



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, February 23, 2026
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: Correspondence received from the Dauntless Fire Company.
- Item 11F: Approve the minutes of the December 15, 2025 regular meeting and the January 5, 2026 Reorganization Meeting of Borough Council
- Item 11G: Approve the financial statements for December and January and 4th quarter fund transfers for December.
- Item 11H: Approve payment of bills for January and February.

Recommended Action – Approve the consent agenda.

2. APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Representatives of Wessel & Company will review the 2025 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, Murphy & Stevens

***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: Water Line Issues

As a result of the extremely low temperatures experienced several weeks ago, a number of residents and businesses reported loss of water due to freezing lines. During this period, the Public Works Department assisted with restoring water service to eighteen properties. Borough Council would like to formally recognize the diligent efforts of our crew members who worked tirelessly for many hours of the day and night in very difficult conditions to address these issues as quickly as possible.

Recommended Action: Commend the Public Works Department for their strong response to the various water line issues over the past weeks.

7. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar

8. STREETS COMMITTEE

Ball, Houser & Murphy

Item 8A: Parking Enforcement

Staff continue to evaluate options for parking management and enforcement and will give recommendations in the future.

Recommended Action – No action required at this time.

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

A letter of support was requested for the Pennsylvania One Call System, the Underground Utility Line Protection Law and designating April 2026 as “Pennsylvania Safe Digging Month”

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

9. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar

Item 9A: Manager Selection Process

The upcoming vacancy in the Borough Manager position was advertised, and applications were received and reviewed in December. The Borough received thirteen applications. One application was received past the deadline and disqualified, and another application was withdrawn. Questionnaires were sent out to six of the candidates requesting more information. Of those six requests, five were returned and reviewed. Interviews were conducted with three of the applicants. Being there was not a clear consensus for any single candidate, it was decided to readvertise.

The second advertisement, which included a slightly increased salary range, yielded 14 candidates. Pre-interview questionnaires were sent out to five candidates and interviews are now being scheduled. The target is to agree on a candidate no later than March 1 with a start date sometime in late March. An overlap with the outgoing manager, who has agreed to stay on beyond her initially planned retirement date of April 6, will ensure a smooth transition.

Recommended Action – No action required

10. HUMAN RELATIONS & DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Jacoby, Kuhar & Stevens

Item 10A: Hometown Hero Banners

The Community Development Director and the Borough Solicitor met with members of the VFW on Friday, January 23, 2026, to review details regarding the program. The Solicitor laid out some basic requirements that would need to be followed for proper implementation.

Recommended Action: No action at this time. The Solicitor is finalizing details with the VFW in preparation for program roll-out.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

Item 11A: Codification of Ordinances

General Code has received the Ordinances of the Borough and is conducting an editorial and legal analysis.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 11B: Police Cruiser and Equipment

Council has received proposals for a 2025 Ford Interceptor and associated equipment necessary to upfit the vehicle for a total of \$64,879.50. The price is off of the state contract and was included in the 2026 budget. The car is to be purchased from Laurel Ford for \$44,000 and the equipment and installation will be from West Penn Vehicle Specialists for \$20,879.50.

Recommended Action – Approve the purchase of the 2025 Interceptor and equipment for a total of \$64,879.50.

Item 11C: Local Shares Grant

A grant was received for restoration of McDonald’s Field and First Energy Fields. The grant needs to be approved. One bid was received and opened on February 17th. Straw Construction submitted a bid for \$108,300.

Recommended Action – Approve the grant in the amount of \$42,000 and reject the bid received. Approve the project to be rebid.

Item 11D: Ebensburg Airport- Rehabilitation Runway Lighting

Four bids were submitted for this project. One bid was rejected due to not meeting specification requirements.

	ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE	BRUCE-MERRILEES ELECTRIC, LLC	BRONDER TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.	KOBO UTILITY CONSTRUCTION CORP.
BASE BID TOTAL	\$434,100.00	\$412,740.00	\$369,246.00	\$448,715.00
ADD ALTERNATE BID NO. 1 TOTAL	\$106,875.00	\$51,220.00	\$71,930.00	\$80,775.00
ADD ALTERNATE BID NO. 2 TOTAL	\$127,500.00	\$17,850.00	\$51,800.00	\$67,250.00
Total	\$668,475.00	\$481,810.00	\$492,976.00	\$596,740.00

Recommended Action- Approve the contract to the lowest bidder, Merrilees Electric, LLC for the base bid total of \$412,740 in addition to alternate one in the amount of \$51,220 and alternate two for \$17,850 for a grand total of \$481,810.

- * Item 11E: Two items of correspondence were received from Dauntless Fire Company:
 - A. The Fire Company’s audit for 2023 and 2024 that state they continue to demonstrate sound record keeping and procedures.
 - B. A list of activities planned for 2026

Recommended Action – No action required.

- * Item 11F: Minutes of Previous Meeting
The minutes of the December 15, 2025 and January 5, 2026 meetings are presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

- * Item 11G: Financial Statement
The financial statements for December 2025 and January 2026 and 4th quarter transfers for 2025 are presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the December 2025 and January 2026 financial statements and quarterly transfers for the 2025.

- * Item 11H: Bills
A list of bills totaling \$620,220.79 for January 2026 and \$298,942.55 for February 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 Jerry Poruban 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: Planning Commission-No activity.

* Item 12H: Ebensburg Zoning Hearing Board – No Activity

Item 12I: Code Enforcement Property Violations Issued – 2 violations were issued in December for miscellaneous garbage on a porch and in a yard. No violations were issued in January but two warnings were issued.

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 – If necessary, with reason stated in advance.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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