



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, January 22, 2024
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 11F: Approve the minutes of the December 18, 2023 regular monthly meeting and January 2, 2024 reorganization meeting of Borough Council.

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

Item 11H: 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

Item 5A: Following are Committee assignments for the next two years:

- Water, Wastewater & Stormwater: Ball, Miller & Murphy
- Recreation: Jacoby, Kuhar & Miller
- Streets: Ball, Houser & Murphy
- Administration: Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar
- Human Relations & Diversity: Houser & Kuhar

6. WATER, WASTEWATER & STORMWATER COMMITTEE **Ball, Miller & Murphy**

*** 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, Kuhar & Miller**

Item 7A: Agreement with TranSystems
The Borough is continuing to explore dredging Lake Rowena. Late last year Staff met the Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation regarding potential grant opportunities.

Recommended Action- Approve the Agreement for TranSystems in an amount not to exceed \$2,200 to prepare and submit applications for grant funding.

8. STREETS COMMITTEE **Ball, Houser & Murphy**

Item 8A: Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation submitted a plan and estimates for the proposed RRFB at Julian and High Street. The estimate of the work is \$52,747.50. We applied for a grant for this, but Staff will not learn of the outcome of this until March. If the Borough puts the plans out for bid prior to that time, it might jeopardize any potential funding. It is therefore recommended that we wait until the spring to put it for bid.

Recommended Action- None at this time.

Item 8B: Municipal Parking Lot

In July of 2023 this lease was extended for one year with Sara Williamson. The property is now owned by Jack and Timothy Williamson. Therefore, an assignment of the existing lease needs established. All other conditions remain the same.

Recommended Action – Approve the assignment of the existing lease for the Municipal Parking lot at a rate of \$1,300 per month.

9. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE	Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar
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10. HUMAN RELATIONS & DIVERSITY COMMITTEE	Kuhar & Houser
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11. GENERAL BUSINESS

Item 11A: Ebensburg Municipal Airport

We are still awaiting a final report from the structural engineer with details of the permanent hangar repairs needed to resolve corrosion of the columns and other bracing issues. There is a possibility that the permanent repairs can be made fairly quickly, which would eliminate the expense of temporary shoring of the structure. Once the final report is received and reviewed, Staff will make a recommendation as to how Council should proceed.

In the meantime, the Borough did sign a one-year lease extension with RACRA prior to the end of 2023. The lease allows for an additional one-year extension after that, if both parties agree.

Recommended Action- None at this time.

Item 11B: Natural Gas Contract

The borough's current gas supplier is Peoples's Natural Gas. The People's contract expired at the end of 2023. Competitive pricing was sought through APPI Energy, a joint municipal purchasing program offered through the Pennsylvania Municipal League. Multiple suppliers were asked for quotes but the prices change daily. For this reason, APPI recommends a 12-60 month contract with the best available price on January 23, 2024.

Recommended Action- Award a contract to the supplier with the best available price as of 1-23-2024.

Item 11C: Garbage Ordinance

A draft ordinance is submitted to council which amends the previous ordinance by allowing for a larger garbage receptacle, requiring the use of lids for all garbage receptacles and allowing a maximum time prior to the pick-up day (24 hours) that garbage can be taken to the curb for collection, with the same amount of time for the removal of the receptacle.

Recommended Action – Pursuant upon discussion.

- * Item 11D: Correspondence was received from Dauntless Fire Company regarding activities planned for 2024.

Recommended Action – No action required.

- Item 11E:** The Liquid Fuels Audit for 2021 and 2022 was received from PA Auditor General. There were no deficiencies or findings.

Recommended Action – No action required.

- * Item 11F: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
The minutes of the December 18, 2023 regular meeting and the January 2, 2024 reorganization meeting are presented for Council review and approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the minutes of the previous meetings.

- * Item 11G: Financial Statement
The financial statement for December 2023 and quarterly transfers are presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the December 2023 financial statement and quarterly transfers.

- * Item 11H: Bills
A list of bills totaling \$735,989.44 for January 2024 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Item 12A: Police Department**

Chief Loughran 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 Dana 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 Hearing 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 – Only if necessary, with specific reasons stated beforehand.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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