



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2023
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 December 19, 2022 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.

Item 11E: Approve the financial statement for December and the quarterly transfers

Item 11F: Approve payment of bills for January.

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.

7. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Jacoby, Miller & Owatt

8. STREET COMMITTEE

Ball, Houser & Owatt

9. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar

Item 9A: Consider an Amendment to the Manager's Agreement regarding residency. The current agreement requires that residency, within a 25-mile radius, be established within one year of employment. Due to the current housing market, the manager was unable to meet this deadline and requested a one-year time extension, which was granted, last January. Despite extensive effort, the manager has still been unable to comply with the residency requirement and is requesting another extension.

Recommended Action – Dependent on discussion in Executive Session.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS**Item 11A: Dog Park**

The Rotary has secured the necessary funding for a total estimated project cost of \$245,000 for the construction of a dog park at 962 Rowena Drive. The specifications are completed to put the project out for bid this month and to receive the bids for award next month. Prior to the issuance of an award, the Rotary will be turning over the raised money to the Borough. The Borough staff will oversee the project, submit the necessary paperwork to different funding agencies for reimbursement and pay the bills.

Recommended Action – Place the Dog Park Project out for bid.

Item 11B: Borough's Contribution to the Dog Park Project

The Borough made a commitment to install the necessary drainage prior to construction, which was not yet done. The Borough previously anticipated the cost of the pipe out of capital construction with the labor in-house. The estimated cost for the installation of the drainage is \$37,900.

Recommended Action – Approve an expenditure out of the borough's capital budget of \$37,900 for drainage.

Item 11C: Dog Control

The Cambria County Humane Society has asked the borough to consider entering into an agreement with them regarding dog control. In the past, the Borough had designated an individual to serve as the Dog Control Officer (most recently, it was a part-time police officer). For the last several years, a Dog Control Officer was not specifically appointed, and any dog-related complaints were handled directly by the Police Department. Generally, the Borough receives only a handful of such complaints every year.

Given the limited number of problems with dogs, at this time Staff does not feel that there is a need to appoint a Dog Control Officer or to enter into an agreement with a third party.

Recommended Action – Dependent on discussion.

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

The minutes of the December 19, 2022 regular meeting are presented for Council review and approval.

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

*** Item 11E: Financial Statement**

The financial statement for December 2022 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the December 2022 financial statement.

* Item 11F: Bills

A list of bills totaling \$607,140.22 for January 2023 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

* Item 12H: Ebensburg Zoning Board – 1st Summit applied for and received approval of a Special Exception before the Zoning Hearing Board

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 – Discussion of an employee matter.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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