

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, April 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
Theresa Jacoby
Cecilia Houser
Dave Kuhar

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

Absent: Joe Miller

Audience: 2

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. **Public Comments** – Mr. Tusing announced that the meeting was being recorded.

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 March 28, 2016 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
2. Approve the Financial Statement and quarterly fund transfers.
3. Approve payment of the bills with the exception of one abstention from Councilor Barber on amount owed Link Services.

D. Appointment to Address Council - None

E. Mayor's Report

1. Mayor Datsko reported that the police and volunteers would be conducting crosswalk enforcement the next day.
2. Residents were cautioned that a phone scam was occurring referencing the IRS.

F. Council President

1. President Tusing announced that the 2015 audit was completed.
2. Residents were reminded that tomorrow is election day.

G. Water/Wastewater Committee

1. There were no excursions for the month of March 2016 at the wastewater plant. Plant flow averaged 0.811 mgd.
2. Mr. Kuhar reviewed the status of the upcoming wastewater project. Mr. Kuhar made a motion to schedule a joint meeting of Council and the municipal authority for Monday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m. (Houser). Motion passes unanimously.
3. Mr. Kuhar reviewed plans to drain the lower reservoir in order to inspect the drainage structure. After design and bidding, the project to replace the drainage structure will occur later this summer. Fishing regulations were relaxed through May 15th.
4. Mr. Kuhar reviewed measures being taken to resolve the high levels of disinfection byproducts in the Saltlick distribution system.

H. Recreation Committee

1. The DCNR planning grant, previously approved for the Nathan's Divide Education Center, has been increased to \$13,000. An RFP was advertised for conducting the feasibility study. Responses were received from L.R. Kimball and Keller Engineers. In accordance with the terms of the RFP, staff recommended that the contract be awarded to L.R. Kimball. Ms. Jacoby made a motion to award a contract to L.R. Kimball for conducting the feasibility study. (Barber) Motion passes unanimously.
2. In September 2015, Council awarded a \$49,000 contract to Sylvania Lighting Services to relamp the tennis center with LED lighting. The project was to result in significant energy cost savings while meeting or exceeding the current lighting levels. The project was completed in early 2016. The consensus is that the new lighting levels are significantly below what existed before. A letter written to Sylvania Lighting was returned non-deliverable. Staff will attempt to contact Sylvania to ascertain what the options are to correct the light levels.

I. Street Committee- None

J. Administration Committee

1. Mr. Kuhar made a motion to hire the following individuals for Summer 2016 (Cobaugh). Motion passes unanimously.

Summer Maintenance \$8.50/hr

Nathan Knopp
Zachary Nedwreski
Will Seymour

Summer Public Works \$8.50/hr.

Steven Papuga

Josh Surkovich

Memorial Field \$8.50/hr.

Victor Wess

Vehicle/Garage Maintenance \$8.50/hr.

Matt Leary

GIS Data Collection \$8.50/hr.

Nicholas Myers

Sign Maintenance \$8.50/hr.

Brianna Wasser

Swimming Pool Manager \$12.50/hr.

Alexandra Fedorko

Head Lifeguard \$9.50/hr.

Luke Marcinko

Lifeguards \$8.50/hr.

Josh Remillard

Gabrielle Gironda

Jessica Schaffer

Jordan Johnson

Erica Kozorosky

Tyler Weigel

Cooper Gilkey

Jocelyn Simmers

Marc Garzarelli

Jacob Myers

Zander Johnson

Sydney Gilkey

Phillip Miller

Megan Orange

Concessions \$8.50/hr.

Bethany Bauer

Madyson Simmers

Hannah Schofield

Supervisor \$14.00/hr.

Ron Jacobs

Landscaping \$9.00/hr.

Jack Habas

2. Ms. Jacoby asked Council to consider adopting a formal hiring policy for summer workers.

K. General Business

1. Property Lien Interest Rate

Council last month granted tentative approval to Ordinance #628, amending Ordinance #563 of 2009. Rather than a fixed rate of 10%, this will allow Council to adjust interest rates assessed on liens from time to time by Resolution. Mr. Cobaugh made a motion to grant final approval to Ordinance #628. (Jacoby) Motion passes unanimously.

Ms. Jacoby made a motion to adopt Resolution #2016-04 establishing an interest rate of 6% per annum on all liens. (Barber) Motion passes unanimously.

2. Tanner Street Noise Complaint

Joe Miller asked Council to reconsider noise enforcement action at Legends Strength & Fitness Warehouse on Tanner Street. He is concerned that the number of participants has increased and that weather will soon allow for the garage doors to be opened, resulting in an even worse noise disturbance.

This issue was discussed by Council in August and September 2015. The consensus of Council was once again to leave the existing noise ordinance as is, but directed staff to lease a noise meter in order to measure noise at the property and enforce accordingly.

3. Resident Survey

Council received a written report of the findings of the recent resident survey, and Mr. Penatzer reviewed specifics of that report.

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 - None

M. Media Comments/Questions - None

N. Public Comments –None

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50PM

Minutes Recorded by:

Daniel Penatzer, Borough Manager