

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, December 15, 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  
Cecilia Houser  
Dave Kuhar  
Joe Lutz  
Theresa Jacoby

Absent: Susan Barber, Vice President  
Joe Miller

Others: Daniel Penatzer, Borough Manager  
Randy Datsko, Mayor  
Blair Pawlowski, Solicitor  
Dave Dodson, Public Works Director  
Matt Pfeil, Recreation Director  
Terry Wyland, Chief of Police  
Danea Koss, Community Development Director  
Brian Fronk, The Mountaineer Herald  
Kelly Cernetich, The Altoona Mirror

Audience: 3

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 November 24, 2014 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
2. Approve the Financial Statement.
3. Approve payment of bills.
4. Schedule the 2015 Council meetings for the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., with exception of May and December, which will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday.
5. Designate First National Bank, First Commonwealth Bank and PLGIT as depositories for 2015.

D. **Appointments to Address Council** – None.

E. **Mayor's Report** – Mayor Datsko reported that for next year's Dickens of a Christmas Parade he would be entering the Mayor's Marching Kazoo Band.

F. **Council President Comments** – None.

G. **Water/Wastewater Committee**

1. Ordinance # 618 is an amendment to Ordinance #558 which requires property owners to perform a pre-sale test of sewer connections. The borough has been performing the tests, saving the property owners the cost of engaging a plumber. Ordinance #618 is proposed amending the language to reflect the current practice. Mr. Kuhar made a motion to approve Ordinance #618 and advertise for public inspection. (Houser) Motion passed unanimously.
2. Ordinance #619 is proposed to make corrections to Ordinance #612 regarding stormwater management fees. Ordinance #619 stated that the stormwater fees were adopted by Borough Council and that Borough Council would hear any appeals for the fees. The stormwater fees were

imposed by the Ebensburg Municipal Authority under the authority of the Municipal Authorities Act. Any petitions for hearings related to stormwater would be heard by the Authority. Mr. Kuhar made a motion to grant tentative approval to Ordinance #619 and advertise for public inspection. (Jacoby) Motion passed unanimously.

3. Mr. Tusing noted that Jim Stratton would be stepping down as solicitor of the Ebensburg Municipal Authority. Mr. Tusing wanted to publicly acknowledge and thank him for his 32 years of service in this role.

#### **H. Recreation Committee**

1. Cambria County Child Development Corporation occupies the basement of the YPCC. Their 3-year lease expires at the end of January. A 3-year extension of the lease has been negotiated with the same terms and an annual 3% increase. There is a recurring problem with the HVAC system. There is a clause in the new lease that requires us to make those repairs before June 2015 or the tenant has the option to terminate at that time. Mr. Penatzer stated that the repair will be made before the June 2015 deadline. Ms. Jacoby made a motion to approve a 3-year extension of a lease with Cambria County Child Development Corporation, effective February 1, 2015.

#### **I. Street Committee**

1. 2015 Sidewalk Project  
A meeting is scheduled on December 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **J. Administration Committee – None.**

#### **K. General Business**

##### **Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

1. Mr. Lutz made a motion to approve the following listed appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities. (Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously.
  - Appoint Eric Rummel to a 5-year term on the Ebensburg Municipal Authority, expires 12/2019.
  - Reappoint Bruce Hultman to a 4-year term on the Ebensburg Planning Commission., expires 12/2018.
  - Reappoint Margaret Stephan to a 3-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board, expires 12/17.
  - Appoint Harold Eckenrod as alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board, expires 12/2015.
  - Appoint Dirk Johnson to a 5-year term on the Ebensburg Recreation Board, expires 12/2019.
  - Reappoint John Paul Houser and appoint Barb Kirby to 5-year terms on the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership, expire 12/2019.
  - Reappoint Robert Datsko as Chairman of the Ebensburg Vacancy Board, expires 12/2015.
  - Reappoint John Hawksworth and Chief Jeff Evans to 1-year terms on the Central Cambria Emergency Management Council, expires 12/2015.
  - Appoint Borough Manager as delegate to the Cambria/Somerset Council of Governments.
  - Appoint Borough Manager as delegate to the Cambria County Tax Collection Committee.
  - Appoint CCSD Business Manager as alternate to the Cambria County Tax Collection Committee.
  - Appoint Borough Manager as delegate to the Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency.
  - Appoint Patti Carnes as delegate to the Cambria County Sewage Enforcement Agency.

2. **Zoning Amendment**

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.

3. **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. Mr. Lutz made a motion to grant tentative approval to Ordinance #616 and advertise for public inspection.

**L. Department Reports**

1. **Police Department** – Chief Wyland reported on last month’s activities including that winter parking began on December 1<sup>st</sup>, he reported on the success of the Turkey Trot with more than 700 participants and he mentioned there have not been any issues with the new parking meter installed in Penn Eben parking lot.
2. **Public Works Department** – Mr. Dodson reported on last month’s activities including completion of the reservoir reports and the installation of the new parking meter system in Penn Eben parking lot.
3. **Community Development** – Ms. Koss reported on last month’s activities including updates from the Dickens of a Christmas weekend. She added that the borough newsletter would be out the first week of January and that she was currently working member renewals and the first-quarter E-Newsletter.
4. **Recreation Department** – Mr. Pfeil reported on last month’s activities including updates on the YPCC events that took place over the Dickens of a Christmas weekend and that basketball league registrations are underway with 76 teams already registered. He added that the YPCC has done some advertising of gift certificate purchases for the borough swimming pool and they already sold 27 of those. Mr. Pfeil also reported that November membership renewals were only slightly down from last year at this time.
5. **Codes Enforcement** – A monthly codes enforcement report was provided in Council’s mailbox.
6. **Ebensburg Municipal Authority** – A copy of the minutes of the last municipal authority meeting was included in Council’s packet.

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

**N. Public Comments**

Ms. June Fether thanked the Ebensburg Borough Police Department for assisting the Ebensburg Senior Center with an issue with CamTran busses.

**O. Adjournment**

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

Meeting Adjourned: 6:52 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by:

Danea Koss, Community Development Director