



Ebensburg Municipal Authority Meeting
Monday, October 25, 2021
4:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public are invited to comment at this time on any item appearing on the agenda.

2. 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 Authority request specific items to be removed for separate action.

Item 10A: Consideration of motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2021 regular monthly meeting and the October 7, 2021 special meeting of the Authority.

Item 10B: Consideration of motion to approve the Financial Statement for September 2021.

Item 10C: Consideration of motion to approve payment of bills for October 2021.

Recommended Action – Approve the consent agenda.

3. APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS AUTHORITY

4. CONSIDERATION OF ANY MOTION(S) TO AMEND AGENDA

5. INFRAMARK

Item 5A: Report from Inframark on Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations
Mike Montgomery will provide his report on projects and activities at the wastewater plant.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 5B: Report from Inframark on Water Treatment Plant Operations
Luke Byrne will provide his report on projects and activities at the water plant.

Recommended Action – No action required.

6. OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE REPORT

Jeff Evans will report on the public works department's activities during the month.

Recommended Action – No action required

7. SOLICITOR

8. ENGINEER

The Engineer will review those items contained in the report.

Recommended Action – No action required.

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- * Item 10A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
The minutes of the previous meeting(s) are presented for review and approval.

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

- * Item 10B: Financial Statement
The financial statement for September 2021 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the financial statement.

- * Item 10C: Bills
A list of bills totaling \$99,767.21 for October is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

Item 9D: PENNVEST FUNDING OFFER

The Authority applied for a grant for High Street Waterline Replacement. This week PennVest offered a grant for \$1,265.610 and a 1% interest loan in the amount of \$805,765.00 for the first five years and 1.743% for years six through twenty years.

Recommended Action- Approve the PENNVEST FUNDING OFFER for a grant in the amount of \$1,265.610 and a 1% interest loan for the first five years and 1.743% for years six through twenty years.

Item 9E: 2021 Budget & Rates

Last month we reviewed the borough's draft 2022 budget. There was an annual operating deficit in the water fund of approximately 50,000. Council also discussed future capital projects to the system regarding zone meters to better determine the areas of water loss and improvements to the plant.

A rate proposal was reviewed that was intended to balance the 2021 budget and also provide for a new capital reserve fund to be established. The capital reserve fund will pay for the capital projects with a short-term loan. With the rates determined, this should allow the authority to perform the necessary projects and pay off a loan in four years. In November 2025, the 2004 loan will retire, freeing up the money used for that debt service. This will allow the authority to undertake a large project for the water lines.

However, the PennVest funding offer convolutes the previous calculation. The Authority will need \$44,500/ year to go towards that debt service. This will be for 20 years. If rates go to 70.25/8.50 (note it stated \$71.25 last month and that was a typo.) this would generate \$127,990 in additional income, based on this year's budget. This would allow for the PennVest debt service and a short-term loan for the repairs needed.

Recommended Action – Approve a water rate adjustment from \$60.25 to \$70.25/ 2 month and from \$8.00/1K to \$8.50/1K **OR** \$67.00/2 mo. in the base rate and from \$8.00/1K to \$8.50/1K in the usage rate effective November 1, 2021.

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

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

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