

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Ebensburg Municipal Building by President, Doug Tusing.

Present: Doug Tusing, President  
Cecilia Houser, Vice President  
Dave Kuhar  
Theresa Jacoby  
Robert Miller  
Mike Owatt  
Jeff Ball

Others: Kelly Cook, Borough Manager  
Blair Pawlowski, Solicitor  
Dirk Johnson, Recreation Director  
Randy Datsko, Mayor  
Amanda Datsko, The Mountaineer Herald  
Katie Smolen, The Tribune Democrat  
Dave Lester, Nathan's Divide  
Jack Schaffer, Nathan's Divide

Audience: 2

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. **Public Comments** – None.

C. **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Jacoby made a motion to approve the consent agenda containing the following items. (Houser)  
Motion passed unanimously.

1. It is a matter of record that the summer employees listed in the agenda have been hired.
2. Approve the minutes of the May 23, 2022 regular monthly meetings of Borough Council.
3. Approve the financial statement for May.
4. Approve payment of bills for June.

D. **Appointment to Address Council** – Mr. Dave Lester, speaking on behalf of Nathan's Divide, discussed their interest in applying for an upcoming grant to make developments/improvements at the reservoir property.

E. **Mayor's Report** – Mayor Datsko shared updates on three new business openings to include Bohemian Bean, Jane's Signs and Designs and Barrels of Fun.

F. **Council President** – None.

G. **Water/Wastewater Committee**

1. **Report from Inframark on Wastewater Plant Operations**

Mr. Kuhar reported that written reports from Inframark for the wastewater plant are available through the office and on the website.

**2. Report from Inframark on Water Treatment Plant Operations**

Mr. Kuhar reported that written reports from Inframark for the water plant are available from the office and on the website.

**3. High Street Water Line Replacement Project**

Mr. Kuhar reported that a notice to proceed was issued for the project on June 1, 2022, and work began on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Substantial completion is to be within 120 calendar days from the date of commencement putting that date on September 29, 2022. Final completion is estimated by November 28, 2022.

**H. Recreation Committee**

- 1. Rotary Dog Park Meeting** - Ms. Jacoby reported that a meeting between the Rotary and Recreation Committee will be scheduled once the necessary parties gather the required information to discuss the administration of the dog park construction.

**I. Street Committee**

**1. 2022 Street Paving Project**

Ms. Houser reported that bids were opened at noon on June 21, 2022. Four bids were received, and are listed below. All were accompanied with the required bid bond. The estimated cost for the project was \$295,156.67, and sufficient funds are available in the 2022 budget to complete the work.

Company	18,584 SY of Milling Bituminous Pavement	20 Ton Superpave Scratch and Levelling Course 9.5mm in place	1,811 Ton Superpave Wearing Course 9.5mm in place	165 Ton Superpave Scratch and Levelling Course 9.5mm in place	329 Ton Superpave Wearing Course 9.5mm in place	TOTAL
HRI, Inc.	48,318.40	2,428.00	200,115.50	18,810.00	36,354.50	\$306,026.40
New Enterprise	50,176.80	2,253.00	180,013.40	16,161.75	31,468.85	\$280,073.80
Quaker Sales	41,814.00	2,200.00	174,761.50	20,625.00	37,835.00	\$277,235.50
Grannas Brothers	47,575.04	2,080.00	173,403.25	15,675.00	31,255.00	\$269,988.29

Ms. Houser made a motion to award the 2022 paving project to the lowest bidder, Grannas Brothers, for a total of \$269,988.29. (Owatt) Motion passed unanimously.

**J. Administration Committee**

**1. Summer Hires**

It is a matter of record that the following applicants were hired for summer employment at \$10.50 an hour.

Office Assistant

Casidhe Shetter	Indiana, PA	1 <sup>st</sup> yr.
-----------------	-------------	---------------------

Lifeguards

Taylor Ream	Sylvan Glen	1 <sup>st</sup> yr.
-------------	-------------	---------------------

Maggie McCullough	The Lane	1 <sup>st</sup> yr.
-------------------	----------	---------------------

**2. Public Works Director**

Ms. Jacoby reported that Jeff Evans retired effective June 16<sup>th</sup> and his position has been advertised. Applications were due by June 13<sup>th</sup> and three applications were received. All applicants were interviewed on June 20, 2022. The committee will make a recommendation to Council in executive session at the end of the meeting.

**K. Diversity Committee – None.**

**L. General Business – None.**

**M. Department Report**

**1. Police Department** - Chief Wyland reported on last month's activities including an update from Wheels & Wings. He noted that there were no incidences and that only six parking tickets were issued.

**2. Public Works Department – None.**

**3. Community Development – None.**

**4. Recreation Department**

Recreation Director Dirk Johnson submitted a report on activities from last month.

**N. Media Comments/Questions - None.**

**O. Public Comments –** Mr. Mike Murphy, N. Spruce Street, brought up a reoccurring sewer back-up problem in the 700 block of N. Marian Street. Staff was aware of the issue and a plan has been made to replace a short section of failed piping.

**P. Executive Session –** Council entered into Executive Session at 7:20 pm to discuss a personnel matter and exited at 7:34 pm.

Ms. Houser made a motion to hire Josh Surkovich as the Public Works Director at a salary of \$65,000 annually. (Jacoby) Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Owatt made a motion to advertise for a Laborer I position. (Jacoby) Motion passed unanimously.

Q. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, Ms. Houser made a motion to adjourn. (Owatt)  
Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 7:40 PM

Minutes Recorded by: Randy Datsko, Mayor