



**Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting**  
**Monday, August 22, 2016**  
**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 9A: Approve the minutes of the July 25, 2016 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.

Item 9B: Approve the Financial Statement.

Item 9C: 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

Houser & Kuhar

### Item 5A: Report from Severn Trent Services on Wastewater Plant Operations

Plant Supervisor Bernie Kozlovac will provide a verbal report on projects and activities at the wastewater plant during the month.

Recommended Action – No action required.

### Item 5B: Ordinance #631, Wastewater Pressure Testing

Ordinance #631 is presented by the Municipal Authority for Council's consideration. It repeals the current Wastewater Ordinance (Ord. 558, 10/27/2008, as amended by Ord. 618, 1/26/2015) and will impose the requirements for pressure testing prior to connection or reconnection and prior to sale of property. The same Ordinance has been forwarded to Cambria Township for adoption.

The Ordinance includes language addressing the interim period between now and project completion for pre-sale certifications. Most properties will not pass a pressure test and will require a new service lateral. In many cases, such work will have to be postponed until at least final design, when the location and depth of the new collection main is known. The language allows the current owner to escrow the necessary funds, with the new owner agreeing to cover any difference. If desired, the new owner could acknowledge the responsibility to make the property compliant as the project is completed.

This Ordinance does not become effective until January 1, 2017.

Recommended Action – Grant tentative approval to Ordinance #631 and advertise for public inspection.

### Item 7C: Beech Street Stormwater Project

The Borough continues to wait on DEP to approve the permit for the Beech Street stormwater project. The Corp of Engineers issued their permit on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Since June 20<sup>th</sup>, DEP staff have stated repeatedly that our permit is next in line, and that we should receive it soon.

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, borough staff asked Representative Burns to contact DEP to see if they could move the permit approval along. DEP indicated that the permit should be released in the next several weeks.

Recommended Action – No action required.

## 6. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Barber & Jacoby

**Item 7A: Handicap Parking Space**

Michael Peduzzi of 704 West Lloyd Street has requested that a handicap parking sign be installed at the front of his residence. Our policy allows for the installation of such a sign, with conditions. First, parking must already be otherwise permitted at that location, and it is. Second, the person requesting the sign must agree to pay for the sign and the post, and he has. Third, the handicap spot is not reserved specifically for a single person, but rather is able to be used by any handicapped person. Fourth, the sign is to be removed when the need no longer exists.

Recommended Action – Authorize the installation of a handicap parking sign at 704 West Lloyd Street.

**Item 7B: PennDOT Paving Project**

New Enterprise has begun work on milling and resurfacing of all State roads within Ebensburg Borough. The project will continue through at least this week.

Monday August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Milling: Ben Franklin Highway from Bishop Carroll High School to US422 (four lane)

Paving: East High Street from the Intersection of East High & Rowena Drive to the intersection of East High and Center Street

Tuesday August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Milling: West High Street from the intersection of High & Center Streets, west, to the intersection of West High Street & Ben Franklin Highway

Paving: Ben Franklin Highway from Bishop Carroll High School to US422 (four lane)

Wednesday August 24<sup>th</sup>

Milling: West High Street from approx. the Ebensburg Boro/Cambria Twp Line toward Walmart

Paving: West High Street from the intersection of High & Center Streets, west, to the intersection of West High Street & Ben Franklin Highway

Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup>

Milling: North Center Street from Bolton Street, south, to the intersection of North Center Street and High Street

Paving: West High Street from approx. the Ebensburg Boro/Cambria Twp Line toward Walmart

Friday August 26<sup>th</sup>

Paving: North Center Street from Bolton Street, south, to the intersection of North Center and High Street

Recommended Action – No action required.

## 8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Barber, Jacoby & Kuhar

### Item 8A: Public Works Vacancies

Two vacancies exist in the public works department. The position was advertised and received 26 applications. Ten of those applicants were interviewed.

Recommended Action #1 – Hire Joshua Surkovich as full-time Public Works Laborer I, effective 8/21/16, at rate of \$15.08/hr.

Recommended Action #2 – Hire Kyle Smiley as full-time Public Works Laborer I, effective 9/12/16, at rate of \$15.08/hr.

## 9. GENERAL BUSINESS

### \* Item 9A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

The minutes of the previous regular meeting are presented for Council review and approval.

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

### \* Item 9B: Financial Statement

The financial statement for July 2016 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the July 2016 financial statement.

### \* Item 9C: Bills

A list of bills totaling \$224,510.40 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

### Item 9D: Prison Project

A meeting of all stakeholders in the project was held on August 5<sup>th</sup>. All parties agree that the best option for moving forward is for the county to find an alternative site for the storage of records, and to transfer the entire property for development. The county expects to have more definite plans within just a few weeks. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> with staff to report on progress.

Recommended Action – No action required.

## 10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### Item 10A: Police Department

Chief Wyland will provide a verbal report on the police department's activities during the month. A written report was e-mailed to Council separately.

**Item 10B: Public Works Department**

Public Works Director Jeff Evans will provide a verbal report on the public works department's activities during the month.

**Item 10C: Community Development**

Community Development Director Danae Koss will provide a verbal report on the community development department's activities during the month.

**Item 10D: Recreation Department**

Recreation Director Samantha Kemock will provide a verbal report on the recreation department's activities during the month.

The Manager has included in the packet a brief report on YPCC finances. Staff was anxious to examine the effect that recent changes implement by staff would have on budgeted finances including the new accounting system instituted this year at the facility and increased staffing. The changes have resulted in increased memberships over the first half of 2016, and should cut the annual operating deficit substantially.

\* Item 10E: Codes Enforcement

A monthly codes enforcement report was forwarded to Council.

\* Item 10F: Ebensburg Municipal Authority

A copy of the minutes of the last municipal authority meeting is included in Council's packet.

\* Item 10G: Ebensburg Planning Commission – No activity

\* Item 10H: Ebensburg Zoning Board – No activity

**11. 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.*

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Members of the public are invited to comment at this time on any issues, whether or not on the agenda.*

**13. ADJOURNMENT**



*Copies of all staff reports and documents subject to disclosure that relate to any item of business referred to on the agenda are available for public inspection the Thursday before each regularly scheduled meeting at the Borough office, located at 300 West High Street, Ebensburg, Pa. Any documents subject to disclosure that are provided to members of the Borough Council regarding any item on this agenda are available for public inspection at the Borough office or at [www.ebensburgpa.com](http://www.ebensburgpa.com).*

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