



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, December 21, 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 8C: Make it a matter of record that Adam Kush has been hired as a tennis assistant effective 12/11/2020.
- Item 9A: Approve the minutes of the November 23, 2020 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
- Item 9B: Approve the financial statement.
- Item 9C: Approve payment of bills. An abstention will be recorded by Councilor Tusing on amount owed him.
- Item 10E: Schedule the 2021 Council meetings for the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., with exception of December, which will be held on the 3rd Monday.
- Item 10F: Designate First National Bank, First Commonwealth Bank, AmeriServ Financial Bank, 1st Summit Bank and PLGIT as depositories.

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

7. STREET COMMITTEE

Ball, Houser & Owatt

Item 7A: 2021 Sidewalk Project

The 2021 sidewalk and curb project involves West Sample Street, West Crawford Street and West Horner Street. The project design is completed, all permits have been secured and the project is ready for bidding. If a contract is awarded in February, construction can begin as soon as weather permits. This project is approximately one-third the size of the 2020 project, which should allow the subsequent street resurfacing to be completed in early fall.

Recommended Action – Authorize the seeking of bids for the 2021 sidewalk project.

Item 7B: 2021 Sidewalk Project

There are twenty-nine trees to be removed along the 2021 sidewalk project.

Recommended Action – Authorize the seeking of bids for tree removal for the 2021 sidewalk project.

8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar

Item 8A: Borough Manager Retirement

Nineteen applications were received for the Borough Manager position. So far four interviews have been conducted. The Committee will meet with the full Council in an executive session later tonight. The committee hopes to agree on a candidate in early January

with a start date of February 22nd. That will allow for a 2-week period of overlap during which the outgoing manager can assist with orientation.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 8B: Non-Uniform Pension Plan

Ordinance #658 was granted tentative approval last month. It amends the non-uniform employee pension plan by creating a defined-contribution plan for new hires. The Ordinance has been advertised for public inspection and is ready for final adoption.

Recommended Action – Grant final approval to Ordinance #658 amending the Non-Uniform Pension Plan to include a defined-contribution component for new hires.

- * Item 8C: Tennis Center Hire
Adam Kush was hired as a tennis assistant.

Recommended Action – Make it a matter of record that Adam Kush has been hired as a tennis assistant effective 12/11/2020.

9. DIVERSITY COMMITTEE	May, Kuhar & Houser
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10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- * Item 10A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
The minutes of the November 23, 2020 regular meeting are presented for Council review and approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the minutes of the previous meeting(s).

- * Item 10B: Financial Statement
The financial statement for November 2020 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the November 2020 financial statement.

- * Item 10C: Bills
A list of bills totaling \$286,406.36 is submitted for approval. An abstention will be recorded by Councilor Tusing on amount owed him.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

Item 10D: Zoning Amendment, Fences

Ordinance #659 was proposed last month amending the Zoning Ordinance relative to front yard fences. It is necessary to conduct a public hearing prior to adopting any zoning amendment. The Manager had mistakenly indicated last month that a public hearing is required only for a map change. A public hearing has been scheduled for Monday, January 18th at 6:30 p.m. via teleconference.

Recommended Action – No action required.

* Item 10E: 2021 Meeting Schedule

Routine action to announce schedule of next year's regular Council meetings.

Recommended Action – Schedule the 2021 Council meetings for the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., with exception of December, which will be held on the 3rd Monday.

* Item 10F: Designation of Depositories

Routine action to approve bank depositories for coming year.

Recommended Action – Designate First National Bank, First Commonwealth Bank, AmeriServ Financial Bank, 1st Summit Bank and PLGIT as depositories.

Item 10G: Appointments to Boards and Commissions

1. Appoint Heather Abbs to a 5- year term on the Ebensburg Municipal Authority, expires 12/2025 (replacing Tusing).
2. Appoint Jessica Lieb to a 4-year term on the Ebensburg Planning Commission, expires 12/2024 (replacing Delauter).
3. Reappoint Margaret Stephan to a 3-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board, expires 12/23.
4. Appoint Kristen McRoberts to a 5-year term on the Ebensburg Recreation Board, expires 12/2025 (replaces Rummel).
5. Appoint Tim Myers as alternate on the Ebensburg Civil Service Commission, expires 12/2021.
6. Reappoint Charlie Moyer as Chairman of the Ebensburg Vacancy Board, expires 12/2021.
7. Appoint John Hawksworth and Chief Mike Sheehan to 1-year terms on the Central Cambria Emergency Management Council, expires 12/2021.
8. Appoint Borough Manager as delegate to the Cambria/Somerset Council of Governments.
9. Appoint Borough Manager as delegate to the Cambria County Tax Collection Committee.
10. Appoint CCSD Business Manager as alternate to the Cambria County Tax Collection Committee.
11. Appoint Tracy Strom as delegate to the Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency.
12. Appoint Borough Manager as alternate to the Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency.

Recommended Action – Approve the listed appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities.

Item 10H: Dog Law Officer

Officer Roberts continued to serve as Ebensburg's Dog Law Enforcement Officer after his retirement and subsequent part-time service. His service ended earlier in 2020. The parking enforcement officer, Angie Charles, is willing to take on dog law enforcement. An annual stipend of \$1,200 is paid for dog law enforcement.

Recommended Action – Appoint Angie Charles as Dog Law Enforcement Officer.

11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Item 11A: Police Department

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

Item 11B: Public Works Department

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

Item 11C: Community Development

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

Item 11D: Recreation Department

Recreation Director Dirk Johnson has submitted a written report on the recreation department's activities during the month.

- * Item 11E: Codes Enforcement
A monthly codes enforcement report was forwarded to Council.
- * Item 11F: Ebensburg Municipal Authority
A copy of the minutes of the last municipal authority meeting is included in Council's packet.
- * Item 11G: Ebensburg Planning Commission – No activity
- * Item 11H: Ebensburg Zoning Board – No activity

12. 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.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public are invited to comment at this time on any issues, whether or not on the agenda.

- * Item 11H: Ebensburg Zoning Board – No activity

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council will conduct an executive session for the purpose of discussing the manager search process.

15. 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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