



**Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting**  
**Monday, December 19, 2016**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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**Borough Council**  
Doug Tusing, President  
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Theresa Jacoby  
Dave Kuhar  
Joe Miller  
**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 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 9A: Approve the minutes of the November 28, 2016 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
- Item 9B: Approve the Financial Statement.
- Item 9C: Approve payment of bills. Vote to be recorded reflecting abstention by Councilor Barber on amount owed Barber Oil Company.
- Item 9D: Schedule the 2017 Council meetings for the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., with exception of December, which will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday.
- Item 9E: Designate First National Bank, First Commonwealth Bank and PLGIT as depositories for 2017.

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 & STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Houser & 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: Beech Street Stormwater Project  
Snyder Excavating has begun work on this project.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**Item 5C: SCADA RFP**

At the October meeting, responses to an RFP for a new SCADA system for the water and wastewater plants were received and discussed. We spoke about our dissatisfaction with the existing SCADA system at the water plant (Rockwell), and referred to it by the vendor's name, Cambria Systems. The SCADA system proposed by Severn Trent, VTSCADA, was preferred over the system proposed by Cambria Systems, Rockwell. Subsequent news stories, based accurately on the public conversation, referred negatively to Cambria Systems.

The primary reasons for selecting VTSCADA over Rockwell were the exceptional features provided by VTSCADA, the availability of Severn Trent to monitor both systems from the wastewater plant, and the fact that the Cambria Systems proposal included only an upgrade of the existing water plant system. The selection was not based upon the performance of any vendor, including Cambria Systems.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**Item 5D: Reservoir Inspections**

Stiffler-McGraw has completed the annual reservoir inspections. A letter summary is included in the meeting packet. Complete copies of the reports are available on the borough's website.

Recommended Action – No action required.

**Item 5E: Wastewater Ordinance**

Ordinance #412 of 1989 established rules and regulations applicable to wastewater services. The Ordinance has never been updated to conform to the Rules and Regulations adopted from time to time by the Ebensburg Municipal Authority. Ordinance #412 should be repealed in its entirety and replaced with a new Ordinance that simply references the latest edition of rules and regulations duly adopted by the Authority.

Ordinance #631, adopted in September 2016, addresses the rules and regulations specifically applicable to connections, but does not address the remainder of the rules and regulations adopted by the Authority.

This was addressed in the same manner for the water system rules and regulations by Ordinance #582 of 2010. Pennvest required the change then when a new water system loan was obtained, and will require that the same be done to the wastewater Ordinance when funding is applied for in 2017.

Ordinance #636 was granted tentative approval last month, has been advertised for public inspection, and is ready for final adoption.

Recommended Action - Grant final approval to Ordinance #636, repealing Ordinance #412 and adopting wastewater rules and regulations as duly adopted by the Ebsburg Municipal Authority.

**6. RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Barber & Jacoby**

**7. STREET COMMITTEE**

**Cobaugh, Miller & Houser**

**8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**Barber, Jacoby & Kuhar**

**Item 8A: 2017 Salary Resolution**

A Resolution is adopted each year to establish the wages to be paid to borough employees, as recommended by the administrative committee, reviewed last month with Council, and included in the 2017 budget. Both labor agreements call for a 2½% increase, and the same was afforded to all non-union staff. Additional compensation for zoning (\$500), property maintenance (\$500) and codification (1,000) is also in the Resolution.

Recommended Action – Adopt Resolution #2016-14 establishing wages for 2017.

**9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

\* Item 9A: Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

The minutes of the previous regular meeting are presented for Council review and approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the minutes of the previous meeting(s).

\* Item 9B: Financial Statement

The financial statement for November 2016 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the November 2016 financial statement.

\* Item 9C: Bills

A list of bills totaling \$213,569.56 is submitted for approval. The list of bills includes an account in the amount of \$808.89 payable to Barber Oil Company. An abstention will be recorded in the minutes on behalf of Councilor Barber on this particular bill.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

- \* Item 9D: 2017 Meeting Schedule  
Routine action to announce schedule of next year’s regular Council meetings.

Recommended Action – Schedule the 2017 Council meetings for the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., with exception of December, which will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday.

- \* Item 9E: Designation of Depositories  
Routine action to approve bank depositories for coming year.

Recommended Action – Designate First National Bank, First Commonwealth Bank and PLGIT as depositories for 2017.

**Item 9F: Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

1. Appoint Robert Datsko to a 5- year term on the Ebensburg Municipal Authority (replacing Glenn Raymond), expires 12/2021.
2. Reappoint Bob Delauter to a 4-year term on the Ebensburg Planning Commission, expires 12/2020.
3. Appoint Nick Damin to a 4-year term on the Ebensburg Planning Commission (replacing Glenn Raymond), expires 12/2020.
4. Reappoint Carol Rummel to a 3-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board, expires 12/19.
5. Reappoint Harold Eckenrod as alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board, expires 12/2017.
6. Reappoint Theresa Jacoby to a 5-year term on the Ebensburg Recreation Board, expires 12/2021.
7. Reappoint Jill Bender and Julianne Bishop to 5-year terms on the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership, expire 12/2021.
8. Reappoint Maggie Jubas as alternate on the Ebensburg Civil Service Commission, expires 12/2017.
9. Appoint Charlie Moyer as Chairman of the Ebensburg Vacancy Board (replacing Robert Datsko), expires 12/2017.
10. Appoint John Hawksworth and Chief Mike Sheehan to 1-year terms on the Central Cambria Emergency Management Council, expires 12/2017.
11. Appoint Borough Manager as delegate to the Cambria/Somerset Council of Governments.
12. Appoint Borough Manager as delegate to the Cambria County Tax Collection Committee.
13. Appoint CCSD Business Manager as alternate to the Cambria County Tax Collection Committee.
14. Appoint Borough Manager as delegate to the Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency.
15. Appoint Tracy Strom as alternate to the Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency.
16. Appoint Tracy Strom as delegate to the Cambria County Sewage Enforcement Agency.
17. Appoint Borough Manager as alternate to the Cambria County Sewage Enforcement Agency.

Recommended Action – Approve the listed appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities.

## 10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### Item 10A: Police Department

Chief Wyland will provide a verbal report on the police department's activities during the month.

### 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 Danae Koss will provide a verbal report on the community development department's activities during the month.

### Item 10D: Recreation Department

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

### \* Item 10E: Codes Enforcement

A monthly codes enforcement report was forwarded to Council.

### \* 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 – No activity

### \* Item 10H: Ebensburg Zoning Board – No activity

## 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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