



Ebensburg Borough Council Meeting
Monday, December 15, 2014
6:30 p.m.

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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 24, 2014 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
- Item 9B: Approve the Financial Statement.
- Item 9C: Approve payment of bills.
- Item 9D: Schedule the 2015 Council meetings for the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., with exception of May and December, which will be held on the 3rd Monday.
- Item 9E: Designate First National Bank, First Commonwealth Bank and PLGIT as depositories for 2015.

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

Kuhar & Houser

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: Amendment of Ordinance #558, Pre-sale Sewer Tests

Ordinance #558, adopted in October 2008, requires testing of sewer connections prior to the sale of any property. It required that the test be performed by a plumber. In practice, the borough has been performing the tests, saving the property owner the cost of engaging a plumber. Ordinance #618 is proposed amending that language to reflect the current practice. Council has been provided a copy of proposed Ordinance #618, as well as the entire text of Ordinance #558.

Cambria Township has now adopted an identical Ordinance requiring pre-sale sewer connection tests in those areas of Cambria Township served by the Ebensburg system.

Recommended Action – Grant tentative approval to Ordinance #618 and advertise for public inspection.

Item 5C: Amendment of Ordinance #612, Stormwater Management Fees

Ordinance #612, adopted in July 2014, makes several references to stormwater fees being adopted by Borough Council, and states that Borough Council is to hear any appeals of the fees. The stormwater fees were actually imposed by the Ebensburg Municipal Authority, under authority of the Municipal Authorities Act. Any petitions for hearings relative to the stormwater fees should be heard by the Authority. Ordinance #619 is proposed to make those necessary corrections to the original Ordinance.

Recommended Action – Grant tentative approval to Ordinance #619 and advertise for public inspection.

6. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Barber & Jacoby

Item 6A: YPCC Lease

Cambria County Children & Youth Services occupies the entire basement of the YPCC. Their 3-year lease expires at the end of January. A 3-year extension of the lease has been negotiated. It continues the same terms, with 3% increases annually.

There is a recurring problem with the HVAC system. One of two rooftop units was replaced two years ago. The second requires replacement. There is a clause in the new lease that requires us to make those repairs before June 2015.

Recommended Action – Approve a 3-year extension of a lease with Cambria County Children & Youth, effective February 1, 2015.

7. STREET COMMITTEE

Lutz, Miller & Houser

Item 7A: 2015 Sidewalk Project

A meeting is scheduled on December 16th for borough staff and Keller Engineers to review the grant requirements with PennDOT. Keller will then submit a proposal addressing the cost of the additional work.

A bridge loan will be necessary for this project so that costs can be paid while property owner payments are pending and grant proceeds are received. Staff will issue a request for proposals to area banks for a \$750,000 short-term loan, and will prepare the necessary Unit Debt Act documents for January's meeting.

Recommended Action – No action required.

8. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Lutz, Barber & Jacoby

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 meetings.

- * Item 9B: Financial Statement
The financial statement for November 2014 is presented for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve the November 2014 financial statement.

- * Item 9C: Bills
A list of bills totaling \$134,260.25 is submitted for approval.

Recommended Action – Approve payment of the bills as submitted.

- * Item 9D: 2015 Meeting Schedule
Routine action to announce schedule of next year's regular Council meetings.

Recommended Action – Schedule the 2015 Council meetings for the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., with exception of May and December, which will be held on the 3rd 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 2015.

Item 9F: Appointments to Boards and Commissions

1. Appoint Eric Rummel to a 5- year term on the Ebensburg Municipal Authority, expires 12/2019.
2. Reappoint Bruce Hultman to a 4-year term on the Ebensburg Planning Commission, expire 12/2018.
3. Reappoint Margaret Stephan to a 3-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board, expires 12/17.
4. Appoint Harold Eckenrod as alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board, expires 12/2015.
5. Appoint Dirk Johnson to a 5-year term on the Ebensburg Recreation Board, expires 12/2019.
6. Reappoint John Paul Houser and appoint Barb Kirby to 5-year terms on the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership, expire 12/2019.
7. Reappoint Robert Datsko as Chairman of the Ebensburg Vacancy Board, expires 12/2015.
8. Reappoint John Hawksworth and Chief Jeff Evans to 1-year terms on the Central Cambria Emergency Management Council, expires 12/2015.
9. Appoint Borough Manager as delegate to the Cambria/Somerset Council of Governments.
10. Appoint Borough Manager as delegate to the Cambria County Tax Collection Committee.
11. Appoint CCSD Business Manager as alternate to the Cambria County Tax Collection Committee.
12. Appoint Borough Manager as delegate to the Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency.
13. Appoint Patti Carnes as delegate to the Cambria County Sewage Enforcement Agency.

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

Item 9G: Zoning Amendments

Council has scheduled a public hearing on proposed changes to the zoning ordinance and map, for Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Recommended Action – No action required.

Item 9H: Pawn Shop Ordinance

An Ordinance intended to regulate pawn shops was introduced last month, and tabled pending revisions to language assuring that consignment shops and similar businesses were excluded.

The proposed Ordinance requires said brokers and dealers to conduct business at a single location, to maintain a log of all purchases, to submit copies of all receipts to the police department weekly, and to retain all purchases for thirty days.

Recommended Action – Grant tentative approval to Ordinance #616 and advertise for public inspection.

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Item 10A: Police Department

Chief Wyland will provide a verbal report on the police department's activities during the month. A written report was e-mailed to Council separately.

Item 10B: Public Works Department

Public Works Director Dave Dodson 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 Matt Pfeil will provide a verbal report on the recreation department's activities during the month.

* Item 10E: Codes Enforcement

A monthly codes enforcement report is provided in Council's mailbox.

* 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.

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