



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2025
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 marked with an asterisk or 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 8B: Letter of Support for the Pennsylvania One Call
- Item 11E: Approve the minutes of the January 27, 2025 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
- Item 11F: Approve the financial statement for January.
- Item 11G: Approve payment of bills for February

Recommended Action – Approve the consent agenda.

2. APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Representatives of Wessel & Company will review the 2024 audit.

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 98% of the mainline and 95% of the service installations. The contractor continues to test lines and prepare for the installation of the vault on Ann Street and the main line on Cindy Street. However, due to the weather, the contractor has not been able to complete this.

Furthermore, upon evaluation of the remaining work items, the Authority has approximately \$600,000 of unallocated funds remaining in the project budget. A discussion took place at the last Authority meeting indicating that the Authority would like to continue replacement of the 12” waterline on Lovell Avenue. The engineers are working with the other agencies to receive approval for this work.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 6D: Stormwater Project

Construction began on this project by A. Liberoni Construction on August 12, 2024. The contractor has completed approximately 85% of the installation. Substantial completion was scheduled for the end of January, but that was not met. Liberoni requested an extension that will be decided by the Municipal Authority at their meeting held at 4 PM on 2-24-2025. An update will be given by Staff at the Council meeting.

Recommended Action – No action required.

7. RECREATION COMMITTEE**Jacoby, Kuhar & Miller****Item 7A: Small Dock and Boat Launch**

The Ebensburg Main Street Partnership has requested to replace the kayak launch/dock that was previously located at the Upper Reservoir (former site of Nathan's Divide). Since this site is owned by the Municipal Authority, their approval is needed to submit the permit application. Additionally, the municipality will need to serve as the applicant for a GP-2 Small Dock and Boat Launch permit through the Cambria County Conservation District. The Main Street Partnership has solicited quotations and is planning to purchase an EZ Dock floating modular dock, pending approval from all the appropriate agencies, Council and the Municipal Authority.

Recommended Action – Approve the application request for the GP-2 Small Dock and Boat Launch permit.

8. STREETS COMMITTEE**Ball, Houser & Murphy****Item 8A: Ordinance # 673 North Spruce Street**

Council voted last month to begin the procedure necessary to designate North Spruce Street as one way headed south-bound from West Crawford to High Street.

TranSystems, the Borough Engineer, is obtaining the permits necessary from PennDOT regarding this as well. In the meantime, the Borough has started to notify residents of the upcoming change.

Recommended Action – Grant final approval of Ordinance #673 designating North Spruce as a one-way street headed southbound from West Crawford to High Street.

***Item 8B: Letter of Support**

A letter of support was requested for the Pennsylvania One Call System and the Underground Utility Line Protection Law, plus designating April 2025 as "Pennsylvania Safe Digging Month"

Recommended Action – Approve a letter of support for Pennsylvania One Call.

Item 8C: Parking Enforcement

During the January meeting, Council voted unanimously to move away from metered parking toward free two-hour parking. Since then, Staff has been working with Borough Police to develop a detailed plan as to how such a change could be implemented. The issue has also been discussed with staff at the Cambria County Courthouse to determine the best course of action with regard to parking enforcement in the courthouse lots and surrounding streets.

Recommended Action – No action is required at this time.

9. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar

Item 9A: Billing Clerk

Applications have been received to fill an upcoming vacancy in this position. Staff is reviewing the applications and interviews will be scheduled in the near future.

Recommended Action – No action required.

10. HUMAN RELATIONS & DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Kuhar & Houser

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

Item 11A: The airport put out bids for the rehabilitation of fencing. Four bids were received from Fye Fencing in the amount of \$136,470, Pro Max Fence Systems for \$164,695.00, G.B.Hastie Fence in the amount of 174,025.00 and Hiles Excavating for \$193,725.00. After discussion with the airport and contractor, a supplemental agreement will be issued decreasing the base bid from \$136,470.00 to \$78,970.00, a \$57,500 difference. Therefore, there is a recommendation from staff to issue the entire revised project to Fye Fencing in the amount of \$78,970.00.

Recommended Action – Award the revised base bid in the amount of \$78,970.00 to Fye Fencing.

Item 11B: Ordinance #674 regarding the feeding of stray/feral cats in Ebensburg.

The Borough proposes an ordinance in which residents shall not feed any stray or feral cats, where such feeding causes a nuisance to neighbors or creates a condition contrary to the health, safety and welfare of the community. If they choose to do so, involved residents shall be responsible for vaccinations and for ensuring that any cats being fed are spayed or neutered.

Recommended Action – Grant tentative approval of Ordinance #674 regarding the feeding and care of stray/feral cats.

Item 11C: Update regarding SRO for Holy Name School

Holy Name has approved the SRO agreement with the Borough. The Borough Staff is in the process of hiring a part-time police officer and certifying said employee, as well as additional staff, to fill this position.

Recommended Action – No action required at this time.

Item 11D: Gambling Devices

Several Council Members have inquired about permits for games of chance machines located within the Borough. The Borough can assess fees for the permits. This can be established with a flat rate per machine, or it can be based on the number of machines in an establishment.

Recommended Action – Dependent upon discussion.

- * Item 11E: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
The minutes of January 27, 2025, regular meeting are presented for Council review and approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the minutes of the previous meetings.

- * Item 11F: Financial Statement
The financial statement for January 2025 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the January 2025 financial statement.

- * Item 11G: Bills
A list of bills totaling \$296,062.61 for February 2025 is submitted for approval.

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 – only if necessary, with reason to be specified

16. ADJOURNMENT

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