

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, October 27, 2014 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  
Joe Lutz  
Theresa Jacoby  
Cecilia Houser  
Dave Kuhar  
Joe Miller

Others: Daniel Penatzer, Borough Manager  
Randy Datsko, Mayor  
Terry Wyland, Chief of Police  
Dave Dodson, Public Works Director  
Matt Pfeil, Recreation Director  
Blair Pawlowski, Solicitor  
Bernie Kozlovac, Plant Supervisor  
Rachel Vasilko, Mountaineer-Herald  
Kelly Cernetich, Altoona Mirror

Absent:

Audience: 2

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. **Public Comments** – None

C. **Consent Agenda**

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

1. Approve the minutes of the September 22, 2014 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
2. Approve the Financial Statement and quarterly fund transfers.
3. Approve payment of the bills.

D. **Appointment to Address Council**

Sue Stevens, Community Relationship Manger of United Way, gave a presentation of the services provided by United Way.

E. **Mayor's Report**

1. Mayor Datsko proclaimed November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.
2. Residents were reminded to rake leaves to the curb for pickup and not out into the street.

3. Mayor Datsko and Chief Wyland informed Council of an Ordinance they intend to propose next month requiring pawn shops to hold items received for a longer period of time.

**F. Council President-None**

**G. Water/Wastewater Committee**

1. There were no excursions for the month of September, 2014 at the wastewater plant. Plant flow averaged 0.77 mgd.
2. The annual DEP inspection was completed with no issues reported. The annual WETT testing was completed.

**H. Recreation Committee - None**

**I. Street Committee**

1. Federal Sign Reflectivity Requirement  
The Federal Highway Administration requires local governments to adopt a traffic sign maintenance plan in 2014. Resolution #2014-16 was proposed to address that need. It requires a sign inventory to be completed in 2015, and an evaluation of all signs to be completed in 2016. All traffic signs must meet the new reflectivity standard by 2018. Mr. Lutz made a motion to adopt Resolution #2014-16, the sign maintenance plan. (Barber) Motion passed unanimously.

**J. Administration Committee**

1. 2015 Budget  
The 2015 annual budget was presented to Council, containing revenues of \$5,105,620 and expenditures of \$5,040,100. Taxes and utility rates are unchanged. Ms. Barber made a motion to grant tentative approval to the 2015 budget and advertise for public inspection. (Lutz) Motion passes unanimously.
2. Tax Ordinance  
Ms. Jacoby made a motion to grant tentative approval to Ordinance #615 establishing tax rates for 2015. (Miller) Motion passes unanimously.

**K. General Business**

1. Public Service  
Council recognized the public service initiatives undertaken throughout the year by the students and athletes of St. Francis University and Mount Aloysius College.

2. Lake Rowena Property

Council reviewed a survey map completed in 2003 in which a 50' alley between Lake Rowena and the Szuch estate had been equally divided amongst the contiguous properties. Ebensburg Oil & Gas has requested that the same thing occur with the remaining portion of that alley between Lake Rowena and his property.

Further, it was requested that the 25' portion of the alley that would have been attached to Lake Rowena be traded for a tract of essentially equal size and value along Manor Drive at Lions Field.

Mr. Lutz made a motion to approve a division of the non-ordained alley between Ebensburg Oil & Gas and Lake Rowena, subject to the Solicitor's approval of the surveys and deeds, to be prepared by Ebensburg Oil & Gas. (Miller)

Lutz	YES	Miller	YES
Tusing	ABSTAIN	Houser	YES
Jacoby	YES	Kuhar	YES
Barber	YES		

Motion passes 6-0

Mr. Lutz made a motion to approve trading the two parcels described above, subject to the Solicitor's approval of the surveys and deeds, to be prepared by Ebensburg Oil & Gas. (Barber)

Lutz	YES	Miller	YES
Tusing	ABSTAIN	Houser	YES
Jacoby	YES	Kuhar	YES
Barber	YES		

Motion passes 6-0

3. Zoning Amendments

Council briefly discussed several proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, including two changes to the Zoning Map. The matter was referred to the Planning Commission for review and recommendations.

**L. Department Reports**

1. Police Department

Chief Wyland provided a written report on last month's activities.

2. Public Works Department

Mr. Dodson reported on last month's activities of staff maintenance.

3. Community Development-None

4. Recreation Department

Mr. Pfeil reported on the department's activities.

5. Planning Commission

Ms. Barber made a motion to grant approval to the Lakeview Subdivision plan.  
(Miller) Motion passes unanimously.

**M. Media Comments/Questions**

Ms. Cernetich from the Altoona Mirror asked questions specific to the proposed pawn shop ordinance.

**N. Public Comments** –None

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40PM

Minutes Recorded by:

Daniel Penatzer, Borough Manager