



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, April 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 11E: Approve the minutes of the March 25, 2024 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
- Item 11F: Approve the financial statement for March and quarterly transfers.
- Item 11G: Approve payment of bills for April.

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: Lake Rowena Dredging and Grant Application

An application is being submitted to the Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation in July. Grants will be announced in December. Due to the scope of work changing considerably, Staff requested an agreement with TranSystems Engineering for the expanded application. The additional cost included on this grant application entails replacement and/or modifications to pavilions, concession stand and restrooms, docks, pedestrian bridge, parking area, playground equipment, etc. The cost of the engineering is not reimbursable under the grant.

Recommended Action – Based on numerous conversations, and input from State staff, the chance of the borough receiving funding for some of these projects is high and therefore, Borough Staff recommends that council approves the Agreement with TranSystems, not to exceed \$14,500.

Item 7B: Tennis Center

The tennis center is experiencing moisture problems that are getting worse. It has been proposed to the Recreation Committee that the Borough puts out for bid a course of action that would line the ceiling with a membrane that prevents the thermal barrier from being compromised. The Rec Committee and Rec Board recently had a meeting scheduled to discuss this issue but the meeting was cancelled. It is estimated that the cost of repair would be approximately \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Recommended Action – Dependent upon discussion.

Item 7C: Resolution 2024-02

Last year the Borough approved Resolution 2023-13 regarding a grant for purchasing equipment to revitalize the playground equipment through the Local Share grants. The state requested a new resolution based on updated pricing of the equipment. The amount was changed from \$120,000 to \$143,229.

Recommended Action – Approve Resolution #2024-02.

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

Tobey Bequet	3 rd yr.
Brock Martin	3 rd yr.
Bob Koscho	3 rd yr.
Jace Koss	3 rd yr.
Henry Bradley	2 nd yr.
Isaac Bradley	2 nd yr.
Sophie Bequet	1 st yr.
Alec Prokop	1 st yr.
William Tremel	1 st yr.
Benjamin Ream	1 st yr.
Carter Rummel	1 st yr.

Swimming Pool Manager

Nolan Johnson	9 th yr.
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Co-Head Lifeguards

Abbey O'Brien	6 th yr.
Karson Johnson	6 th yr.

Lifeguards

Jaylee Sikora	7 th yr.
Elizabeth Bopp	7 th yr.
Tessa Novotny	6 th yr.
Loralyn Simmers	5 th yr.
Jewel Sikora	4 th yr.
Maggie McCullough	3 rd yr.
Kayden Magulick	3 rd yr.
Maya Sirsikar	3 rd yr.
Gwendalyn Fodor	3 rd yr.
Naveen Sirsikar	3 rd yr.
Jemma Sikora	2 nd yr.
Broderick Ryan	2 nd yr.
Ian Estep	2 nd yr.
Victoria Griffith	2 nd yr.
Devan Wasser	2 nd yr.
Reagan Tronzo	1 st yr.
Keira Link	1 st yr.
Angus Ryan	1 st yr.
Alaina Long	1 st yr.
Rowyn Ruddek	1 st yr.
Aubrey Ruddek	1 st yr.

Recommended Action – Make it a matter of record that the persons listed above will be hired to the respective positions. Pay for public works and lifeguards is \$10.50 per hour. The head lifeguard rate is \$11.50 per hour and the pool manager rate is \$14.50 per hour.

10. HUMAN RELATIONS & DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Kuhar & Houser

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

Item 11A: Ebensburg Municipal Airport

A. Using plans prepared by structural engineers Diviney & Associates, RACRA contacted four companies and received two estimates for repair work on the closed Hangar. An estimate from Joseph Maintenance Services was received in the amount of \$15,552 and RACRA intends to enter into a contract with them RACRA would like to make certain that the Borough will allow the use of the building if repairs are made in accordance with the engineering plans.

Recommended Action- Staff recommends that the Borough engages Diviney & Associates) to inspect the work and to assure that all work was done in compliance with the engineering drawings of the required improvements deemed necessary by Diviney prior to the use of the building.

B. RACRA would like to proceed with a Runway Lighting Design Agreement in order to apply for federal funding.

Recommended Action- Motion to consider the Runway Lighting Design Agreement.

C. RACRA would like to proceed with Design Agreements for projects that involve Bipartisan Infrastructure funding (Fencing, obstruction removal).

Recommended Action- Motion to consider the Design Agreement for Bipartisan Infrastructure funding.

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

Recommended Action- Grant final 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 the Stormwater Project.

Item 11C: Planning Commission Vacancy

There has been a vacancy on the planning commission for several months, and recently the Borough received a request for consideration to be appointed to the Planning Commission.

Recommended Action- Appoint Greg Illig to the Planning Commission for the vacant term ending December of 2024.

Item 11D: Municipal Parking Lot

The Borough currently has a lease in place for the Municipal lot which expires in August of this year. Recently, the owner listed the property for sale. The Borough was contacted by a potential buyer who has proposed a new long-term lease for Council to consider. Council may also consider the submission an offer for the Borough to acquire the property.

Recommended Action- Dependent upon discussion in executive session.

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

The minutes of the March 25, 2024, regular meeting is presented for Council review and approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

* Item 11F: Financial Statement

The financial statement for March 2024 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the March 2024 financial statement and quarterly transfers.

* Item 11G: Bills

A list of bills totaling \$252,024.37 for April 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 – discussion of personnel, potential litigation and real estate issues

16. ADJOURNMENT

Copies of all staff reports and documents subject to disclosure that relate to any item of business referred to on the agenda are available for public inspection the Thursday before each regularly scheduled meeting at the Borough office, located at 300 West High Street, Ebensburg, Pa. Any documents subject to disclosure that are provided to members of the Borough Council regarding any item on this agenda are available for public inspection at the Borough office or at www.ebensburgpa.com.

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