

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ebensburg Municipal Building, 300 W. High Street, Ebensburg, by Council President Doug Tusing.

Present: Doug Tusing, President
Susan Barber, Vice-President
Joe Miller
Cecilia Houser
Dave Kuhar
Theresa Jacoby
John Cobaugh

Others: Daniel Penatzer, Borough Manager
Randy Datsko, Mayor
Jeff Evans, Public Works Director
Danea Koss, Community Development Director
Bernie Kozlovac, Plant Supervisor
Blair Pawlowski, Solicitor
Sam Kemock, Recreation Director
Josh Byers, The Mountaineer-Herald
Jocelyn Brumbaugh, The Tribune Democrat

Audience: 2

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. **Public Comments** – None.

C. **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Jacoby made a motion to approve the consent agenda containing the following items.
(Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously.

1. Approve the minutes of the November 28, 2016 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
2. Approve the Financial Statement.
3. Approve payment of the bills with one abstention by Councilor Barber on amount owed Barber Oil Company.
4. Schedule the 2017 Council meetings for the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., with exception of December, which will be held on the 3rd Monday.
5. Designate First National Bank, First Commonwealth Bank and PLGIT as depositories for 2017.

D. **Appointment to Address Council** – None.

E. **Mayor's Report** – Mayor Datsko reported that Mr. Kozlovac is retiring after 12 years and he wished him well.

F. **Council President** – Mr. Tusing clarified that the relaxation of winter parking regulations doesn't apply to the downtown area as defined by High Street, between Ogle and Crawford and Center Street between Marian and Caroline, nor does it apply to the municipal parking lots. He also mentioned that since Josh Byers had arrived the meeting was being recorded.

G. **Water/Wastewater Committee**

1. Mr. Kuhar expressed his thanks to Bernie Kozlovac for a job well done and congratulated him on his retirement.

He reported that there were no excursions for the month of November 2016 at the wastewater plant. Plant flows averaged 0.588 mgd. Mr. Kozlovac gave an update on projects happening at the plant.

2. **SCADA RFP**

Mr. Kuhar shared that the primary reason 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.

3. **Reservoir Inspections**

Stiffler-McGraw has completed the annual inspections. A letter summary was provided to Council. Complete copies of the reports are available on the borough website.

4. **Wastewater Ordinance**

Mr. Kuhar shared that 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.

Mr. Kuhar made a motion to grant final approval to Ordinance #636, repealing Ordinance #412 and adopting wastewater rules and regulations as duly adopted by the Ebensburg Municipal Authority. (Jacoby) Motion passed unanimously.

H. **Recreation Committee** – None.

I. **Street Committee** – None.

J. **Administration Committee**

1. **Salary Resolution**

Ms. Barber stated that 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.

Ms. Barber made a motion to adopt Resolution #2016-14 establishing wages for 2017. (Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

- Appoint Robert Datsko to a 5- year term on the Ebensburg Municipal Authority (replacing Glenn Raymond), expires 12/2021.
- Reappoint Bob Delauter to a 4-year term on the Ebensburg Planning Commission, expires 12/2020.
- Appoint Nick Damin to a 4-year term on the Ebensburg Planning Commission (replacing Glenn Raymond), expires 12/2020.
- Reappoint Carol Rummel to a 3-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board, expires 12/19.
- Reappoint Harold Eckenrod as alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board, expires 12/2017.
- Reappoint Theresa Jacoby to a 5-year term on the Ebensburg Recreation Board, expires 12/2021.
- Reappoint Jill Bender and Julianne Bishop to 5-year terms on the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership, expire 12/2021.
- Reappoint Maggie Jubas as alternate on the Ebensburg Civil Service Commission, expires 12/2017.
- Appoint Charlie Moyer as Chairman of the Ebensburg Vacancy Board (replacing Robert Datsko), expires 12/2017.

- Appoint John Hawksworth and Chief Mike Sheehan to 1-year terms on the Central Cambria Emergency Management Council, expires 12/2017.
- Appoint Borough Manager as delegate to the Cambria/Somerset Council of Governments.
- Appoint Borough Manager as delegate to the Cambria County Tax Collection Committee.
- Appoint CCSD Business Manager as alternate to the Cambria County Tax Collection Committee.
- Appoint Borough Manager as delegate to the Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency.
- Appoint Tracy Strom as alternate to the Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency.
- Appoint Tracy Strom as delegate to the Cambria County Sewage Enforcement Agency.
- Appoint Borough Manager as alternate to the Cambria County Sewage Enforcement Agency.

Ms. Barber made a motion to approve the listed appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities. (Cobaugh)

Mr. Tusing publicly thanked Glenn Raymond for his years of service to the Municipal Authority and the Planning Commission.

K. Department Reports

1. **Police Department** – Chief Wyland reported on last month’s activities including an update on the new winter parking enforcement rules. He added that a few issues needed to be worked out but that it seems to be working well. He added that there were 600 participants in this year’s Turkey Trot and there were no issues.
2. **Public Works Department**
Mr. Evans reported that the water treatment plant is working well, the reservoir is down 4’4”, leaf collection has concluded and the yard waste dumpster has been removed for the winter.
3. **Community Development Department**
Ms. Koss reported on last month’s activities including the Main Street Happy Hour and gave updates on the membership renewal mailing, Dickens of a Christmas and the decorating contests. She added that information for the January Borough Newsletter is now being collected.
4. **Recreation Department** – Ms. Kemock gave an update on activities happening over the last month including the start of the Itty Bitty Basketball League, events held at the center

over Dickens weekend, a grant that was received by the Kermit B. Thomas Foundation and activities held at the Tennis Center.

M. **Media Comments/Questions** – None.

N. **Public Comments** – None.

There being no further business Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn. (Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:46 PM

Minutes Recorded by: Danae Koss, Community Development Director