



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2023
6:30 p.m.

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Mayor
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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 6B: Approve report of Inframark for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations.
- Item 6C: Approve report of Inframark for the Water Treatment Plant Operations.
- Item 11D: Approve the minutes of the January 23, 2023 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
- Item 11E: Approve the financial statement for January.
- Item 11F: Approve payment of bills for February.

Recommended Action – Approve the consent agenda.

2. APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Item 2A: 2020 Audit: Representatives of Wessel & Company will review the 2022 audit.
- Item 2B: Luke Paronish requested to speak about litter related to recycling.

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

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Item 4A: Report on Police Department

5. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Item 5A: President Tusing has been appointed by the Pennsylvania Municipal League to serve as its Republican Legislative Committee Co-Chair. This position also places him on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee for the League.

6. WATER, WASTEWATER & STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Ball, Kuhar & Miller

Item 6A: Municipal Authority Loan

The Municipal Authority procured loan rates from various banks and accepted a loan for \$622,000 from Ameriserv at 4.25% interest in order to finance engineering costs for Phase 1 of a waterline replacement project, and upgrades to Ogden Tank and the Water Treatment Plant. The Borough has been requested to act as a guarantor of the loan.

Recommended Action – Staff recommends the approval of LGUDA proceedings related to Borough acting as guarantor of EMA bank loan in the amount of \$622,000.00.

*** Item 6B: 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 6C: 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

Item 7A: Recreational Fees:

The Recreation committee recommends rates for the pool passes to increase by \$5, pavilion rentals to increase from \$50 to \$75 (plus the \$25 refundable deposit for cleaning), and the hourly rental of the gym at the YPPC to increase from \$10 to \$15 for half court and \$20 to \$30 for the full court. Party rentals were also recommended to increase for two hours at the gym from \$125 to \$150 and two hours at the pool from \$150 to \$200.

<u>Borough Pool Season Passes</u>			
Code	Type	New Price	Old Price
280	Pool-Season Pass (Adult 19-54)	\$140	\$135
281	Pool- Season Pass (Senior 55+)	\$115	\$110
282	Pool- Season Pass (Child 4-18)	\$115	\$110

<u>YPPC Party Rentals</u>			
51	Comm Rm Full Gym 2 hours	\$150	\$135
65	Boro Pool 2 hours < 50 ppl	\$200	\$150

<u>Pavilion</u>			
Code	Location	Price	
279	Pavilion Rental Deposit	\$25	
33	Pavilion 1 Lake Ball Field	\$75	\$50
34	Pavilion 2 Lake Blue Chair	\$75	\$50
35	Pavilion 3 Lake Church	\$75	\$50
36	Pavilion 4 Pool Reservoir	\$75	\$50
37	Pavilion 5 Pool Basketball	\$75	\$50

<u>YPPC Basketball Court Gym Practice</u>			
Code	Type	Price	
198	Half Gym 1 hour	\$15	\$10
200	Whole Gym 1 hour	\$30	\$20

8. STREET COMMITTEE	Ball, Houser & Owatt
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Item 8A: Sidewalk and Curbing Project 2023:

This project was previously bid in 2022, but since all bids came in well above the original cost estimate, the project was put on hold until this spring. New bids for the subject project were opened at noon on February 23rd. All qualified bids were accompanied with the required bid bond. The total cost of the project is 136,827.88 with approximately \$4,500 coming from sidewalk funds with the remainder from the water or stormwater funds. It is anticipated that the Municipal Authority will approve the bids for this as well at their meeting earlier today.

Hawbaker Construction	\$342,821.00
CH&D Enterprises	\$136,827.88

Recommended Action – Award the 2023 Curb and Sidewalk Project to the lowest responsible bidder, CH&D Construction for \$136,827.88.

9. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE **Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar**

10. DIVERSITY COMMITTEE **Kuhar & Houser**

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. Bids were opened on February 23rd at noon.

Kev’s (Lute) Excavating	\$201,801.00- Withdrawn due to error
CH&D Enterprise	\$312,820.00
Straw Construction	\$264,039.00

Recommended Action –Award the Dog Park Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Straw Construction for \$264,039.00, contingent upon receiving additional funds from the Rotary.

Item 11B: Planning Commission Vacancy

Mr. Tom Williams has recently been appointed as the permits manager at PennDOT District 10 and due to the potential of a conflict of interest, he will no longer be able to serve on the Planning Commission. Council would like to thank Mr. Williams for his service, congratulate him on his promotion and announce a vacancy. Any interested parties are invited to submit a letter of interest to the Borough.

Item 11C: Resolution #2023-01

Determining the value of various equipment previously used by Public Works to be in excess of \$1,000 and authorizing for the advertisement or sale of property.

Recommended Action – Approve Resolution #2023-01 determining value of a North Star Bed sprayer, a 54-inch tow behind mower deck, a 2012 Dodge Ram 2500 Hemi and a Leeboy asphalt roller to be in excess of \$1,000 and authorizing for advertisement or sale.

- * Item 11D: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
The minutes of the January 2023 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 January 2023 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the January 2023 financial statement.

- * Item 11F: Bills
A list of bills totaling \$321,734.22 for February 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- 1st Summit Bank applied for a land development to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission recommends the bank's land development plan which proposes razing the structure on 516 W. High and constructing additional parking.

Recommended Action – Approve the Land Development Plan for 1st Summit Bank.

* 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 – Only if necessary, with specific reason stated beforehand.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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