwater survey and soil testing, pending the manager and solicitor's review and approval, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

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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