

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, September 25, 2017 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
Theresa Jacoby
Dave Kuhar

Others: Daniel Penatzer, Borough Manager
Randy Datsko, Mayor
Terry Wyland, Chief of Police
Jeff Evans, Public Works Director
Blair Pawlowski, Solicitor
Mountaineer-Herald
Jocelyn Brumbaugh, The Tribune Democrat

Absent: Joe Miller
Cecilia Houser

Audience: 3

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. **Public Comments** – None.

C. **Consent Agenda**

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

1. Approve the minutes of the August 28, 2017 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
2. Approve the Financial Statement.
3. Approve payment of the bills with the exception of one abstention from Councilor Barber on amount owed Barber Oil Company.

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

E. **Mayor's Report** – No report.

F. **Council President**

1. President Tusing reminded all that the deadline for voter registration was approaching.

G. Water/Wastewater Committee

1. There were no excursions for the month of August 2017 at the wastewater plant. Plant flow averaged 0.78 mgd.
2. Mr. Kuhar reviewed the status of the upcoming wastewater project. Staff conducted a series of meetings with approximately 50 customers who were expected to encounter special problems during the project. Mr. Tusing suggested that an on-line instructional video might be helpful to customers in determining what repairs are necessary to private laterals.
3. Mr. Kuhar announced that the SCADA project at both treatment plants has satisfied substantial completion.

H. Recreation Committee

1. The Recreation Board has agreed to operate the Central Cambria High School swimming pool. The YMCA will no longer conduct the swimming program at the school. The swimming program begins in October, generally from 6-9 in the evenings, and on Saturday mornings. Swim lessons are provided, and the pool is available for public use. The school will continue to provide all maintenance for the facility, including chemicals and testing. The Borough will charge for lessons, daily passes and season passes, and will employ and schedule lifeguards. Ms. Jacoby made a motion to approve an agreement with Central Cambria School District for operation of the school's swimming program. (Kuhar) Motion passes unanimously.

I. Street Committee- None

1. Mr. Cobaugh reported that the study of the Tanner Street bridge was completed. The condition is not considered bad enough to qualify for funding. Borough crews will be making repairs to the sub-deck.

J. Administration Committee

1. Ms. Barber reviewed the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO) calculations for the employee pension plans. Ms. Barber made a motion to adopt the 2018 MMO in the amount of \$77,105 for the non-uniformed pension plan. (Kuhar). Motion passes unanimously.

Ms. Barber made a motion to adopt the 2018 MMO in the amount of \$35,699 for the police pension plan. (Jacoby). Motion passes unanimously.

Ms. Barber made a motion to adopt Resolution #2017-01 establishing an employee contribution rate of 2% for the non-uniformed pension plan. (Kuhar). Motion passes unanimously.

Ms. Barber made a motion to adopt Resolution #2017-02 establishing an employee contribution rate of 3% for the police pension plan. (Jacoby). Motion passes unanimously.

Ms. Barber made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-03 authorizing distribution of the State aid check to the respective employee pension plans. (Kuhar). Motion passes unanimously.

2. Ms. Barber announced that work on the 2018 annual budget has begun, and that the administrative committee hopes to present a draft budget at the October meeting.
3. Ms. Barber made a motion to adopt Resolution #2017-04 appointing Wessel & Company as auditor for 2017. (Jacoby) Motion passes unanimously.

K. General Business

1. Timber Sale

In March, Council approved advertising a timber sale at the rear of the airport. This is the first timber sale since 2008. Bids were opened on September 5th and are as follows:

Matson Lumber Company	Brookville, PA	\$150,065.00
C&C Smith Lumber Company	Summerhill, PA	\$146,500.75
Allegheny Wood Products	Marble, PA	\$145,085.00
Andy's Sawmill	Punxsutawney, PA	\$131,066.00
Coblentz Lumber Company	Rossiter, PA	\$125,422.00
Lee Brothers Lumber Company	Grampian, PA	\$114,000.00

The borough's forester, Darrell Wilson, conducted the bidding process and recommends that the bid be awarded. Ms. Barber made a motion to award the timber sale bid to Matson Lumber Company in the amount of \$150,065. (Cobaugh) Motion passes unanimously.

2. Garbage Collection

The 3-year garbage collection and recycling contract with Lee's Disposal expires at the end of 2017. Bids for a new 3-year contract were opened on September 5th and are as follows:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Pro Disposal, Inc.	\$127,910.88	\$132,546.24	\$138,684.96
Waste Management of Pa	\$132,295.68	\$134,300.16	\$136,304.64
Hugill Sanitation	\$143,133.00	\$153,155.00	\$162,550.00
Burgmeier Hauling	\$163,866.24	\$168,752.16	\$173,763.36

The bid cost of other related services are:

Pro Disposal

Spring clean-up	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
Rear pick-up	\$4.00/mo.	\$4.00/mo.	\$4.00/mo.
Additional bag	\$2.00/bag	\$2.00/bag	\$2.00/bag
Weekly Recycling	\$.50/mo.	\$.50/mo.	\$.50/mo.

Waste Management

Spring clean-up	\$ 8,017.92	\$ 8,143.20	\$ 8,268.48
Rear pick-up	\$4/mo.	\$4/mo.	\$4/mo.
Additional bag	\$2.00/bag	\$2.00/bag	\$2.00/bag
Weekly Recycling	\$1.71/mo.	\$1.71/mo.	\$1.71/mo.

Hugill Sanitation

Spring clean-up	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Rear pick-up	\$1.00/mo.	\$1.00/mo.	\$1.00/mo.
Additional bag	\$2.00/bag	\$2.00/bag	\$2.00/bag
Weekly Recycling	\$.18/mo.	\$.18/mo.	\$.18/mo.

Burgmeier Hauling

Spring clean-up	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,600.00
Rear pick-up	\$3.00/mo.	\$3.00/mo.	\$3.00/mo.
Additional bag	\$1.00/bag	\$1.00/bag	\$1.00/bag
Weekly Recycling	\$0	\$0	\$0

An alternate bid was sought for weekly collection of recyclables. Weekly collection was a popular suggestion in previous surveys. That cost is \$0.50/mo. With adding weekly collection of recyclables, the customer charge will likely drop to \$18.50/mo. Ms. Barber made a motion to award a contract to Pro Disposal for weekly garbage collection and weekly recycling service for the 3-year period beginning January 1, 2018. (Kuhar) Motion passes unanimously.

L. Department Reports

1. Police Department
 Chief Wyland provided a written report on last month's activities.
2. Public Works Department
 Mr. Evans reported on last month's activities of staff maintenance.
3. Community Development-None
4. Recreation Department - None
5. Planning Commission
 Ms. Barber made a motion to grant final approval to the Central Commons land development application and lot merger plan. (Kuhar) Motion passes unanimously.

M. Media Comments/Questions - None

N. Public Comments -None

O. Executive Session

Council entered into an executive session at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a possible bid on property. The meeting reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

Ms. Jacoby made a motion to authorize the borough manager to place a bid on property at 209 East Ogle Street at the upcoming judicial sale. (Barber) Motion passes unanimously.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:20PM

Minutes Recorded by:

Daniel Penatzer, Borough Manager