



**Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting**  
**Monday, July 27, 2015**  
**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 June 22, 2015 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council and the June 22, 2015 public hearing.

Item 9B: Approve the Financial Statement and quarterly fund transfers.

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**

**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: North Beech Street Stormwater**

Snyder Excavating began this project on July 13<sup>th</sup>. The Fish Commission expressed concern that the stream was subject to contamination. DEP became involved, and determined that a permit would be needed for the work.

The borough engineer had submitted this project design to DEP and the Conservation District at the beginning of 2015. After several attempts, we could not obtain a decision as to whether the work required a permit. Based on our interpretation of the rules (less than 100 acres drains to the area, and less than one acre is being disturbed), the Borough Manager decided to proceed without a permit. Once the work began, the three agencies wasted no time in concluding that a permit would be necessary.

All work is now stopped. Measures have been taken to prevent erosion into the stream while the permitting process proceeds. Snyder Excavating will be paid for all materials already delivered to the site, and for work undertaken thus far. Further work will be delayed for weeks.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**Item 5C: CSO Elimination Project**

A major project comprised of both wastewater and stormwater improvements is nearing for Ebensburg. The \$9.1 million project is intended to address the removal of inflow and infiltration of stormwater and groundwater from the sanitary sewer system to allow the elimination of combined sewer overflows (CSOs). The work is part of the Borough's Long Term Control Plan, and is necessary in order to comply with DEP's order to eliminate two CSOs by September 2017.

Kimball presented a proposal to the Municipal Authority for engineering and design services. Design and all permit approvals are required prior to submission of PENNVEST applications. The target date for submission of a funding application is May 2016. Engineering costs up to and including the PENNVEST application will total approximately \$417,000. The Authority approved the engineering proposal, pending verification that the existing engineering agreement is satisfactory to PENNVEST. The cost of engineering and design will be paid with funds already in reserve from the rate previously implemented. A copy of the design proposal is provided to Council, and contains more detailed information about the project.

Staff will be scheduling a joint meeting between the Authority and Council to review details of this project. Several policy decisions will have to be made concerning methods of connecting customers to new lines, the extent of testing to be required on service laterals and customer premises, time to be allowed for customers to connect to new system, etc.

Recommended Action – No action required.

\* Item 5D: Sales to Nanty Glo Water Authority

The Nanty Glo water system is preparing to move ahead with its own water system improvement project. They had hoped to purchase approximately 800,000 gallons per day from Ebensburg. Under normal conditions, it would be difficult to provide that amount of water. In the event of unforeseen leaks, pump problems or other system malfunctions, it would be impossible. Nanty Glo is studying ways to lessen their demand, and our staff is considering options relative to pump alignments. Working together we hope to come up with a plan to satisfy Nanty Glo's needs during their construction, without adversely impacting our own system.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**6. RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Barber & Jacoby**

**Item 6A: Young Lungs at Play**

The Alternative Community Resource Program is encouraging all Cambria County municipalities to designate their parks and playgrounds as tobacco-free, and to participate in Young Lungs at Play. Council gave first consideration to such an Ordinance last month. It was the consensus of Council to add the tennis center to the list of sites, to limit the prohibition to within 50 feet of the Lake Field fences, and to apply the prohibition to the entire property at the other sites.

Ordinance #624 was granted tentative approval last month, was advertised for public inspection, and is ready for final adoption.

Recommended Action – Grant final approval to Ordinance #624 designating certain recreational areas as tobacco-free.



**Item 6B: Tennis Center Lights**

The tennis center has had an ongoing issue with maintenance of the ceiling lights over the indoor tennis courts. Replacement of inoperative lights is problematic in that a lift is needed to perform the work. Each time that a lift is driven onto the floor, there is risk of damaging the cushion floor. The lift is owned by the county, and had been stored at the former prison. It is difficult to load and transport to the tennis center. The lift now is stored at the War Memorial in Johnstown.

Staff normally waits until there are four or more lights out to change them. That results though in dark areas on the courts during the interim period. In almost all cases, another light burns out as soon as we complete a project.

Staff has considered a total relamp of the facility. The Hite Company and Sylvania has prepared four options for Council's consideration. A copy of the complete proposal was provided to Council.

<u>Option</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Annual Savings</u>	<u>Utility Rebate</u>	<u>Payback</u>	<u>Warranty</u>
Relamp - 1000 watt MH	\$7,563				1 year
New Fixtures - T5 Fluorescent	\$29,038	\$5,224	\$2,612	5.0 yrs.	10 years
New Fixtures - LED Option 1	\$39,222	\$7,476	\$3,738	4.75 yrs.	5 years
New Fixtures - LED Option 2	\$66,052	\$5,922	\$2,961	10.65 yrs.	10 years

There is \$17,477 that remains in a capital reserve fund from the initial construction, held exclusively for capital projects at the tennis center that could be used for this project.

Staff had no clear consensus on a recommendation, except that new T5 fixtures or conversion to LED was preferred. The question was referred to the Recreation Board and to Council for consideration last month. The recommendation of the Recreation Board was to leave the lighting as is. Council referred the matter back to the Board for reconsideration of the long-term savings. The Recreation Board is now recommending that the lights be changed using LED Option 1 above. The net cost to the general fund will be approximately \$21,000 (after the \$17K capital reserve). It will result in a savings of \$11,000 in the first year, and \$7,400 annually after that. The project will pay for itself in less than five years, while the annual savings will continue beyond that.

Recommended Action – Dependent on discussion. Select a preferable option, and advertise for bids.

**Item 6C: Playgrounds**

The summer workers have begun work on weeding and edging the safety surfaces at all playgrounds. New playground mulch is being installed.

Recommended Action – No action required.



East End Playground

<b>7. STREET COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Lutz, Miller &amp; Houser</b>
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**Item 7A: Sidewalk Project**

Delozier is making good progress on the sidewalk project. Most work on the east end of town is already completed. Staff is very satisfied with the pace of work on West High Street. As expected, the combined projects along the route are causing great inconvenience for all.

A driveway at Ebensburg Oil & Gas, while installed according to design, is too small for fuel delivery and needs to be replaced. That will be widened to 50 feet. Several other modifications are being approved by PennDOT as the need arises. Most of those involve the shifting of driveway depressions one way or another. Borough crews continue to install street light conduits as the new curbs are poured.

TelPower will soon complete installation of the new pedestrian signals at Manor Drive. Borough crews will be placing the new crosswalks on Tuesday.



Borough crews have completed the installation of all new stormwater systems along the project.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**Item 7B: Street Sign Inventory**

Brianna Wasser has completed the inventory and assessment of all street signs within the borough. There is a total of 1,497 signs such as stop signs, parking signs, street name signs, etc. Staff has not had a chance yet to evaluate that report. The cost of gradually making all signs compliant with regulations will be included in future budgets. Brianna has already replaced 106 signs that were deemed to be completely worn. Another 70 signs have been ordered for immediate replacement.

Brianna and other summer employees are installing the new Victorian poles and signs as Delozier completes each section of new sidewalk.

**Item 7B: Hillcrest Drive Addressing**

Council discussed a possible change in addressing for two residences currently addressed as 701 and 723 West Highland Avenue. The appropriate address would be on Hillcrest Drive, however, that would require three additional residences on Hillcrest Drive to change house numbering. Council chose to ask the county's Department of Emergency Services (DES) to utilize a combination of odd and even house numbers, since there are no addresses on the opposite side of the street. DES has denied the request for combining odd and even house numbers.

Correcting the addressing will involve five properties:

- 701 West Highland Avenue will change to 101 Hillcrest Drive.
- 103 Hillcrest Drive will remain unchanged.
- 105 Hillcrest will remain unchanged.
- 723 West Highland Avenue will change to 107 Hillcrest Drive.
- 107 Hillcrest Drive will change to 109 Hillcrest Drive.
- 109 Hillcrest Drive will change to 111 Hillcrest Drive.
- 111 Hillcrest Drive will change to 113 Hillcrest Drive.
- 115 Hillcrest Drive, and all subsequent addresses, will remain unchanged.



The procedure for changing the addresses is for the borough to petition the County's Department of Emergency Services to do so. If approved, they then implement the changes, and notify the property owners, the post office, and all emergency services.

Recommended Action – Dependent on discussion.

**8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**Lutz, Barber & Jacoby**

## 9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- \* Item 9A: **Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**  
The minutes of the previous regular meeting and public hearing are presented for Council review and approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

- \* Item 9B: **Financial Statement**  
The financial statement for June 2015 is presented for approval.

At the end of each quarter, fund transfers are made in order to process transfers made to and from reserve accounts, and to distribute the cost of routine and capital expenses among the proper accounts. Fund transfers made for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter are attached.

Recommended Action – Approve the June 2015 financial statement and quarterly fund transfers.

- \* Item 9C: **Bills**  
A list of bills totaling \$366,248.85 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

**Item 9D: Resolution #2015-05, EPA Proposal**

Councilor Houser is proposing Resolution #2015-05, opposing the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal to limit ozone levels in all counties.

Recommended Action – Dependent on discussion.

## 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 Matt Pfeil will provide a verbal report on the recreation department’s activities during the month.

A copy of the minutes of the last recreation board meeting is included in Council’s packet.

- \* 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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