



**Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting**  
**Monday, February 22, 2021**  
**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 January 25, 2021 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.

Item 9B: Approve the financial statement.

Item 9C: Approve payment of bills.

Recommended Action – Approve the consent agenda.

**2. APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

**Item 2A: 2020 Audit**  
Representatives of Wessel & Company will review the 2020 audit.

**3. MAYOR'S REPORT**

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

**4. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS**

<b>5. WATER, WASTEWATER &amp; STORMWATER COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Ball &amp; Kuhar</b>
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**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.

<b>6. RECREATION COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Jacoby, May &amp; Owatt</b>
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<b>7. STREET COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Ball, Houser &amp; Owatt</b>
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**Item 7A: 2021 Sidewalk Project**  
 The 2021 sidewalk project in the northwest quadrant has been advertised for bids. The due date for bids was February 22<sup>nd</sup>. A bid tabulation follows:

	<u>Curb/LF</u>	<u>Sidewalk/SY</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ameron Construction State College, Pa	\$ 49.00	\$154.00	\$ 768,467.00
Mid-State Construction Altoona, Pa	\$ 58.00	\$133.00	\$ 772,304.00
M&B Services Clarion, Pa	\$ 64.11	\$121.39	\$ 782,282.51
Kishmo, Inc. Apollo, Pa	\$ 63.00	\$127.50	\$ 791,616.00
Liberoni Inc. Plum, Pa	\$ 57.57	\$148.83	\$ 813,427.77
Glenn Hawbaker Inc. State College, Pa	\$ 57.00	\$152.50	\$ 819,704.00
Curry & Kepple New Alexandria, Pa	\$ 67.80	\$132.40	\$ 838,517.00
Gulisek Construction Mt. Pleasant, Pa	\$ 64.75	\$160.00	\$ 894,283.25
Swank Construction New Kensington, Pa	\$ 98.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 932,372.00

CH&D Enterprises New Stanton	\$ 80.00	\$148.00	\$ 966,488.00
Gordon DeLozier Inc. Hollidaysburg, Pa	\$ 87.00	\$140.00	\$ 992,689.00
Antares Site Work Alexandria, Pa	\$ 86.50	\$164.25	\$1,056,786.00
* CNC Construction Penn Run, Pa	\$ 81.42	\$178.25	\$1,060,600.84
Murin & Murn Inc. Glassport, Pa	\$110.00	\$180.00	\$1,263,450.00

\* Bid contained inconsequential math error

This year's unit cost for sidewalk is 23% higher than last year, but the unit cost for curb is 22% lower. The overall unit cost of the bid is comparable to prior year projects. Construction is expected to begin March-April and conclude by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

The property assessment this year for curbing is \$24.50/LF. Council has in the past capped the property assessment for sidewalks at \$100.00/SY, and staff recommends that Council do the same in 2021.

Recommended Action #1 – Award a contract in the amount of \$768,467.00 to Ameron Construction for the 2021 sidewalk project on West Horner Street, West Crawford Street, and West Sample Street.

Recommended Action #2 – Set the sidewalk assessment rates at \$24.50/LF for curbing and \$100.00/SY for sidewalk.

**Item 7B: 2021 Tree Cutting Project**

The 2021 sidewalk project involves the cutting of twenty-nine trees. The due date for bids was February 22<sup>nd</sup>. A bid tabulation follows:

Tree Expert Tree Service	Johnstown, Pa	\$12,200.00
Great Lakes Tree Services	Sinclairville, NY	\$23,777.00
Top Notch Logging	Ebensburg, Pa	\$32,000.00
Cutting Edge Tree	Boalsburg, Pa	\$34,359.00

The work will begin on or before March 15<sup>th</sup> and be completed no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Recommended Action – Award a contract in the amount of \$12,200.00 to Tree Expert Tree Service for the cutting of trees on West Horner Street, West Crawford Street and West Sample Street.

**8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar**

**9. DIVERSITY COMMITTEE**

**May, Kuhar & Houser**

## 10. GENERAL BUSINESS

\* Item 10A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

The minutes of the January 25, 2021 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 January 2021 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the January 2021 financial statement.

\* Item 10C: Bills

A list of bills totaling \$296,047.28 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

**Item 10D: Covid Impact**

Staff conducted a brief assessment of the impact of Covid on the borough's finances during all of 2020.

Taxes – Little affect on the collection of taxes. Real estate tax collections were \$2,000 above budget. Earned income tax revenue slightly exceeded that budgeted. The local service tax was only \$3,000 below that budgeted.

Parking Meters – Meter revenue was down 21% or \$8,700.

Tennis Center – Revenue was \$47,000 below budget. Expenses were \$32,000 below budget. The net impact on the budget was a loss of \$15,000.

Swimming Pool - Revenue was \$45,000 below budget. Expenses were \$30,000 below budget. The net impact on the budget was a loss of \$15,000.

YPCC - Revenue was \$84,000 below budget. Expenses were \$56,000 below budget. The net impact on the budget was a loss of \$27,000.

All departments incurred increased expenses for more frequent cleaning and sanitizing. For example, all office areas are now cleaned every other day rather than weekly. Police cars are sanitized every week. Covid relief funds of \$10,022 were received from the county to partially offset that loss. In summary, the net impact on the \$2.07 million general fund budget is less than \$70,000.

The above financial impacts have continued into the first quarter of 2021, and the outlook beyond that depends largely on our success in combating the virus and our ability to fully open public facilities.

Recommended Action – No action required.

## 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.*

## 14. 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](http://www.ebensburgpa.com).*

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