



**Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting**  
**Monday, July 26, 2010**  
**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 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 8A: Adopt Resolution #2010-09 approving the addition of a Juvenile Custody Policy to the Ebensburg Borough Police SOP.
- Item 9A: Approve the minutes of the June 28, 2010 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
- Item 9B: Approve the Financial Statement and Fund Transfers.
- Item 9C: Approve payment of bills.
- Item 10G: Grant final approval to the Wood subdivision.

Recommended Action – Approve the consent agenda.

**2. APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

**3. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Item 3A: Report on Police Department.

#### 4. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS

#### 5. WATER & WASTEWATER COMMITTEE

Tusing & Kuhar

##### Item 5A: Report From Severn Trent Services on Wastewater Plant Operations

Plant Supervisor Bernie Kozlovac will provide a verbal report on projects and activities at the wastewater plant during the month.

Recommended Action – No action required.

##### \* Item 5B: Utility Rate Adjustments

At Borough Council's recommendation, the Municipal Authority considered and approved the following rate adjustment:

Wastewater - The bi-monthly base rate will drop from \$68.50 to \$54.50. The usage charge will drop from \$6.07/gal. to \$4.65/gal. The net effect will be an 18% decrease in wastewater rates. The rate reduction is a rollback in its entirety of the September 2005 rate increase imposed for the recent collection system, centrifuge and plant upgrade projects.

Water - The bi-monthly base rate will increase from \$33.50 to 35.60. The usage rate will increase from \$4.33/gal. to \$4.65/gal. The net effect will be a 5% increase in water rates.

The rate adjustments are effective for the upcoming billing period. The total effect of the approved rate adjustments is an overall 9% decrease in utility rates. For the minimum user, that saves \$11.90 each billing. For the average customer, the adjustment will save just over \$17 each billing.

Recommended Action – No action required.

##### \* Item 5C: Wastewater Plant Tanks

The Municipal Authority reviewed the condition of the sludge and clarifier tanks at the wastewater plant. Digester #1 is leaking into the control building. The other tanks require repairs to the concrete surfaces and recoating. It was consensus to perform only the necessary grouting on Digester #1 in order to stop the leaks. The other work, including recoating Digester #1, will be delayed until such time that it can be included with a larger project. The engineer will prepare specifications for the grouting work and the Borough Manager was asked to seek bids for the repairs. The cost is expected to be less than \$10,000. Once all details are known, including the final cost, the Authority will ask the Borough to undertake the maintenance project.

Recommended Action – No action required.

#### 6. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Illig & Barber

**7. STREET COMMITTEE**

**Miller & Lutz**

**Item 7A: Streetscape Repairs**

The Solicitor will provide an update on the ongoing negotiations relative to underslab heating systems that were replaced.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**Tusing, Barber & Lutz**

- \* Item 8A: Adoption of Juvenile Custody Policy in Police SOP  
The Ebsenburg Borough Police Department has in place a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). Chief Wyland wishes to add a new section dealing specifically with matters related to juvenile custody.

Recommended Action – Adopt Resolution #2010-09 approving the addition of a Juvenile Custody Policy to the Ebsenburg Borough Police SOP.

**Item 8B: Part-Time Police Officer**

We have a part-time officer on maternity leave, and it is necessary to hire an additional officer. The position was advertised, and Chief Wyland recommends that John M. Miller be hired.

Recommended Action – Hire John M. Miller as a part-time police officer at the rate of \$10.50/hr.

- \* Item 8C: AFSCME Negotiations  
The Administrative Committee has held two negotiating sessions with AFSCME for the labor agreement that expires at the end of 2010. A third session is scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- \* Item 9A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s).  
The minutes of the previous meeting are presented for Council review and approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

- \* Item 9B: Financial Statement  
The financial statement for June 30, 2010 is presented for approval. A 12-month fund balance analysis is also included.

At the end of each quarter, fund transfers are made in order to process transfers made to and from reserve accounts, and to distribute the cost of routine and capital expenses among the proper accounts. Fund transfers made for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter are attached.

Recommended Action – Approve the financial statement and fund transfers.

- \* Item 9C: Bills  
A list of bills totaling \$478,233.18 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

- \* Item 9D: County Use of Babcock Property  
The Solicitor has completed the short-term lease with Cambria County Department of Emergency Services for use of the Babcock property. Work continues on developing an intergovernmental agreement for construction of the new county building on the property.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**Item 9E: Veterans' Park**

Staff wishes to propose an improvement project at the county-owned Veterans' Park next to the former prison.

The park is not well maintained now. Grass is allowed to grow rather high until the prisoners are able to get it cut. The park lacks any kind of landscaping. The memorial plaques around the monument are badly tarnished and illegible. The plaques honor those that served in very early wars such as the Revolutionary War, Civil War and War of 1814, but lacks any reference at all to later wars or other veterans.

A service flag monument is suggested for the area in front of the tall monument. A new 35' tall US flag pole would be installed in the center of that grassy area. Five 30' tall flag poles would be installed in a semi-circle around the front of the US flag, with flags of each of the five branches of military service. The flag monument is meant to honor all that served in any military capacity, regardless of war-time or peacetime, and regardless of overseas or here at home. The grass would be removed and the area around the flags, between the existing sidewalks, would be landscaped. The existing flagpole is in poor condition and would be removed.

The project would include refurbishing the bronze plaques around the tall monument. The project also includes the planting of tall trees along Cherry Street at the rear of the park to buffer the park from the neighboring properties, and placement of benches.

The project is expected to cost approximately \$25,000 including the restoration of the plaques for \$14,900. Staff would seek a legislative grant, and the County Commissioners have agreed to provide the local match. Borough crews can do the work.

Staff also feels that the borough should takeover routine maintenance of the park grounds from the county, with the Commissioners' support. A park meant to honor veterans should be well-groomed, and the county lacks the resources to do that regularly.

The goal is to have the project completed by Flag Day 2011. Since it is a county park, we would like to have veterans organizations from across the county participate in the dedication. Those veterans groups have other commitments on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. An evening program of patriotic music and a flagraising would be planned.

Recommended Action – Dependent on discussion.



**VETERAN'S PARK**  
**Borough of Ebensburg**  
**" Before View" July 1, 2010**



**VETERAN'S PARK**  
**Borough of Ebensburg**  
**" After View" July 1, 2010**

## 10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### Item 10A: Police Department

Chief Wyland will provide a verbal report on the police department's activities during the month. A written report was e-mailed to Council separately.

### Item 10B: Public Works Department

Public Works Director Jeff Evans will provide a verbal report on the public works department's activities during the month.

### Item 10C: Community Development

Community Development Director Christine Strugala will provide a verbal report on the community development department's activities during the month.

### Item 10D: Recreation Department

Recreation Director Matt Pfeil will provide a verbal report on the recreation department's activities during the month.

\* Item 10E: Codes Enforcement

A monthly codes enforcement report is provided in Council's mailbox.

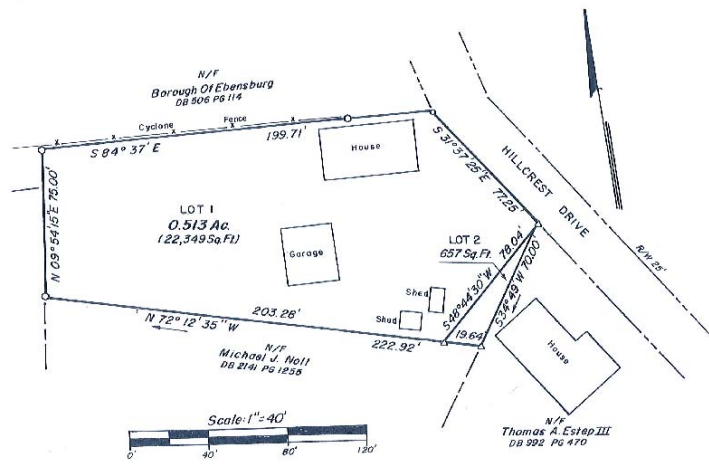
\* Item 10F: Ebensburg Municipal Authority

A copy of the minutes of the last municipal authority meeting is included in Council's packet.

\* Item 10G: Ebensburg Planning Commission

\* 1) Wood Subdivision

The planning commission approved the subdivision application of Thomas Wood of 129 Hillcrest Drive. Wood is transferring a very small slice of his parcel to the adjacent property owned by Thomas Estep.



Recommended Action – Grant final approval to the Wood subdivision.

- \* Item 10H: Ebensburg Zoning Board – No activity
- \* Item 10I: Central Cambria Coalition  
Coalition members discussed the ongoing adoption process of the land use ordinances and containing costs for finalizing changes to the comprehensive plan. A copy of the meeting minutes is included in Council’s packet.

**11. 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.*

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Members of the public are invited to comment at this time on any issues, whether or not on the agenda.*

**13. 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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