



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, August 26, 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 8B: Make it a matter of record that the fund transfers described herein occurred.
- Item 9A: Approve the minutes of the July 22, 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: RACRA**
John Glass, President of RACRA, wishes to propose a project involving milling and overlay of the airport runway.

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

All work on mains and laterals is completed. Work continues on street and yard restoration.

Recommended Action – No action required.



* **Item 5C: Stormwater Project**

With the exception of street repair, this project on East Ogle Street, West Lloyd Street and South Julian Street is completed.

Recommended Action – No action required.



* **Item 5D: Stormwater Maintenance Project**

Two areas of the stormwater system that were disturbed during the sewer project were in need of immediate repair. The first, on Crawford Street at Poplar, was a relatively large project and has already been completed by borough crews. The second, in the 700 block of East High Street, involves approximately 400 feet of new stormwater pipe. Borough crews will begin that work soon.

Recommended Action – No action required.

* **Item 5E: Laurelbrook Road Water Project**

This project was awarded last month, and work is expected to begin this week.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 5F: Water Plant Upgrades

DEP has instituted new regulations regarding the monitoring of alarms and shutdown capabilities for water treatment facilities. Guidance was issued late prior to the August 19th deadline for compliance. Staff is working with Custom Controls to upgrade the SCADA system in order to achieve compliance. A request for a 60-day extension has been submitted and is expected to be approved. The cost of the upgrades will be \$30,000 to \$50,000.

Recommended Action – No action required.

6. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Barber, Jacoby & May

Item 7A: Street Resurfacing

Bids for the street resurfacing south of High Street were opened on July 31st. The following bids were received.

Quaker Sales	\$522,870.67
Grannas Brothers	\$522,938.00
New Enterprise	\$582,470.00

It had been feared that unit prices could be as high as \$90/ton, resulting in a project estimate of \$652,000. The actual price is \$84/ton with a total contract cost of \$522,870.67.

It remains possible that we could exceed the estimated quantities. That cannot be known for sure until a particular street is milled. If the milling results in a sufficiently smooth surface, the 1½” asphalt topcoat is all that will be necessary. If the milling on a particular street or street segment is not smooth enough, a scratch coat may be necessary prior to the topcoat, resulting in higher quantities.

The sewer, gas and stormwater contractors have all been reminded that the street milling and resurfacing project is scheduled to begin in early September. All street repairs from the various projects south of High Street must be completed prior to then.

Recommended Action – Award a contract to Quaker Sales in the amount of \$522,870.67 for street resurfacing.

Item 7B: Triumph Street Sidewalk

Kishmo had completed all work associated with this project. PennDOT has inspected the two new handicap ramps on Triumph Street at South Center Street, and rejected modifications that were made in the field during construction.

The design of the two handicap ramps was completed by Kimball and approved by PennDOT. However, Kimball had relied upon data contained in the as-built drawings that PennDOT provided from the earlier Center Street project. Those were the incorrect drawings, and therefore the new design was flawed. Kimball, the borough and the contractor all agreed on a new design during construction, that we all thought PennDOT would approve. Again, we were still attempting to comply as closely as possible to the approved drawings. It was still not realized that they were based upon faulty data. The contractor could not make those modifications work, and made further changes during final construction.

At a field meeting with PennDOT, the faulty data, the root of the problem, was finally realized. Kimball has completed a new design of both ramps. Kishmo has agreed to return, remove the handicap ramps, and install new ramps and curb in those areas. Kishmo has been paid for the contract, less \$15,000 held until this work is completed. The additional curb work needs to be completed before Triumph Street is paved.

Recommended Action – No action required.

8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Barber, Jacoby & Kuhar

* Item 8B: Investments

Two certificates of deposit matured on August 8th at Ameriserv. One is in the amount of \$500,000 and is for Liquid Fuels. That CD was cashed and transferred to the Money Market at FNB. A portion of those funds will be utilized next month for the paving project. All Liquid Fuels funds remaining after the paving project will then be invested in another 1-year CD.

The second CD is in the amount of \$1,500,000. Quotes were sought from PLGIT and area banks. Ameriserv again offered the highest rate (2.25% for 12 mo.) \$250,000 was transferred from FNB to Ameriserv, and that CD was renewed in the amount of \$1,750,000.

Recommended Action – Make it a matter of record that the fund transfers described herein occurred.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

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

The minutes of the July 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 2019 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the July 2019 financial statement.

* Item 9C: Bills

A list of bills totaling \$590,758.79 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

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

1) Dollar General

The Commission did not achieve a quorum in order to conduct preliminary review of plans for a Dollar General proposed along North Center Street at the site of the former middle school. The meeting is scheduled for September 5th.

* Item 10H: Ebensburg Zoning Board

1) Rizzo, 400 North Center Street

The Board upheld the ruling of the zoning officer that a store, a non-permitted use, was being operated at the address.

2) Reese, 801 West Sample Street

The Board approved a front setback variance for a proposed addition to the residence.

3) Manno, 123 Lovell Avenue

The Board approved two variances related to parking, but denied a variance that would have allowed the parking aisle to be 14 feet wide rather than the required 20 feet wide.

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.

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