



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, June 10, 2019
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 May 20, 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 May on amount owed to him.

Recommended Action – Approve the consent agenda.

2. APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Item 2A: Terry Powers

Mr. Powers of 408 West Horner Street represents the Humane Society, wishes to extend appreciation to the borough staff that assisted in a project, and wishes to discuss a dog park.

Item 2B: Melanie Boland

Ms. Boland of 403 East Sample Street wishes to discuss stormwater management along Poplar Street.



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
Work continues on the north side of the borough. Expect installation of all mains to be completed in June, with increased emphasis on restoration to follow.

Recommended Action – No action required.

* **Item 5C: Stormwater Project**
Supplies are delivered. Ogle Street is marked and cut. Expect work to begin this week. This project involves East Ogle Street, West Lloyd Street and South Julian Street.

Recommended Action – No action required.

* **Item 5D: Virginia Street Sewer Project**
This project is completed.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 5E: Laurelbrook Road Water
There is a long standing problem with dirty water along Laurelbrook Road east of Crestwood Drive. There is 400 feet of existing 4” water main there that is old. The main on Crestwood, and the main further east on Laurelbrook Road are new. The 400 feet of 4” main needs to be replaced to correct the problem. This affects three customers. The project will also include installation of a new fire hydrant at that intersection to replace one removed earlier. Sufficient money is available in the water reserve fund to accomplish this project.



Recommended Action – Advertise for bids for replacement of 400’ of water main on Laurelbrook Road.

6. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Barber, Jacoby & May

Item 6A: Swim Club

The Recreation Director will explain a new recreation program; the YPCC Swim Team. No program currently exists for swimmers until 9th grade, and a program is desired to assist with early development of swimming skills

Rory Coleman, a local resident, has created an LLC, Kickboard Consulting, that will run the program. A contract will be prepared wherein Kickboard will set fees and assure that fees cover all program costs. All revenue and expenses will be processed through the borough as a YPCC program, and any excess proceeds, if any, will be paid to Kickboard. Practices and meets will be held at the school pool, and some evenings at the borough pool.

Details of the agreement still need to be worked out, and approved by the solicitor.

Recommended Action – No action required.

7. STREET COMMITTEE

Cobaugh & Houser

Item 7A: Sidewalk & Curb Project

This project is complete, pending final inspection. Notices have been mailed to the property owners who are performing their own work to begin their work. Property owners have six months to complete the repairs.

Recommended Action – No action required.



Item 7B: Street Resurfacing

Bids received thus far in 2019 for paving in other municipalities are 20% higher than last year. We estimated a price of \$75/ton, and it is more likely to be \$90/ton. In addition, three of our streets (Marian, Julian & Caroline) have been so extensively excavated that they will require 2” of milling and a leveling course prior to the 1½” top coat. That increases the cost for those streets by another 33%.

In January, Council was told that the project estimate of \$490,000 could be higher depending on future blacktop costs, and if additional leveling is required. Both of those conditions have occurred.

Staff is considering modifications to the project in an effort to contain costs. For example, all base repair required on Chris Street, East Ogle Street and East Triumph Street will be completed in-house.

The updated cost estimate is \$652,000. The project will be paid for with \$106,700 in County Aid, \$25,000 from Peoples Gas, \$175,000 from the wastewater project reserve, and \$345,300 from Liquid Fuels.

We had expected to advertise for bids in June. There is still quite a bit of street repair to be completed by the gas company. Peoples Gas still believes they will be done with their work south of High Street by the end of August. Staff suggests that we postpone bidding the resurfacing project until mid to late July.

Recommended Action – Authorize seeking bids for street resurfacing in July.

Item 7C: Gas Project

Peoples Gas is still committing to be completed with all required work south of High Street by the end of August. Paving is scheduled in September. If they have not yet replaced gas lines on South West Street and points west of there by that time, that area will be eliminated from the gas project. Those lines are not causing problems, and are not considered a priority.

After August, the gas project will move to the northeast corner of town. There are only two work areas in that corner, and both should be completed before winter. Work will continue through winter in the northwest corner of town.

The 2020 sidewalk project is split into two contracts; east and west. Assuming the northeast corner is completed over the winter, the sidewalk contract for the east side can be advertised early in 2020. The sidewalk project on the west side cannot begin until the gas project is completed on that side of town. If the west side is not completed, the sidewalk project on that side of town will likely be delayed, and the subsequent paving.

Recommended Action – No action required.

8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Barber, Jacoby & Kuhar

Item 8A: Full-time Police Position

Five applications were received for the position, and two applicants later withdrew. All testing of applicants is completed, and the Civil Service Board certified the final list of three. The Chief, Mayor, Manager and two Council members interviewed the three finalists. A final recommendation will be made at the meeting.

Recommended Action – Approve the hiring of a full-time police officer, effective June 24th, subject to pre-employment medical and psychological exams.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- * Item 9A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
The minutes of the May 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 May 2019 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the May 2019 financial statement.

* Item 9C: Bills

A list of bills totaling \$354,995.29 is submitted for approval. The list of bills includes an account in the amount of \$143.10 payable to Scot May. An abstention will be recorded in the minutes on behalf of Councilor May on this particular bill.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

Item 9D: 2020 Census

The Federal government is making preparations for the 2020 Census. Borough staff has submitted certifications for boundary lines and street names.

Participation in the census is very important to the community. First, the census is the basis for equal political representation under the Constitution. Second, State and Federal dollars are allotted based on the number of people counted in the census.

We will be encouraging participation in the Census on-line, in our mailings, and in our newsletter. It's easy. It's safe. It's important! For the first time ever, the Census Bureau will accept responses on-line, but residents can still respond by phone or mail.

The Census Bureau will be hiring thousands of workers to complete the 2020 Census. Job seekers can apply now. The first jobs will be in August 2019.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 9E: Local Use of Radar

The Pennsylvania General Assembly has considered year after year allowing local municipalities to use radar for speed detection. Last year a bill finally cleared the Senate, but died in the House. This year, SB607 is introduced again, nearly identical to last year's bill.

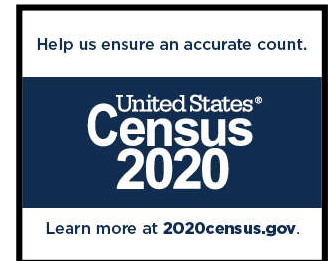
Resolution #2019-03 is proposed to Council in support of adoption of a law allowing municipal police to utilize radar.

Recommended Action – Adopt Resolution #2019-03 in support of allowing municipal police to utilize radar.

* Item 9F: Property Maintenance Enforcement

Staff has completed the annual spring inspection of properties throughout the borough. Forty-two violation notices were mailed during the first week of June. Those violations included thirty-one for high grass, ten for abandoned vehicles, one alley obstruction, eleven for garbage/debris, one collapsed wall and two building conditions.

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.

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 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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