

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, February 23, 2015 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 Miller
Cecilia Houser
Dave Kuhar
Theresa Jacoby
Joe Lutz

Others: Daniel Penatzer, Borough Manager
Randy Datsko, Mayor
Heath Long, Solicitor
Dave Dodson, Public Works Director
Matt Pfeil, Recreation Director
Terry Wyland, Chief of Police
Danea Koss, Community Development Director
Kelly Cerentich, The Altoona Mirror
Brian Fronk, Mainline News
Randy Griffith, The Tribune Democrat

Audience: 6

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: (Jacoby)
Motion passed unanimously.

1. Approve the minutes of the January 26, 2015 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
2. Approve the Financial Statement.
3. Approve payment of bills with an abstention from Ms. Barber on amount owed to Barber Oil Company.

D. **Appointments to Address Council** – Mike Lamb and Megan Freidhof from Wessel & Company gave an overview of the executive summary of the 2014 audit.

E. **Mayor's Report** – Mayor Datsko would like to remind everyone to please follow the winter parking regulations.

F. **Council President Comments** – Mr. Tusing recognized and thanked Bill Mertis and Charles Fiero of Severn Trent for attending the meeting and for their services. He also recognized the Public Works department for assisting a resident with sewer line problems. The resident sent a letter of thanks to Borough Council.

G. **Water/Wastewater Committee**

1. There were no excursions for the month of January 2015. Plant flows averaged .959 MGD. Mr. Kozlovac, Plant Supervisor, provided a verbal report on activities at the wastewater plant during the month.

2. **Beech Street Stormwater**

Construction of a trapezoid channel and installation of new stormwater lines along Beech Street near the fairgrounds is planned for 2015. Construction easements are being sought for the fairgrounds and Ratchford properties. Bids were opened on February 16th. Mr. Kuhar made a motion to award a contract to Snyder Excavating, the lone bidder, for construction of the Beech Street stormwater project in the amount of \$114,800.00, subject to obtaining required easements. (Lutz) Motion passed unanimously.

3. **East Triumph Street Stormwater**

Installation of new stormwater lines and basins along East Triumph Street is planned for 2015. Bids for the project were opened on February 16th.

Snyder Excavating	Johnstown, PA	\$15,775.00
Nagle Excavating	Ebensburg, PA	\$16,675.00

Mr. Kuhar made a motion to award a contract to Snyder Excavating for construction of the East Triumph Street stormwater project in the amount of \$15,775.00. (Lutz) Motion passed unanimously.

H. **Recreation Committee**

1. Ms. Jacoby reported that she attended the Key Leaders meeting hosted by the Cambria County Prevention Coalition at Central Cambria High School. The group is working toward helping teens find constructive community activities to participate in.

I. **Street Committee**

1. **Unit Debt Act Compliance**

Mr. Lutz made a motion to grant final approval to Ordinance #620, seeking authorization from DCED for new debt, in compliance with the Unit Debt Act. (Barber) Motion passed unanimously.

2. **2015 Sidewalk Pedestrian Signals**

Part of the 2015 sidewalk project is the installation of new pedestrian crossing signals at the intersection of Rowena Drive and Manor Drive. Bids for this portion of the project were opened on February 16th. The lone bid was from Tel-Power for \$57,965.70. Mr. Lutz made a motion to award a contract to Tel-Power, Inc. for construction of pedestrian crossing signals on Rowena Drive at Manor Drive, in the amount of \$57,965.70. (Barber) Motion passed unanimously.

3. **2015 Sidewalk Project Signs and Lights**

Part of the 2015 sidewalk project is the installation of new traffic signs and streetlights. Bids for this portion of the project were opened on February 16th.

Brandon Industries	McKinney, TX	\$51,897.00
Custom Products Corp.	Jackson, MS	\$60,528.56*

*Bid did not include streetlights

Ms. Houser made a motion to award a contract to Brandon Industries for the purchase of signs and streetlights for the 2015 sidewalk project, in the amount of \$51,897.00. (Lutz) Motion passed unanimously.

4. 2015 Sidewalk Project Tree Removal

There are eight large trees along South Center Street that need to be removed prior to the 2015 sidewalk project. This project is under the bidding threshold. Quotes for this portion of the project were opened on February 16th.

Tri-County Tree Service	Ebensburg, PA	\$3,000.00
Clapper Tree	James Creek, PA	\$7,858.00

Ms. Houser made a motion to award a contract to Tri-County Tree Service for tree removal on South Center Street, in the amount of \$3,000.00. (Lutz) Motion passed unanimously.

5. Handicap Parking Space

Raymond Short of 301 North Julian Street has requested that a handicap parking sign be installed at the front of his residence for himself. Our policy allows for the installation of such a sign, with conditions. First, parking must already be otherwise permitted at that location, and it is. Second, the person requesting the sign must agree to pay for the sign and the post, and he has. Third, the handicap spot is not reserved specifically for a single person, but rather is able to be used by any handicapped person. Fourth, the sign is to be removed when the need no longer exists. Mr. Miller made a motion to authorize the installation of a handicap parking sign at 301 North Julian Street. (Houser) Motion passed unanimously.

J. Administration Committee – None.

K. General Business

1. Utility Vehicle

The purchase of a 4x4 utility vehicle is planned for 2015. Bids for the vehicle were opened on February 16th.

Martin Marine Sales	Johnstown, PA	Polaris	\$14,837.00*
West Central Equip.	Johnstown, PA	John Deere	\$17,180.15
Bobcat of Martinsburg	Martinsburg, PA	Bobcat	\$20,002.39

*No bed lift assist. No power steering.

Because of important features on the Bobcat model, staff recommends the Bobcat model. The Bobcat is an approved purchase on the State bid list. The cost will be distributed to the Main Street Partnership (\$6,100), Water Fund (\$4,600), Wastewater Fund (\$4,600) and General Fund (\$4,600)

Mr. Lutz made a motion to reject all bids received for the utility vehicle, and approve purchase of a Bobcat utility vehicle from Bobcat Company in the amount of \$19,921.07 under the State bid list. (Barber) Motion passed unanimously.

2. Police Vehicle

Bids were sought for the replacement of the 2010 police car.

Tri-Star Motors (2014)	\$25,408.00
Tri-Star Motors (2015)	\$26,875.00
McCall Motors (2015)	\$27,156.00

Mr. Kuhar made a motion to approve purchase of a 2014 AWD Dodge Charger from Tri-Star Motors off of the state bid list, in the amount of \$25,408.00. (Miller) Motion passed unanimously.

Purchased and installed separately are the lights, siren, console, gun locks, crash bumper, rear seat partition, rear fiberglass seat and radio system. It is also necessary to replace the dash-mounted cameras.

Mr. Kuhar made a motion to award a contract to Team Force, Inc. of Johnstown for purchase and installation of police equipment in the amount of \$12,513.04. (Miller) Motion passed unanimously.

3. Babcock Doors

The following bids were received for replacement of three large sliding doors on the former kiln building at the Babcock property with overhead rollup doors. The bids included removal and disposal of the existing doors.

Overhead Door Company	\$48,779.30
Raynor Door Company	\$60,000.00

The kiln bays are used to store materials such as top soil, mulch and stone, and a loader for use at the facility. Staff believes the cost of the doors to be excessive for that purpose. The old doors are dangerous and must be removed. Staff prefers to go without doors at all, and use other means to protect the materials. Mr. Lutz made motion to reject bids received for overhead doors at the Babcock property. (Miller) Motion passed unanimously.

4. Cherry Street Extension

Council granted tentative approval to Ordinance #621 extending South Cherry Street in a southerly direction from Prave Street. The Ordinance has been advertised and is ready for final adoption. Ms. Barber made a motion to grant final approval to Ordinance #621 extending South Cherry Street in a southerly direction from Prave Street. Roll call was taken:

Houser	Yes	Tusing	Yes
Miller	Yes	Kuhar	Yes
Barber	Yes	Jacoby	No

Motion passed.

5. Christmas Decorations

Staff proposed moving many of the existing Christmas decorations from the downtown area to the new streetlight poles being added in 2015 outside of the downtown, and purchasing new decorations for the downtown area, including the street trees. Mr. Lutz made a motion to purchase new holiday decorations as proposed from Rileighs Outdoor Décor off State bid list. Roll call was taken:

Houser	Yes	Tusing	No
Miller	Yes	Kuhar	Yes
Barber	Yes	Jacoby	No

Motion passed.

L. Department Reports

1. **Police Department** – Chief Wyland reported on last month’s activities including an update on plowing and winter street parking.

2. **Public Works Department** – Mr. Dodson reported on last month’s activities including work at the Water Treatment Plant, frozen meters and frozen pipes and road crew activity.
3. **Community Development** – Ms. Koss reported on last month’s activities including updates on Art in Bloom, Concerts in the Park and she shared a draft version of the Historic Walking Tour Guide.
4. **Recreation Department** – Mr. Pfeil reported on last month’s activities including updates on the Youth Advisory Committee, Future Champions Baseball and the Tennis Center.
5. **Codes Enforcement** – A monthly codes enforcement report was provided to Council.
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

Ms. Cernetich asked why the price of the Beech Street stormwater project was higher than the estimated cost. She also asked the reason for the Cherry Street extension and if the parcels created could be purchased to build a home.

N. Public Comments

Mary Wheeler asked that the borough not extend the sidewalks on South Center Street past Ann Street. She and her husband are not able to maintain them and she believes that the sidewalks are within the PennDOT right of way and therefore would need to be taken by eminent domain.

Bill Link noted that there is a water leak at the intersection of North Center and West Crawford Streets.

O. Adjournment

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:54 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by:

Danea Koss, Community Development Director