



**Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting**  
**Monday, July 23, 2025**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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**Borough Council**  
Doug Tusing, President  
Cecilia Houser, Vice-President  
Jeffrey Ball  
Theresa Jacoby  
Susan Kuhar  
Robert Miller  
Mike Murphy  
**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 11G: Approve the minutes of the June 23, 2025 regular meeting of Borough Council.

Item 11H: Approve the financial statement for June.

Item 11I: Approve payment of bills for July.

Recommended Action – Approve the consent agenda.

**2. APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Item 2 A: Brandon Kopp would like to speak on behalf of the VFW Post 4963 regarding the Gaming License Ordinance.

**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**

Guyer Brothers has essentially completed the project and is currently working on punch-list items. It is anticipated that all of these items will be completed within a few weeks.

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 remaining work on Highland Avenue is expected to be completed by the end of the week and then restoration will continue.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**7. RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Jacoby, Kuhar & Miller**

**Item 7A YPCC**

The YPCC is experiencing moisture problems, similar to the problems previously experienced at the Tennis Center. 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. It is estimated that the cost of repair would be approximately \$61,750. Council agreed to put this out for bid. Bids will be received and opened next month for consideration at the August meeting.

Recommended Action – no action needed at this time.

**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. Staff is considering several options and will give council a recommendation next month.

Recommended Action – No action is required at this time.

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

A contract was awarded to M and B Services, LLC. The company is meeting with PennDOT in the very near future regarding pole placement. It is anticipated that the project will begin shortly thereafter and be completed within 30 days of the start date.

Recommended Action – No action is required at this time.

**9. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar**

**10. HUMAN RELATIONS & DIVERSITY COMMITTEE**

**Houser & Kuhar**

**11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Item 11A: Consider appointing Doug Tusing as a voting delegate for the resolutions Committee at the Municipal League annual Leadership Summit in October.**

Recommended Action – Appoint Doug Tusing as the voting delegate.

**Item 11B: Discuss the Borough's transient retailer's ordinance.**

The borough currently has an ordinance that is outdated and enforcement would be difficult. Staff recommends a revision of the current ordinance to include only door to door solicitation.

Recommended Action – Dependent upon discussion

**Item 11C: Gaming License Ordinance**

Based on Council input from last month's meeting, the Solicitor has updated the proposed ordinance regulating and requiring a license for Amusement and Gaming Devices. The revised ordinance is presented for Council review and potential action.

Make it a matter of record that the Mayor and all Council members received a letter from the American Legion Home Association of Ebensburg Post 363 expressing opposition to the enactment of such an ordinance.

Recommended Action – Dependent upon discussion.

**Item 11D: Consider changes to the Zoning Ordinance regulating the location and zoning of certain commercial uses including gaming parlors, hookah bars, marijuana dispensaries, CBD stores, Vape shops and tobacco stores.**

Based on Council input from last month's meeting, the Solicitor has updated the draft ordinance relative to zoning for the above-named uses.

Recommended Action – Dependent on discussion. If the majority of council is amenable to the updated ordinance, it will be referred to the County and Borough Planning Commissions, with an eventual public hearing to be scheduled.

**Item 11E: Consider changing the zoning map of the Borough to establish the north side of High Street between Beech to Spruce Streets from Residential Multi Household (RMH) to Mixed Village Commercial (MX/VC).**

Recommended Action – If the majority of council is amenable to this, refer to the County and Borough Planning Commissions, with posting of the property and an eventual public hearing to be scheduled.

**Item 11F: Penn Eben Park**

Council member Murphy suggested that the trees located between the gazebo and the adjacent building in Penn Eben Park be removed and asked that the item be included in the agenda. Discuss the removal of shade trees within the park.

Recommended Action – Dependent upon discussion.

**Item 11G: Borough Pool Property**

Council member Murphy suggested that the vegetation along the stream behind the Borough pool be cut back or removed and asked that the item be included in the agenda. Staff believes that depending on the extent of work to be done, DEP permits would be required. Discuss the removal of said vegetation.

Recommended Action – Dependent upon discussion.

**Item 11H: Planning Commission Appointment**

Mr. Bryan Hurtack submitted a letter of interest to be appointed to fill a vacancy for the Planning Commission.

Recommended Action – Appoint Bryan Hurtack to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term until December 2028.

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

The minutes of the June 23, 2025 regular meeting are presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

\* Item 11J: Financial Statement

The financial statement for June 2025 for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the June 2025 financial statement.

\* Item 11K: Bills

A list of bills totaling \$55,029.40 for July 2025 is submitted for approval.

<b>12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS</b>
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**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

**Item 12I: Code Enforcement Property Violations Issued – 9 violations: 6 for shrubs and vegetation, 1 nuisance vehicles and junk, 1 feral cats, 1 junk on property**

### **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 a personnel matter.**

### **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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