



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, September 23, 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 August 26, 2024 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
- Item 11G: Approve the financial statement for August.
- Item 11H: Approve payment of bills for September.

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 80% of the mainline and 50% of the service installations.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 6D: Stormwater Project

Construction began on this project by A. Liberoni Construction on August 12, 2024. Currently the contractor is working on the largest part of the project with the installation of 60" pipe on North Julian and North Beech Streets. This project will take approximately seven months to complete.

Recommended Action – No action required.

7. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Jacoby, Kuhar & Miller

Item 7A: Pool Bids

One bid was received from Avalotis Corporation for \$198,750 for the second part of the renovations at the borough pool.

Recommended Action – Accept the bid from Avalotis Corporation in the amount of \$198,750.

8. STREETS COMMITTEE

Ball, Houser & Murphy

Item 8A: Loading Zone on West Triumph Street

Laurel Medical Solutions has requested an area adjacent to their property on West Triumph Street between West Ogle St. and South West Street be designated a loading zone during business hours, Monday through Friday. They receive several tractor-trailer deliveries a day and if a vehicle is parked in that area, the tractor trailers unload in the middle of the road which can pose a hazard for public safety. Random checks over the past few weeks have indicated that parking area in question is not being used by the public on a regular basis. Staff would recommend this to be considered but are reviewing the procedures for its implementation.

Recommended Action – Table this to ensure the proper procedures are followed.

9. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar

Item 9A: Budget: The department heads have begun their preparation for the 2025 budget.

Item 9B: Robert Yahnert and Gabe Forst were hired as full-time employees with Public Works as Laborer 1 and Alexa Miller was hired as a part-time employee with the tennis center.

Recommended Action- Make it a matter of record that the people listed above were hired to their respective positions. Pay for Public works is \$22.79. The part-time rate for the tennis center is \$8.50 per hour.

10. HUMAN RELATIONS & DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Kuhar & Houser

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

Item 11A: Ordinance # 670: Garbage Ordinance

An ordinance which amends the current ordinance by prohibiting garbage and/or recycle receptacles to be placed in public roadways.

Recommended Action- Grant final approval for Ordinance 670 amending provisions of the garbage ordinance.

Item 11B: Lock Boxes for Fire Department Use

The installation of lock boxes on commercial and multi-household residential buildings was discussed at the August meeting. After further investigation, it was determined that the existing fire code already authorizes the local “fire code official” (normally the fire chief) to specify where lock boxes are needed and what type of box should be installed. The same section of the fire code also addresses emergency access needs for fences and gates.

As such, there is no need for an additional ordinance. It is expected that Fire Chief will issue a letter explaining what will be required. That letter will be provided to LMIA (code enforcement agency) so that they can include this as part of inspections for new or renovated structures.

Recommended Action – No action required at this time.

- Item 11C: Lease Agreement with Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies**
Ebensburg Borough and Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies entered into a lease agreement September for one year, ending on September 31, 2022, but allowing for two one-year extensions which were utilized. The tenant has requested to renew the lease with the Borough for three years, commencing on 10-1-2024 at the current lease rate of \$1,117.38.

Recommended Action – Dependent on discussion in executive session.

- Item 11D: Lease Agreement with Cambria County Child Development Corp.**
Ebensburg Borough and the Cambria County Child Development Corp. entered into a lease agreement October 1, 2021 for three years, ending on September 31, 2024 at the current lease rate of \$1,666.94. The tenant has requested to renew the lease with the Borough for three years at a rate of \$1,666.94

Recommended Action – Dependent on discussion in executive session.

- Item 11E: Noise Complaint**
Ebensburg Borough received a complaint regarding the emptying of waste receptacles which occur during quiet times in the Borough and the complainant considered them as a violation of our noise ordinance. The Borough has investigated this and found that we are limited to our noise ordinance that gives an exemption for necessary garbage removal activities.

Recommended Action – No action required at this time.

- * Item 11F: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
The minutes of the August 23, 2024, regular 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 August 2024 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the August 2024 financial statement.

- * Item 11H: Bills
A list of bills totaling \$259,532.18 for September 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 Rebecca Williamson 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 the 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 – Discuss a real estate matter.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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