



**Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting**  
**Monday, March 30, 2026**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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**Borough Council**  
Doug Tusing, President  
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Cecilia Houser  
Susan Kuhar  
Mike Murphy  
Suzanne Stevens  
**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 6C: Approve report of Inframark for the Collection and Distribution Operations.

Item 11G: Approve the minutes of the February 23, 2026 regular meeting of Borough Council

Item 11H: Approve the financial statements for February.

Item 11I: Approve payment of bills for March.

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, 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: Report from Inframark on Collections & Distributions**

Inframark’s written report was submitted regarding collections and distributions for the Water and Wastewater.

Recommended Action – Accept and approve report.

**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: LED Streetlight Conversion and Repair Agreement with FirstEnergy**

FirstEnergy Pennsylvania is upgrading all company-owned streetlights from non-LED to energy efficient LED fixtures. They have requested the borough to confirm the acceptance of

LED streetlights with an agreement. This is to be done in 2027 and at a later date, Staff will meet with representatives of the light company to decide what size lights should be installed and if there are any lights they which to remove or add.

Recommended Action – Approve the LED Streetlight Conversion and Repair Agreement with FirstEnergy.

## 9. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Houser, Jacoby & Kuhar

### Item 9A: Borough Manager Vacancy

Over the past several weeks, Council members have continued to review applications and conduct interviews with qualified applicants. After an exhaustive search, a clear lead candidate emerged in the past week. All pre-employment checks and verifications have been completed. The search committee is expected to propose a name for full Council consideration. The start date for the new Borough Manager is March 1. The annual salary is \$100,000, with benefits consistent with the current position.

Recommended Action – Approve the employment contract with the new Borough Manager.

## 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 continues to finalize details with the VFW in preparation for program roll-out.

## 11. GENERAL BUSINESS

### Item 11A: Local Shares Grant

A grant was received for Memorial Field and requests for bids were advertised. Two bids were received and opened on March 17, 2026. One bid was from Elite Outdoors Services for \$41,999.87 and another from Becker Lawn Care for \$68,000. The bid from Becker was deemed incomplete because it was not accompanied by the required bid security.

Recommended Action – Approve the lowest bid received from Elite Outdoor Services in the amount of \$41,999.87.

**Item 11B:** Ball field leases:

- a. Lease for Bishop Carroll Girls Softball for First Energy Field
- b. Lease for Ebensburg Youth League for McDonalds Field.

Recommended Action- Approve the Bishop Carroll lease in the amount of \$750/year for First Energy Fields, and the EYL lease in the amount of \$750/year for Mc Donalds field.

**Item 11C: Public Works Skid Steer and Street Sweeper**

Council has received proposals from Stephenson Equipment, Inc. for a 2026 JCB Tracked Skid Steer and associated necessary equipment for a total of \$88,216.00 and a lightly used 2024 Stewart Amos Star Street Sweeper in the amount of \$212,460.00. The prices are off the state contract and were included in the 2026 budget. Furthermore, since both pieces of equipment were being considered from the same company, staff requested a further discount, and Stephenson gave the borough an additional \$3,500 off of the price of the Sweeper. Both of these items were included in the 2026 Capital Budget.

Recommended Action – Approve the purchase of the 2026 Skid Steer and equipment in the amount of \$88,216.00 and the 2024 Street Sweeper for \$212,460.00 for a grand total of \$300,676.00.

**Item 11D: Assistant Chief of Police**

The Borough held written and oral examinations for the vacancy of Assistant Police Chief. The rules and regulations per the Civil Service were applied and one name was given to council to consider for the position.

Recommended Action – Appoint Christopher Bopp as the Assistant Police Chief of Ebensburg at a rate of \$33.15 per hour.

**Item 11E: Resignation of Cecilia Houser**

Cecilia Houser has accepted new employment and to avoid any conflicts of interest in the future, has decided to resign from Council effective March 31, 2026.

Recommended Action – Accept the resignation of Cecilia Houser with regrets and advertise for letters of interest from residents to fill the seat through December 2027.

**Item 11F: AML/AMD Grant**

The Borough was awarded a \$4,093,234.20 grant through the Abandoned Mine Land and Acid Drainage Grant Program. The largest component of this grant is for the dredging of Lake Rowena. Prior to bidding the remainder of the grant, only the dredging is being bid at this time so the costs for the remainder of the project can be determined.

Recommended Action – Authorize the advertisement and formal bidding process for the dredging of Lake Rowena.

\* Item 11G: Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the February 23, 2026 meeting is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

\* Item 11H: Financial Statement

The financial statement for February 2026 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the March 2026 financial statement.

- \* Item 11I: Bills  
A list of bills totaling \$696,669.40 for March 2026 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** – A hearing was held on March 25, 2026 to consider a variance for 167 Lovell Avenue. The variance was applied for the rear and side setbacks for the construction of a garage. The Zoning Hearing Board approved the variance.

**Item 12I: Code Enforcement Property Violations Issued** – 1 violation was issued for a leaking heating oil tank.

## 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 publicly in advance.**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

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