



**Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting**  
**Monday, February 25, 2019**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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**Borough Council**  
Doug Tusing, President  
Susan Barber, Vice-President  
John Cobaugh  
Cecilia Houser  
Theresa Jacoby  
Dave Kuhar  
Scot May  
**Mayor**  
Randy Datsko

**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 8B: Approve signature authorizations for the President and Secretary/Treasurer with Ameriserv for the Act 457 Plan.
- Item 8C: Make it a matter of record that 1) \$1,500,000 in Operating Fund reserves were reinvested on 2/7/2019 with Ameriserv at the rate of 2.81% for a term of 180 days, and 2) \$525,000 in Liquid Fuels Fund reserves were invested at the same rate and term.
- Item 9A: Approve the minutes of the January 28, 2019 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
- Item 9B: Approve the financial statement.
- Item 9C: Approve payment of bills. Vote to be recorded reflecting abstention by Councilor Tusing on amount owed him.

Recommended Action – Approve the consent agenda.

**2. APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

- Item 2A: Roy Johnston**  
Mr. Johnston, representing Ms. Datsko at 320 South Marian Street, seeks a curb depression where a driveway does not exist.

**Item 2B: 2018 Audit**

Representatives of Wessel & Company will present the 2018 Audit.

**3. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Item 3A: Report on Police Department**

**4. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS**

**5. WATER, WASTEWATER & STORMWATER COMMITTEE**

**Houser, Kuhar & May**

**Item 5A: Report from Inframark on Wastewater Plant Operations**

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

Recommended Action – No action required.

**Item 5B: Wastewater Project**

The project is progressing. The overall project is 40% complete, however, 60% of the contract time has elapsed.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**6. RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Barber, Jacoby & May**

**7. STREET COMMITTEE**

**Cobaugh & Houser**

**Item 7A: Prave Street / Cherry Street**

Ordinances # 647 and #648 were presented last month, correcting errors in the descriptions of Prave Street and South Cherry Street, respectively. Both Ordinances received tentative approval, have been advertised for public inspection, and are ready for final adoption.

Recommended Action #1 – Grant final approval to Ordinance #647 correcting the legal description of Prave Street.

Recommended Action #2 – Grant final approval to Ordinance #648 correcting the legal description of South Cherry Street.

## 8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Barber, Jacoby & Kuhar

- \* Item 8A: Public Works Position  
The new Laborer II position has been advertised. Fifteen applications were received. Interviews begin on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Recommended Action – No action required.

- \* Item 8B: Act 457 Plan Signature Authorization  
Ameriserv requires updates to signature authorizations every three years.

Recommended Action – Approve signature authorizations for the President and Secretary/Treasurer with Ameriserv for the Act 457 Plan.

- \* Item 8C: Investments  
Reserve funds, invested one year ago with PLGIT for a 12-month term, have matured. Council approved the original term investment at a rate of 1.92%. Actual interest earned was 2.13%.

Staff recommended that the funds now be invested for a 6-month term because 1) we will need a significant portion of these funds in six months to pay for the projects that are currently out for bids, and 2) there is little difference in rates for longer terms. The new PGLIT is 2.62%. All local banks were contacted for current rates, and Ameriserv offered 2.81%.

Staff recommended that the original \$1,500,000 of Operating Funds be reinvested for a 180-day term at Ameriserv. Further, that the original \$400,000 of Liquid Fuels Funds be reinvested for the same rate and 180-day term at Ameriserv, and that an additional \$125,000 be added to that investment.

Recommended Action – Make it a matter of record that 1) \$1,500,000 in Operating Fund reserves were reinvested on 2/7/2019 with Ameriserv at the rate of 2.81% for a term of 180 days, and 2) \$525,000 in Liquid Fuels Fund reserves were invested at the same rate and term.

## 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 January 2019 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the January 2019 financial statement.

- \* Item 9C: Bills  
A list of bills totaling \$284,140.06 is submitted for approval. The list of bills includes an account in the amount of \$210.58 payable to Councilor Tusing. An abstention will be recorded in the minutes on behalf of Councilor Tusing on these bills.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

**Item 9D: Mower**

It is necessary to replace one of the zero-turn mowers, a 2007 model. Staff recommends the purchase of an Exmark commercial-duty mower. The purchase is scheduled in the 2019 capital budget.

Recommended Action – Approve the purchase of an Exmark Lazer S zero-turn mower from Ray’s Lawnmower in the amount of \$9,634.10 off the state bid list.



**10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Item 10A: Police Department**

Chief Wyland will provide a verbal report on the police department’s activities during the month.

**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.

The Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Board met on February 5<sup>th</sup> and approved the Borough’s application for inclusion on the National Historic Register. Some minor revisions will be made before the application is forwarded to the National Park Service for final consideration.

**Item 10D: Recreation Department**

Recreation Director Dirk Johnson will provide a verbal report on the recreation department’s activities during the month.

- \* 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**

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