



**Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting**  
**Monday, April 28, 2025**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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**Borough Council**  
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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 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 11F: Approve the minutes of the March 24, 2025 regular meeting of Borough Council.

Item 11G: Approve the financial statement for March and the quarterly transfers.

Item 11H: 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.

**Item 6C: Waterline Replacement Project**

This project is proceeding well and is on schedule. Guyer Brothers has installed essentially 100% of the main line, including Lovell Avenue, and 96% of the service installations. The contractor continues to test lines and prepare for the installation of the vault on Ann Street. Upon completion of the vault, restoration will begin.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**Item 6D: Stormwater Project**

A. Liberoni Construction was issued substantial completion for the Stormwater Project with the exception of the work needed on Highland Avenue. The Authority is trying to get Liberoni to use Guyer Brothers as a sub to complete the work.

Recommended Action – No action required.

## 7. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Jacoby, Kuhar & Miller

**Item 7A: Application For a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant (GTRP)**

An application for a GTRP grant is proposed by the Recreation Board to convert two of the three basketball courts at Memorial Field into pickleball courts. There is a 15% match required. The Recreational Director should have an estimate of the amount of the share needed for the meeting.

Recommended Action – Dependent upon discussion

**Item 7B: Grant through Abandoned Mine Land and Acid Mine Drainage (AML/AMD) Grant Program**

The Borough applied for a grant to dredge Lake Rowena. While researching the grant, Staff learned that they could include other needs within the Lake Rowena facility, this includes bank stabilization, new docks, playground equipment, concession stand, as well as many other improvements. The Borough was notified last week, we were awarded the full amount of the grant for \$4,093,234.20

Recommended Action – Accept the grant offer of \$4,093,234.20 for the Lake Rowena Project and authorize staff to prepare specifications and solicit bids.

**8. STREETS COMMITTEE**

**Ball, Houser & Murphy**

**Item 8A: 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. Cambria County Commissioners would like to see the location of their spots unchanged. Their spaces will then be used as permit parking and 4-hour parking for court business only.

Recommended Action – No action is required at this time.

**Item 8B: Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB)**

Due to the high volume of traffic on High Street, the Borough sought funding and received a Local Share Account Grant in the amount of \$52,747.00, which was the estimated cost of construction for the RRFB. Bids were advertised and two bids were received. One bid from M and B Services in the amount of \$96,471.18 and another from Kuharchik Construction in the amount of \$109,888.50. Funds are available within the capital budget to cover the additional cost.

Recommended Action – Approve the low bid to M and B Services, LLC in the amount of \$96,471.18.

**9. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar**

**Item 9A: Billing Clerk**

Make it a matter of record that Ms. Tammy Young has accepted an offer for the position of Billing Clerk and is now working alongside Rose Myers, the current billing clerk, until her retirement in mid-June.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**Item 9B: Summer Hires**

The following applicants were hired for summer employment.

**Summer Public Works**

Bob Koscho	4 <sup>th</sup> yr.
Noah Bagley	2 <sup>nd</sup> yr.
Sophie Bequet	2 <sup>nd</sup> yr.
Alec Prokop	2 <sup>nd</sup> yr.
Carter Rummel	2 <sup>nd</sup> yr.
William Tremel	2 <sup>nd</sup> yr.
Max Bradley	1 <sup>st</sup> yr.
Sam Tremel	1 <sup>st</sup> yr.
Theodore Gallagher	1 <sup>st</sup> yr.

**Landscaper**

Matt Evans	1 <sup>st</sup> yr.
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**Summer Intern**

Summer Koss	1 <sup>st</sup> yr.
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**Swimming Pool Manager:**

Abbey O'Brien	7 <sup>th</sup> year
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**Head Lifeguard:**

Kayden Magulick	4 <sup>th</sup> year
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**Returning Lifeguards:**

Loralyn Simmers	6 <sup>th</sup> year
Maya Sirsikar	4 <sup>th</sup> year
Naveen Sirsikar	4 <sup>th</sup> year
Gwen Foder	4 <sup>th</sup> year
Maggie McCullough	4 <sup>th</sup> year
Brode Ryan	3 <sup>rd</sup> year
Jemma Sikora	3 <sup>rd</sup> year
Vickie Griffiths	3 <sup>rd</sup> year
Ian Estep	3 <sup>rd</sup> year
Gus Ryan	2 <sup>nd</sup> year
Regan Tronzo	2 <sup>nd</sup> year
Ally Kabo	2 <sup>nd</sup> year

**New Lifeguard Hires:**

Maddy Wandel
Bryn Wandel
Ella Conrad
Bella Mesoras
Izzy O'Brien
Kendel Magulick
Allie Morgan

**Limited Hours**

Aubrey Kabo  
Jaycee Kleinstuber  
Karlee Nileski  
Joey McFadden  
Isaac Oravac

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, the pool manager rate is \$14.50 per hour and the landscaper is \$12.30 per hour.

**10. HUMAN RELATIONS & DIVERSITY COMMITTEE**

**Houser & Kuhar**

**11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Item 11A: 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 final approval of Ordinance #674 regarding the feeding and care of stray/feral cats.

**Item 11B: Update regarding SRO for Holy Name School**

Holy Name has approved the SRO agreement with the Borough. Several officers completed SRO training on April 25, 2025 and the SRO is expected to start today. Operating through the month of May will provide valuable feedback as both parties intend to re-enter into an SRO agreement for the 2025-26 school year.

Recommended Action – No action required at this time.

**Item 11C: Skills Machines**

As suggested by Council, The Planning Commission will review and recommend potential changes to the zoning ordinance regarding skills machines, or “gaming parlors” as well as zoning for vape and/or tobacco shops, CDB shops and possible future marijuana dispensaries.

Council also discussed the idea of resurrecting the “Amusement Tax”, which would apply to skills machines as well as other games/gaming devices. Staff will conduct research to determine how other municipalities are handling this issue and will make recommendations at the May meeting of Council.

Recommended Action – No action required at this time.

**Item 11D: Resolution #2025-01**

A resolution supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250PA).

Recommended Action – Approve Resolution #2025-01

**Item 11E: Recreation Board Vacancies**

Melanie Boland and Ashley Bobby have submitted statements of interest which were reviewed by the Board. Approval of both candidates is recommended by the Recreation Board.

Recommended Action – Appoint Melanie Boland to fulfill the unexpired term of Jamie Oravec, expiring 12/2026 and Ashley Bobby fulfilling the unexpired term of Kristen McRoberts, expiring 12/2025 on the Recreation Board.

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

The minutes of the March, 24 2025 regular meeting are presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

\* Item 11G: Financial Statement

The financial statement for March 2025 and quarterly transfers are presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the March 2025 financial statement and quarterly transfers.

\* Item 11H: Bills

A list of bills totaling \$290,375.64 for April 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: Building Permit Enforcement

A monthly building permit 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**

*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](http://www.ebensburgpa.com).*

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