

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, July 25, 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  
John Cobaugh  
Joe Miller  
Cecilia Houser  
Dave Kuhar  
Theresa Jacoby

Others: Daniel Penatzer, Borough Manager  
Randy Datsko, Mayor  
Terry Wyland, Chief of Police  
Jeff Evans, Public Works Director  
Danea Koss, Community Development Director  
Bernie Kozlovac, Plant Supervisor  
Heath Long, Solicitor  
Josh Byers, Mountaineer-Herald  
Kelly Cernetich, Altoona Mirror  
Jocelyn Brumbaugh, Tribune Democrat

Audience: 3

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. **Public Comments** –Mr. Tusing welcomed everyone and announced that the meeting would be recorded.

C. **Consent Agenda**

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

1. Approve the minutes of the June 27, 2016 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
2. Approve the Financial Statement.
3. Approve payment of the bills with one abstention by Councilor Barer on amount owed to Barber Oil Company.

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

E. **Mayor's Report** – None.

F. **Council President** – None.

**G. Water/Wastewater Committee**

1. There were no excursions for the month of June 2016 at the wastewater plant. Plant flows averaged 0.477 mgd. Mr. Kozlovac gave an update on projects happening at the plant.
2. **Wastewater Project**  
Mr. Kuhar announced that the mapping for the wastewater project has been received and the project design is underway and should be completed by year end.
3. **Ordinance for Wastewater Pressure Testing**  
The Municipal Authority is finalizing language for a proposed Ordinance that will require pressure testing of sewer laterals, and adopt changes o the Wastewater Rules & Regulations. Staff hopes to be able to present the draft Ordinance to Council in August.
4. **Reservoir Drainage Structure**  
The small reservoir remains drained and the pipe through the breast of the reservoir is being cleaned and evaluated. Once the line is videoed, a determination will be made of the extent of the repairs necessary, and final design and permitting to be completed.

**H. Recreation Committee**

1. **New Pavilion** – Ms. Jacoby mentioned that the new pavilion at Lake Rowena has been completed and at considerable cost savings to the borough as the public works crew was able to complete this project themselves.

**I. Street Committee – None.**

**J. Administration Committee – None.**

**K. General Business**

1. **Noise Enforcement**  
Mr. Penatzer shared that the borough has purchased a noise meter that is suitable for measurement and logging of neighborhood noise, and subsequent enforcement. The new meter is expected to arrive within the next few weeks. All noise complaints will be evaluated by the police department.
2. **Precision Business Solutions**  
Mr. Penatzer shared that Mr. Brian Shrift of Precision Business Solutions is planning to expand his business located at 302 Reddinger Street. He has acquired the property across the street, between Sugar and Reddinger Streets and he'd like combine those parcels with the parcel where is business is currently situated. In order for this to happen, Council would need to agree to abandon an unopened alley as well as Reddinger Street south of the unopened alley. If Council is in agreement, Mr. Shrift will have a survey of the entire area completed, and submit a subdivision proposal for the Planning Commission for formal review and eventual Council approval.

The consensus of Council is that they take no objection to Mr. Shrift's plans.

**3. Prison Redevelopment Project**

Mr. Penatzer explained that there has been interest in the status of the prison redevelopment project and wanted to update Council on where the project stands. There is a \$250k grant that will expire in September that was leftover from the Downtown Partners Revitalization Project back in 2010. This grant was awarded to the prison redevelopment project and has been extended each year. Mr. Penatzer has applied yet again for an extension of the grant but feels that the state will not let this continue and would like to see the project move ahead quickly. He explained that the original plan for the prison project was for the front portion of the prison to be handed over to the Redevelopment Authority and then sold to the developer. Since that time, there have been continued discussions between the developer and the Redevelopment Authority to sell the entire building to the developer. All parties seem to be in agreement of this and the county is now discussing what to do with the records center. Mr. Penatzer would like to propose a meeting of all parties including Council, the Municipal Authority, Redevelopment Authority, Main Street Partnership and County Commissioners to everyone at the table.

The consensus of Council is to get all parties together for a meeting to ensure that the project is moving forward.

**L. Department Reports**

**1. Police Department**

Chief Wyland provided a written report on last month's activities including the parking situation on W. Sample that seems to have improved, an update on a recent accident involving the new police cruiser, new tasers received with a donation from the Moose. He added that the department would also need to be trained on how to use the new tasers.

**2. Public Works Department**

Mr. Evans reported on last month's activities of staff maintenance, a proposal from Severn Trent to update SCADA software and a crushed main on New Germany Road that was discovered when trying to set up service for a new customer.

**3. Community Development Department**

Ms. Koss reported on last month's activities including the Movie in the Park and upcoming Downtown Shutdown and Homecoming events. She gave a quick overview of the Ebensburg Beer & Wine 5k taking place on August 13<sup>th</sup> as well as the Volunteer of the Year and Concerts in the Park. She added that she is trying to get a few "cache" sites established in Ebensburg as part of the Cambria County Geotrail.

**4. Recreation Department – None.**

**5. Planning Commission – None.**

6. **Ebensburg Zoning Board** – The Zoning Hearing Board approved a variance involving the rear setback for installation of a solar at the deck at the rear of Dr. Morris' office on Manor Drive.

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

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:23 PM

Minutes Recorded by:

Danea Koss, Community Development Director