

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ebensburg Municipal Building, 300 W. High Street, Ebensburg, by Council President Doug Tusing.

Present: Susan Barber, Vice President  
Cecilia Houser  
Dave Kuhar  
John Cobaugh  
Theresa Jacoby

Absent: Doug Tusing, President  
Joe Miller  
Mark Wirfel, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor

Others: Randy Datsko, Mayor  
Terry Wyland, Chief of Police  
Jeff Evans, Public Works Director  
Daniel Penatzer, Borough Manager  
Danea Koss, Community Development Director  
Dirk Johnson, Recreation Director  
Heath Long, Solicitor  
Josh Byers, The Mountaineer-Herald  
Sean Sauro, The Altoona Mirror  
Jim Link, RACRA

Audience: 8

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. **Public Comments** – Ms. Barber noted that the meeting was being recorded by Josh Byers.

**C. Consent Agenda**

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

1. Approve the minutes of the May 22, 2017 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
2. Approve the Financial Statement.
3. Approve payment of the bills with one abstention by Councilor Kuhar on amount owed Kuhar.
4. Approve realignment of two parcels 25-004.204.000 and 25-004.204.002 as recommended by the Planning Commission and as requested by owners Link and Illig.
5. Approve realignment of two parcels 24-009.108 and 24-009.107 as recommended by the Planning Commission and as requested by owners Adams and Mott.

**D. Appointment to Address Council**

1. **Ebensburg Airport** – Mr. Jim Link gave an extensive update on the airport and RACRA activities.

2. **Pete Spinelli** – Mr. Spinelli of 722 N. Beech Street brought pictures and a video in to show Council issues that he is having that he believes are the result of profile milling that was completed by the borough. The consensus of Council was to schedule a meeting to review the problem.
  3. **Brian & Vickie Soyka** – Mr. & Mrs. Soyka of Mylo Park expressed concerns with speed and visibility on Manor Drive for those exiting the swimming pool. Borough staff will look into it further.
- E. **Mayor's Report** – Mayor Datsko read a card that he had received complimenting the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony that was held at Veteran's Park.
- F. **Council President** – None.
- G. **Water/Wastewater Committee**
1. Mr. Kuhar noted that Mark Wirfel, plant supervisor, provided a written report to Council on activities at the water treatment plant.
  2. Mr. Penatzer reviewed pictures taken by Mayor Datsko of how the new Beech Street project handled the recent heavy rain.
- H. **Recreation Committee** – None.
- I. **Street Committee** - None.
- J. **Administration Committee**
1. **Part-time Police & Lifeguards**  
Ms. Jacoby made it a matter of record that Jared Shope was hired as part-time police officer, effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, at rate of \$14.00/hr.  
  
Ms. Jacoby made it a matter of record that Serena Koss, Madison Dzurko, Elizabeth Bopp, Allyson Simmers, Christina Hildebrand and Carson Long were hired as lifeguards, effective June 1, at ate of \$8.50/hr.
- K. **General Business**
1. **Zoning Amendment**  
Mr. Penatzer shared that, on occasion, property owners have asked about opening a Bed & Breakfast in their home. The Zoning Ordinance does not permit B&Bs in any residential districts, allowing them in Mixed-Use Village Commercial or Central Business District zones.  
  
Staff recommends that a request for consideration to allow B&Bs in the residential zoning districts be forwarded to the planning commission.

**L. Department Reports**

1. **Police Department** – Chief Wyland reported that Wheels & Wings went well with only one minor incident. He said the department is back to being fully staffed and he's working on grant to secure bike helmets for kids in the borough.
2. **Public Works Department** – Mr. Evans reported on last month's activities including an upgrade to the SCADA system, updates from the engineer for the sewer collection project, completion of the Beech Street stormwater project, and the yard waste container requiring almost daily dumping.
3. **Community Development Department**  
Ms. Koss reported on last month's activities including Wheels & Wings wrap-up, updates on Downtown Shutdown and Homecoming and she announced that the Main Street Partnership was ranked the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest performing program in the state and that she had just submitted the final paperwork to close out the façade grant that expired on June 30<sup>th</sup>.
4. **Recreation Department** – Mr. Johnson reported on last month's activities including the YPCC gym floor refinishing project beginning on July 7<sup>th</sup>, the YPCC annual golf outing and success of the Billy Clapper basketball clinic that had 60 participants.
5. **Ebensburg Planning Commission**  
**Zane Bianucci**  
Mr. Penatzer shared that Zane Bianucci would like to acquire a 50' x 400' section of a borough owned, 125-acre parcel that connects the parcel to North Center Street. Mr. Bianucci is considering selling his property and acquiring this section would clear up the boundary issues. The Planning Commission has reviewed the subdivision and recommends approval.

Mr. Cobaugh made a motion to grant approval to realignment of two parcels 26-022.100.002 and 26-022.100.000. (Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously.

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

**N. Public Comments -**

Mr. Bob McKeta of N. Center Street expressed concern with people burning items that are not permitted during times outside of the permitted days/hours stated in the borough ordinance. Chief Wyland stated that someone has concern they should call the department with any complaints.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:58 PM

An administrative committee session convened after adjournment.

Minutes Recorded by: Danae Koss, Community Development Director