



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, August 24, 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 6C: Approve report of Inframark for the Collection and Distribution Operations.

Item 11D: Approve the minutes of the July 27, 2026 regular meeting of Borough Council

Item 11E: Approve the financial statements for July.

Item 11F: Approve payment of bills for August

Recommended Action -- Approve the consent agenda.

2. APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

3. CONSIDERATION OF ANY MOTION(S) TO AMEND AGENDA

4. MAYORS REPORT

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 & Distribution's systems.**

Inframark's written report was submitted regarding the collection's and distribution's systems for the Water and Wastewater.

Recommended Action – Accept and approve report.

7. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Jacoby & Kuhar

Item 7 A: Short term Financing for Lake Rowena dredging and concession stand/restroom projects.

The administration of payments, to contractors will be in a short 60 day payment schedule. We have to pay those costs and then be reimbursed by the grant funder. We would need to fund payments near \$3,440,000 and await reimbursement from the grantor, which could take between 6 to 10 weeks.

A short term loan / line of credit must be opened. We will inquire if those interest expenses can be covered with the grant submittal for our administration of the grant funds. We have \$1.8 to \$2.5 million dollars in reserve and can temporarily borrow from those funds but will not have enough to cover all expenditures in this tight window of bill payments.

Recommended Action: A motion to approve opening a line of credit or short term loan for a maximum amount of \$3,500,000 to cover the payments of all contractors for the Lake Rowena project with the most attractive bank awarded (quotes provided in separate handout) and use our existing account and PLGIT funds as collateral.

8. STREETS COMMITTEE

Ball & Murphy

Item 8A: Parking Enforcement Regulations Ordinance Amendment.

Previously, Council voted to adjust parking rates and fines and to move forward with implementation of the ParkMobile app. Those changes require an update of several sections of the parking ordinance. A list of questions amending the current regulations are listed below:

11-401 Days and Hours of parking / limits. Currently Monday thru Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM.

Suggested hours from 8 AM to 4 PM.

11-411 Exceptions, any maximum parking time at meters?

11-501 Lot used, 3 lots, Prave, Municipal Lot and Penn Eben. We have meters in Prave and Municipal.

Suggested ParkMobile only for Municipal and Penn Eben and limited meters in Prave.

11-513 Penalties as presented at \$10 and paid within 48 hours. \$20 if past 48 hours.

11-514 Parking passes. New addition. Residential rate \$35 month Non-Resident \$100 recommended.

Options on issued passes for 1 week or 1 month per application. Fee TBD. Discount if paid for year since we have holiday free parking in December?

Residents must live in close proximity to one of our 3 lots and the number of spaces reserved for permit parking? TBD.

Recommended Action –

A motion for extending the implementation of the new parking rates and fines and implementation of the ParkMobile contract to commence now on November 1, 2026.

9. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Jacoby & Kuhar & Stevens

Item 9A: Wood Chipper sale request to Cambria Township.

Recommended Action: A motion to approve the sale of the surplus wood chipper to Cambria Township, for \$6,000.

Item 9B: Municipal Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals. Ordinance #678

Council has previously granted approval of this ordinance which designates the Zoning Hearing Board as the Board of Appeals for violations of the International Property Maintenance Code.

Recommended Action: A motion to grant final approval of Ordinance # 678.

Item 9C: Borough excess equipment sealed bids.

As approved by Council at the July meeting, various items of surplus equipment were advertised via the Borough's website and Facebook page. Results on excess equipment sealed bids will be given out on separate sheet before the meeting begins.

Recommended Action: Approve as presented highest bid for excess equipment.

Item 9D. Request to open a checking account at 1st Summit Bank.

1st Summit Bank is the only bank in the Borough with a coin counting machine to process parking meter receipts.

Recommended Action – A motion to open a checking account for a municipal parking enforcement account for coin and cash deposits for police department operations.

Item 9E. Appalachian Forest Consultants Report on Borough parcel and Reservoir parcels.

Recommended Action- Discuss findings in the report for future reference on forest management.

Item 9F. Request to change the Council meeting in October from 10/26/26 to 10/19/26 because of Manager's scheduling of vacation.

Recommended Action – A motion to approve the change in meeting date and advertise the scheduled meeting change.

10. HUMAN RELATIONS & DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Jacoby, Kuhar & Stevens

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

Item 11A: Junior Council Member Program

The current resolution #02-02 regarding the junior councilor position envisioned an appointment in May for a 12 month term to begin June 1 of each year. In recent years, however, we have found it more practical to align the appointment with the school calendar, thereby making the appointment in late summer or early fall. Also, there have been occasions when we have not received applications from incoming seniors and ended up appointing an incoming junior instead.

Staff recommends an update of the previous resolution to better align with recent practices going forward.

Recommended Action: Repeal the existing resolution #02-02 and replace it with Resolution #26-02 regarding the administration of the Junior Councilor program.

Item 11B: Borough Insurance Policies

Our recent policy renewal with Selective Insurance for General Liability and Compensation coverage has been renewed. Staff succeeded in securing a savings of \$6,018 for our

compensation coverage and a reduction in our SWIF coverage for the Fire Dept of \$407 in costs.

Still under consideration is a potential cyber insurance policy renewal with Cowbell Insurance for an annual premium of \$3,925. The policy provides aggregate coverage up to \$750,000 but has a minimum deductible of \$50,000. Currently our general liability insurance coverage for cyber is very minimal in cost. The Selective insurance coverage would have just a \$1,000 deductible and we could increase the coverage limits. We now we pay just \$50 for the current Selective Cyber coverage.

Recommended Action: A motion to keep the current cyber coverage with Cowbell Insurance or decline the coverage or amend the coverage for Cyber insurance and increase the coverage limits with Selective insurance.

Item 11C: Electric Generator for Municipal Building Sealed Bids.

Sealed bids were recently advertised for the installation of an emergency backup generator. The bid also included work for updating our one electrical panel that would be needed for the emergency generator installation to comply with the current electrical building code.

Recommended Action: A motion to approve the lowest responsible bidder for the installation.

*** Item 11D: Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the July 27, 2026 meeting are presented for approval.
Recommended Action – Approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

*** Item 11E: Financial Statement**

The financial statement for July 2026 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the June 2026 financial statement.

*** Item 11F: Bills**

A list of bills totaling \$ 251,521.98 for August 2026 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve payment of August bills.

Item 11G: Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies Lease extension at YPCC facility.

Recommended Action: A motion to approve the one year lease extension from October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027 for a monthly lease payment of \$1,303.64.

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 Danea 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 is included in Council's packet.

*** 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 Meeting**

Item 12H: Ebensburg Zoning Hearing Board – No Meeting.

Item 12I: Code Enforcement Property Violations Issued – Warnings 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 needed.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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