



**Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting**  
**Monday, March 25, 2024**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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**Mayor**  
Randy Datsko

**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 11C: Approve the minutes of the February 26, 2024 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.

Item 11D: Approve the financial statement for February.

Item 11E: Approve payment of bills for March.

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, 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: Pool Bids**

One bid was received from Avalotis Corporation for \$657,425.00. The estimated cost of this project was \$250,000 to 300,000. The Borough received a grant for \$134,600. Staff is looking into why the cost is exponentially above the estimated cost.

Recommended Action – Dependent upon discussion.

**Item 7B: Lake Rowena Dredging**

An application is being submitted to the Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation in April. Grants will be announced in October.

Recommended Action – No action is required.

**8. STREETS COMMITTEE**

**Ball, Houser & Murphy**

**9. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar**

**Item 9A: Summer Hires**

The following applicants were hired for summer employment:

Summer Public Works

Gabe Forst

3<sup>rd</sup> yr.

Recommended Action – Make it a matter of record that the person listed above will be hired to the respective position at a rate of \$10.50 per hour.

## 10. HUMAN RELATIONS & DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Kuhar & Houser

### Item 10A: Complaint Investigation

A complaint was submitted to the Borough that potential discriminatory actions occurred at the YPCC by an independent contractor of the Borough. Staff completed a thorough investigation with the Borough Solicitor. Security video was reviewed, interviews were conducted and written statements were received. Ultimately, it was determined that there was insufficient evidence to substantiate a discrimination claim. At this point, the investigation has been closed.

Recommended Action- No Action is Required.

## 11. GENERAL BUSINESS

### \* Item 11A: Ebensburg Municipal Airport

RACRA continues to investigate the cost and longevity of hangar repairs as well as funding sources available.

Recommended Action- No Action is Required.

### Item 11B: Ordinance # 670: An Ordinance for compliance with the Unit Debt Act

Recommended Action- Grant tentative approval for Ordinance 670 determining the Borough to incur lease rental debt under the Pennsylvania Local Government Unit Debt Act, by its guaranty of a loan in the amount of \$3,389,310 for Stormwater.

### \* Item 11C: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

The minutes of the January 22, 2024, regular meeting is presented for Council review and approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

### \* Item 11D: Financial Statement

The financial statement for February 2024 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the February 2024 financial statement.

### \* Item 11E: Bills

A list of bills totaling \$604,891.93 for March 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-**

A. Illig Investment Group, LLC applied for a land development to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the land development plan, which alters the property lines of 129 Union Street.

Recommended Action- Approve the land development plan at 129 Union Street.

B. Gary E. Sloan applied for a lot merger which joins two parcels at 807 W. High Street (Our Station House). The Planning Commission recommends approval of the lot merger.

Recommended Action- Approve the lot merger at 807 W. High Street.

**Item 12H: Ebensburg Zoning Hearing Board –** Illig Investment Group, LLC applied for and received approval of variances associated with minimum lot size and side and rear yard setbacks for property located at 129 Union Street.

Recommended Action- No Action Required

## 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 personnel issues**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

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