Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, November 23, 2026
6:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public who are residents or property owners in the Borough are invited to comment at this time on any item appearing on the agenda. For the public record, please state your name and address, and confirm that you are a Borough resident, property owner or both. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes.

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 11B: Approve the minutes of the October 19, 2026 regular meeting of Borough Council

Item 11C: Approve the financial statements for October.

Item 11D: Approve payment of bills for October / November.

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'S 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 Collection & Distribution systems.**
Inframark's written report was submitted regarding the collection and distribution systems for the Water and Wastewater.

Recommended Action – Accept and approve report.

7. RECREATION COMMITTEE — Jacoby & Kuhar

Item 7A: **Kayak Locker Rental Program.**

A copy of the details of this rental program are in the packet. The Ebensburg Mainstreet Partnership will contribute $10,000 towards the $35,000 expense for the rental locker. The Borough would retain the 30% of each rental of the equipment in a proposed 5-year contract that renews at no cost. The line item in the proposed Capital Budget would fund the Borough share.

Recommended Action: A motion to proceed with implementation of the contract and agreement.

8. STREETS COMMITTEE — Ball, Link & 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. The draft ordinance received preliminary approval at the October meeting of Council and has been advertised.

Recommended Action – A motion to grant final approval of the revised parking ordinance.

Item 8B: Purchase of Used Parking Meters

Implementation of the new parking rates requires changes to current meters. Staff has negotiated the purchase of 31 single-head and 108 double-head used parking meters from the City of Johnstown at a total cost of $9,500. Our plan is to retain the housings from our current meters and only replace the internal mechanism, so that all meters would accept quarters only.

Recommended Action – Make it a matter of record that the Borough purchased used parking meters from the City of Johnstown for $9,500.

Item 8C: Request to advertise an RFP for the Tanner Street Bridge Specifications and approve the engineering service authorization #2.

The Tanner Street bridge is in need of replacement. The most cost-effective method is a pre-constructed steel frame bridge with a treated timber decking. Specifications from our Borough engineer for the replacement of the current structure and permitting with the DEP are needed in order to advertise the project with an RFP.

Recommended Action: - A motion to approve the contract for engineering services with GFT for the GP-11 permitting and specifications for design not to exceed $18,500. Also, an RFP for the construction and placement of the Tanner Street bridge.

Item 8C: Proposal to install new gate opener at the Babcock Lumber facility.

The existing equipment has been non-functional for weeks and is in need of a full replacement. The cost to replace the unit is $12,410.74. The new unit will be compatible with existing key fobs used by residents to access the yard waste dumping area.

Recommended Action: A motion to authorize the contract to replace the gate opener.

9. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE **Jacoby & Kuhar & Stevens**

Item 9A: Agreement between Borough of Ebensburg and AFSCME Council 13 contract with public works personnel from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2030.

The Borough has been negotiating with AFSCME over the past several months, and we have reached a tentative agreement on a new 4-year contract which is presented for Council's final approval. Primary changes to the contract include:

- Annual wage increases of 5%, 4%, 3%, 3%
- A reduction in health care costs for the Borough and employees.
- A tied pay increase for water and sewer Class E certifications by the DEP

Recommended Action: A motion to approve the AFSCME Council 13 contract.

Item 9B: Draft Budgets for 2027 Presented for comment.

The final draft of the Borough's 2027 operating budget, along with the Capital Budget and Liquid Fuels Budget are presented for review and public comment.

The Borough Manager will cover highlights of the 2027 budget, focusing on 2026 accomplishments and 2027 plans and objectives. As presented, the proposed budget does not foresee the need for an increase in the real estate tax rate.

Recommended Action: A motion for preliminary approval and advertisement of the 2027 Ebensburg Borough Budget along with the Capital and Liquid Fuels budgets.

10. HUMAN RELATIONS & DIVERSITY COMMITTEE — Jacoby, Kuhar & Stevens

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

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

The minutes of the October 19,2026 meeting are presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

*Item 11B: Financial Statement

Recommended Action – Motion to approve the November Financial Statement.

*Item 11C: Bills

A list of bills totaling $ 1,094,645.63 for November 2026 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve payment of November bills.

Item 11D: Proposal from Steel City Fueling Systems to upgrade fuel tank 001A located at the Ebensburg Airport to install water sump piping and spill containment for a lump sum cost of $11,445. This work is required to abate the Notice of Violation issued by the PA DEP.

Maintenance of the airport fueling system is the responsibility of RACRA under our current lease agreement. However, RACRA has provided notice that they are not willing to perform this work. Therefore, the Borough, as owner of the equipment and property, will take the necessary steps to bring the system into legal compliance. The Borough Solicitor will review possible avenues to recover these costs from RACRA.

Recommended Action: A motion to approve the airport fuel system upgrade using funds included in the 2027 budget.

Item 11E: Operation of Ebensburg Airport

Although the Borough did not receive a formal response to the RFP for operation of the airport, one potential operator, Lechene Aviation, did indicate in writing a willingness to negotiate a long-term agreement with the Borough. Staff and several Council Members met with Mr. Mat Lechene and asked him to formally submit a written proposal for Council's consideration.

Recommended Action: None at this time. Awaiting proposal from Lechene Aviation

Item 11F: Potential Sale of Surplus Borough Property

In September, the Borough initiated advertising for the sale of two vacant land parcels situated at the eastern end of Meadowbrook Road in Cambria Township. Bids were due on Friday, November 20.

Recommended Action: If acceptable bids were received, approve the sale of vacant land to the highest bidder and authorize the Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor to prepare documents necessary to execute the sale.

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. 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 – Condemnation of a single-household dwelling.

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

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.

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