



**Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting**  
**Monday, July 27, 2020**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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**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 9A: Approve the minutes of the June 17, 2020 town hall and the June 22, 2020 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
- Item 9B: Approve the financial statement and quarterly transfers.
- Item 9C: Approve payment of bills.
- Item 9E: Make it a matter of record that the natural gas contract with Dominion Energy has been extended through 1/2024 with a rate of 3.65/MCF.

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**

**Ball & Kuhar**

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

Q&A on the written report submitted and on projects and activities at the wastewater plant.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**Item 5B: Report from Inframark on Water Treatment Plant Operations**

Q&A on the written report submitted and on projects and activities at the water plant.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**6. RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Jacoby, May & Owatt**

**Item 6A: Nathans Divide**

Residents have already been using the reservoir for non-motorized boating. Staff has met with a Fish Commission enforcement officer regarding new signage and coordination of enforcement. New message boards displaying the rules for facilities will be installed at both reservoirs and Lake Rowena. Based on discussions at last Monday’s Municipal Authority meeting, Nathan’s Divide will be advised not to make further changes or improvements unless or until the Option to Lease between them and the Authority is fully executed.



Recommended Action – No action required.

**Item 6B: Memorial Field Improvements**

The two grass infields have been skinned, leveled and new infield mix installed by borough crews. The softball field has also been completed. The baselines have been graded and reestablished. Stabilization pads were installed in all three fields under the pitcher mounds, batter’s boxes and catcher areas.



Recommended Action – No action required.

**7. STREET COMMITTEE**

**Ball, Houser & Owatt**

**Item 7A: 2020 Sidewalk Project**

East Crawford Street is completed, and work is continuing on East Horner Street and North Caroline Street. The project appears to be on schedule.



Recommended Action – No action required.

**Item 7B: 2020 Street Resurfacing**

Assuming the sidewalk project is completed on or before the September 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, we will be able to issue a Notice to Proceed with milling and resurfacing of streets in the northeast quadrant. Council has been provided with a list of streets to be resurfaced and a cost estimate (\$455,300). Staff is preparing the bid documents for that project and will be advertising for bids.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar**

**9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- \* Item 9A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)  
The minutes of the June 17, 2020 town hall and the June 22, 2020 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 June 2020 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the June 2020 financial statement and quarterly transfers.

- \* Item 9C: Bills  
A list of bills totaling \$840,800.71 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

**Item 9D: Diversity**

- 1) The roles of the Borough and the Main Street Partnership have been discussed. The consensus of Council was to separate the Main Street Partnership from the Borough. The Main Street Partnership is a corporate body independent of borough government, is capable of sponsoring and managing its own events, and is free to develop and enforce its own rules without government assistance or interference of any kind.

Since it was first formed in January 2013 under Resolution 2013-01, the Main Street Partnership Board members have been appointed by Council. Since acquiring its 501(c)3 status, members of the Partnership have continued to be appointed by Council. The proper method is for the Partnership to appoint members to its own Board since it is in fact a corporate body separate from borough government. The Partnership has amended its own by-laws implementing that change.

The Borough will continue to provide contracted services to the Partnership such as staff support and office space. The Borough will provide any services to the Partnership's events that we would provide to any event, regardless of the sponsor; i.e. street sweeping, increased police staffing, etc. This relationship is expressed in a proposed Operating Agreement similar to that which exists between the Borough and Ebensburg Municipal Authority.

In the future, the Borough will no longer sponsor any of the community events in town. Instead, events will be sponsored by the Partnership or other civic organization or group. Ordinance #653 is proposed to provide a process through which permits for special events and parades can be applied for.

Recommended Action #1 – Adopt Resolution 2020-06 rescinding Resolution 2013-01 which established the Main Street Partnership.

Recommended Action #2 – Adopt Resolution 2020-07 signifying the Borough's desire to no longer provide oversight or control of future events.

Recommended Action #3 – Grant tentative approval to Ordinance #653 providing for the permitting of special events and parades and advertise for public inspection.

Recommended Action #4 – Grant approval to the Operating Agreement between the Main Street Partnership and the Borough of Ebensburg.

- 1) Inclusive Ebensburg, a citizen group formed to promote diversity throughout the Central Cambia region, has met with staff, the Mayor and Council representatives. Based on those discussions, Inclusive Ebensburg concluded that it would be more effective if it continued to be an organization separate from borough government, thereby able to consult with and make recommendations to the Main Street Partnership and the Borough and conduct its own diversity programs. All agreed that Council could create a standing diversity committee to be included in Council's agenda to provide updates to Council on all diversity-related activities and to serve as the primary liaison between the Borough and groups such as Inclusive Ebensburg.

Recommended Action #1 – Achieve consensus on creating a standing diversity committee with members to be appointed by the President.

\* Item 9E: Energy Contract

The current supplier for natural gas is Dominion Energy at a rate of 3.99/MCF, expiring 1/22. Our broker obtained a rate of 3.65 from Dominion Energy. The contract was extended through 1/24.

Recommended Action – Make it a matter of record that the natural gas contract with Dominion Energy has been extended through 1/24 with a rate of 3.65/MCF.

\* Item 9F: Garbage/Recycling Bids

The garbage/recycling contract expires at the end of 2020. Bids will be advertised for Council's consideration next month.

Recommended Action – No action required.

## 10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**Item 10A: Police Department**

Chief Wyland has submitted a written report on the police department's activities during the month.

**Item 10B: Public Works Department**

Public Works Director Jeff Evans has submitted a written report on the public works department's activities during the month.

**Item 10C: Community Development**

Community Development Director Danae Koss has submitted a written report on the community development department's activities during the month.

**Item 10D: Recreation Department**

Recreation Director Dirk Johnson has submitted a written 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
  1. Hudak, 609 East Crawford Street  
The Zoning Hearing Board approved a variance for a fence setback at 616 Rowena Drive.

## 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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