



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, October 24, 2022
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 6A: Approve report of Inframark for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations

Item 6B: Approve report of Inframark for the Water Treatment Plant Operations

Item 11D: Approve the minutes of the September 26, 2022 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.

Item 11E: Approve the financial statement for September.

Item 11F: Approve payment of bills for October.

Recommended Action – Approve the consent agenda.

2. APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

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

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Item 4A: Report on Police Department

5. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS

6. WATER, WASTEWATER & STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Ball, Kuhar & Miller

* Item 6A: Report from Inframark on Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations

Inframark's written report was submitted regarding operations, projects and activities at the wastewater plant for Council review.

Recommended Action – Accept and approve report.

*Item 6B: Report from Inframark on Water Treatment Plant Operations

Inframark's written report was submitted regarding operations, projects and activities at the water plant for Council review.

Recommended Action – Accept and approve report.

Item 6C: High Street Water Line Replacement Project

Work began on Monday, June 20th. Substantial completion occurred by September 29, 2022. Final completion is estimated by November 28, 2022. The installation of the water main is complete. W. A. Petrakis has completed the connection of water service lateral lines for each facility along the project corridor that required a new lateral and restoration and final paving will commence.

Recommended Action – No action required

7. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Jacoby, Miller & Owatt

Item 7A: Dog Park

A meeting between the Rotary and Recreation Committee occurred on September 28, 2022 to discuss the administration of the dog park construction and project administration. Both parties agreed that all money will be received by the Borough from the Rotary prior to the award of the bid. The Borough will be responsible for ensuring compliance and administering the grants, but the Rotary will assist as much as possible.

Recommended Action – No action required..

Item 7B: Pier at Lake Rowena

The handicap accessible pier at Lake Rowena has reached the end of its functional life and needs to be rebuilt. The Main Street Partnership graciously offered to participate financially in the project. The total cost to the borough will be approximately \$35,000 with the partnership contributing approximately \$15,000 towards that. Funds will be included in the 2023 Budget for this project.

Recommended Action – No action required. Item will be approved by Council as part of the 2023 Budget.

8. STREET COMMITTEE

Ball, Houser & Owatt

Item 8A: 2022 Street Paving Project

The paving project was awarded to Grannas Brothers in the amount of \$269,988.29. Grannas Brothers completed the paving work on October 5, 2022.

Recommended Action – No action is required.

9. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar

Item 9A: AFSCME Contract

Negotiations with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees have commenced for the current contract expiring on December 31, 2022. The committees have met numerous times and negotiations are nearing completion with a discussion of a contract to occur this evening in an executive session.

Recommended Action – No action required

Item 9B: 2022 Budget Preparation

The Manager is preparing preliminary budget numbers. The Administration Committee met on October 18, 2022 to compile a tentative budget for Council's review at the November meeting. Final adoption is expected at the December Council meeting.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 9C: Public Works Hire

A vacant full-time position in public works has existed and a part-time seasonal employee applied for the position. Jason Bacho was hired.

Recommended Action – Make it a matter of record that Jason Bacho was hired as a full-time public works employee at the rate of \$17.51 per hour.

10. DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Kuhar & Houser

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

Item 11A: Ordinance #664 regarding the revised Fireworks Law

The Borough has the right to regulate fireworks within the borough and this ordinance provides a consumer fireworks permit by exception process. The exceptions are as follows:

- (a) that no one under the age of 18 will purchase, possess or use Consumer Fireworks;
- (b) that Consumer Fireworks will not be used on private property or on public property, including, but not limited to, streets, parking lots, sidewalks and parks, without the express permission of the owner or entity that controls the property;
- (c) that the Consumer Fireworks will not be used within, directed at or directed from a “vehicle” or “building” as those two terms are defined in the Law;
- (d) that the Consumer Fireworks will not be directed at another person;
- (e) that the Consumer Fireworks will not be used by a person who is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or another drug; and
- (f) that the Consumer Fireworks will not be used within 150 feet of a building or vehicle, whether or not the building or vehicle is owned by the user of the Consumer Fireworks

Recommended Action – Grant tentative approval to Ordinance #664 establishing procedures and requirements pertaining to consumer fireworks permits.

* Item 11B: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

The minutes of the September 26, 2022 regular meeting are presented for Council review and approval.

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

* Item 11C: Financial Statement

The financial statement for September 2022 and is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the August 2022 financial statement.

* Item 11D: Bills

A list of bills totaling \$414,300.82 for October 2022 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Item 12A: Police Department

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

Item 12B: Public Works Department

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

Item 12C: Community Development

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

Item 12D: Recreation Department

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

* Item 12E: Codes Enforcement

A monthly codes enforcement report was forwarded to Council.

* Item 12F: Ebensburg Municipal Authority

A copy of the minutes of the last municipal authority meeting is included in Council's packet.

* Item 12G: Ebensburg Planning Commission – No activity

* Item 12H: Ebensburg Zoning Board – No activity

13. 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.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council will meet to discuss Collective Bargaining Agreement and other personnel issues.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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