



**Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting**  
**Monday, June 28, 2021**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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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 10A: Approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.

Item 10B: Approve the financial statement.

Item 10C: Approve payment of bills.

Recommended Action – Approve the consent agenda.

**2. APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

**Item 2A: Dog Park**

Phil Sutton from the Ebensburg Rotary Club will provide an update on the dog park.

**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**

Ameron Construction began the sidewalk project on March 5, 2021. The curbing and sidewalk on West Horner Street are complete. The work continues on West Crawford and West Sample. The project is on schedule for completion well before the July 31, 2021 deadline.



**Item 7B: 2021 Paving Project**

Bids were opened on June 22, 2021 at noon. The Borough received four bids, all accompanied with the required bid bond.

	<b>60,749 SY Milling of Bituminous Pavement</b>	<b>604 Ton Superpave Scratch and Leveling 9.5mm</b>	<b>5,487 Ton Superpave Wearing 9.5mm</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>New Enterprise</b>	103,273.30	44,979.88	390,617.15	\$538,870.33
<b>HRI, Inc.</b>	147,012.58	53,907.00	473,988.90	674,908.48
<b>Quaker Sales Corporation</b>	82,618.64	53,756.00	475,629.00	612,003.64
<b>Grannas Bros.</b>	133,647.80	42,853.80	387,883.65	564,385.25

Recommended Action –Award contract to the lowest bidder, New Enterprise, for the 2021 Paving Project for a total of \$538,870.33.

**Item 7C: Center and High Street Signal**

The parts for adding audio to the crosswalk signal have been ordered, but it will take nearly two months to receive them.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar**

**Item 8A: Josh Surkovich**

Josh has been a full-time employee of the Borough since August of 2016 as a Laborer I. Laborer II has the same job description as Laborer I except Laborer II possesses certification as a licensed water treatment operator, with all state-required modules applicable to the employer’s facilities. Employees employed as a Laborer I may voluntarily seek certification, but the employer is not required to advance to the Laborer II rate. As the work force at the Borough progresses, attrition plans should be implemented to ensure the ongoing operations of the Borough. Given that operation of the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) has been outsourced to Inframark, it is not necessary to have an additional operator for the WTP. However, the certifications are needed to work independently on the distribution system, and it is important to allow an employee to work independently while still having other employees with the knowledge on-hand if required. In short, the Borough has an employee who took it upon himself to study and pass the certifications needed to be a job leader when in the field. The difference in hourly pay between Laborer I and Laborer II equates to \$11,793.60 per year.

Recommended Action – Discuss employee’s performance and possible promotion in Executive Session and upon reopening the meeting, bring the matter to a vote.

**Item 8B: AFSCME Grievance Settlement and Memorandum of Understanding**

A grievance was filed on the Borough for utilizing an outside contractor during snow events in the winter. An agreement between the Borough and the union represents the compromise reached which outlines the circumstances at which times a contractor can be utilized. It is also to pay the employees of the union \$100.00 each.

Recommended Action – Discuss proposed MOU in Executive Session and upon reopening the meeting, bring the matter to a vote.

<b>9. DIVERSITY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>May, Kuhar &amp; Houser</b>
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<b>10. GENERAL BUSINESS</b>
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- \* Item 10A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)  
The minutes of the May 24, 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 and quarterly transfers for May 2021 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the May 2021 financial statement and quarterly transfers.

- \* Item 10C: Bills  
A list of bills totaling \$411,155.82 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

**Item 10D: Lake Rowena**

CDI-LR Kimball has submitted a proposal for exploring the options for the Lake Rowena Dredging Project. The initial fee for the investigation is \$2,250.

Recommended Action – Approve the proposal of CDI-LR Kimball for \$2,250.00.

**Item 10E: Energy Contract**

The borough’s current energy supplier is WGL Energy. The WGL Energy contract expires at the end of 2021. Competitive pricing was sought through APPI Energy, a joint municipal purchasing program available through the Pennsylvania Municipal League. Multiple

suppliers were asked for quotes, and ten responded. APPI recommends a 48-month contract with Engie at a rate of .05899/kWh.

Recommended Action – Award a four-year contract to Engie at the rate of .05899/kWh, expiring December 2025.

**Item 10F: High Street Waterline Replacement Project**

The Ebensburg Municipal Authority is submitting an application to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority for funding to replace existing cast iron water distribution mains and remove leaded joint cast iron mains from service. PENNVEST is requesting a letter stating this project is consistent with Borough policies.

Recommended Action – Approve the letter to PENVEST indication that this project is consistent with our land use and/or agricultural preservation policies and initiatives.

**Item 10D: Ebensburg Airport**

There were two items put out for bid, the base bid was for the rehabilitation of the taxiways and an additional rehabilitation of the apron. Bids from HRI and Quaker Sales were received, the lowest of which was with Quaker Sales for a total of \$504,044.95. There are no Borough funds utilized for these projects.

Recommended Action – Approve the bid from Quaker Sales for the taxiway bid at \$355,328.75 and the apron rehabilitation for \$148,716.20 with a grand total of \$504,044.95.

**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 Dana 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

## 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discuss proposed promotion of an employee and the MOU between the Borough and AFSME regarding use of outside contractors for snow removal. Following the Executive Session, bring the matters to a vote.

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

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