



**Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting**  
**Monday, June 24, 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 May 20, 2024 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.

Item 11F: Approve the financial statement for May.

Item 11G: Approve payment of bills for June.

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.

### Item 6C: Waterline Replacement Project

This project is proceeding well and on schedule. Guyer Brothers has installed approximately 40% of the mainline. Service installations began in mid-June.

Recommended Action – No action required.

### Item 6D: Stormwater Project

This project consists of the installation of approximately 5,515 feet of 60", 30", 24", 18" and 15" storm sewer piping, inlets, manholes, headwalls and all necessary appurtenances. Work is to take place on West Highland Avenue, between N. West Street and N. Julian Street; N. Julian, N. Beech, N. Marian and N. Spruce Streets, north of West Highland Avenue; Randolph Street, Elderwood Drive and a portion of the Fairgrounds area. Bids were awarded by the Authority to the low bidder, A. Liberoni, Inc., for \$1,727,128.67 in May. The loan closing is scheduled with Pennvest for July 11<sup>th</sup> and a notice to proceed should be issued soon after. The project should take approximately seven months to complete.

Recommended Action – No action required.

## 7. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Jacoby, Kuhar & Miller

### Item 7A: Tennis Center

The tennis center is experiencing moisture problems that are getting worse. Last month the Borough put out for bid a ceiling liner membrane that prevents the thermal barrier from being compromised. One bid was received from Sports Interiors in the amount of \$114,751.00 for the ceiling membrane. The cost to add the walls within one year of the date of the bid submittal is \$90,333.00.

Recommended Action – Approve the bid received from Sports Interiors in the amount of \$114,751. 00.

**Item 7B: Recreation Director**

The current Recreation Director, Dirk Johnson, has accepted a job offer from another municipality. The vacancy was advertised, and multiple interviews were given over the course of the past month. Two candidates were chosen for a second interview that will be conducted later this week. It is hopeful that a candidate will be offered a position and can begin to work alongside Dirk for a period of time prior to his departure.

Recommended Action – No action is required.

<b>8. STREETS COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Ball, Houser &amp; Murphy</b>
<b>9. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Houser, Jacoby &amp; Kuhar</b>
<b>10. HUMAN RELATIONS &amp; DIVERSITY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Kuhar &amp; Houser</b>
<b>11. GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	

**Item 11A: Ebensburg Municipal Airport**

RACRA had planned to initiate remedial work to shore up the hangar building which is in need of structural repairs. Prior to the start of work, they sought clarification from the engineering firm that designed the repairs, Diviney & Associates, to determine if the remedial work would be enough to allow the building to be occupied. Diviney stated that “Given the level of deterioration in the roof purlins, we can’t be sure when an isolated failure may occur. It would be best to have them replaced or sistered” (prior to occupying the building).

Recommended Action - No action is needed currently. Staff is waiting for RACRA to determine their course of action.

**Item 11B: Municipal Parking Lot**

The Municipal Parking Lot has been sold by the Williamson family. The Borough had a lease in place for the lot which expires in August of this year, and that lease has been assigned to the new owner. The Council just received an independent third-party appraisal for the property and will discuss any course of action in an executive session.

Recommended Action - Dependent upon discussion in executive session.

**Item 11C: Pension Audits**

Audits for the compliance period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2023 were received for the Non-Uniformed Plan, Money Purchase Non-Uniformed Plan and Police Pension Plan from the PA Auditor General. There were no deficiencies or finding noted for any plan.

Recommended Action - No action required.

**Item 11D: Code Enforcement – Old Jail Property**

Letters have been sent to DSherwoodD Enterprises LLC. regarding the condition of the property at 201 North Center (the Old Jail). The owner has been in contact with the borough and said they will be undertaking repairs. The owner has created a website: [www.old-stone-jail.com](http://www.old-stone-jail.com) where their plans are listed.

Recommended Action - No action required. Staff will follow up periodically with regard to repairs and will take further action if remedial repairs are not initiated in a timely manner.

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

The minutes of the May 20, 2024, regular meeting are presented for Council review and approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

\* Item 11F: Financial Statement

The financial statement for May 2024 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the May 2024 financial statement.

\* Item 11G: Bills

A list of bills totaling \$437,541.83 for June 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 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-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 and real estate issues**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

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