

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, February 22, 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
Cecilia Houser
Theresa Jacoby
John Cobaugh
Dave Kuhar

Absent: Joe Miller

Others: Daniel Penatzer, Borough Manager
Randy Datsko, Mayor
Blair Pawlowski, Solicitor
Jeff Evans, Public Works Director
Bernie Kozlovac, Plant Supervisor
Terry Wyland, Chief of Police
Danea Koss, Community Development Director
Samantha Kemock, Recreation Director
Jocelyn Brumbaugh, The Tribune Democrat
Sean Sauro, The Altoona Mirror
Josh Byers, Mainline News

Audience: 4

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: (Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously. Make it a matter of record that Ms. Jacoby arrived after this motion passed and therefore did not vote.

1. Approve the minutes of the January 25, 2016 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
2. Approve the Financial Statement.
3. Approve payment of bills with the exception of one abstention from Councilor Barber on amount owed Barber Oil Company.
4. Appoint Scott Cunningham to a 5-year term on the Main Street Partnership, expires 12/2020.

D. **Appointments to Address Council** – Ms. Stephanie Stohon and Ms. Megan Freidhof of Wessel & Company reviewed the 2015 draft audit with Council. They shared that the audit will not be finalized until additional pension-related information is received from Mockenhaupt Associates.

E. **Mayor's Report** – None.

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

G. **Water/Wastewater Committee**

1. There were no excursions for the month of January 2016. Plant flows averaged 0.726 MGD. Mr. Kozlovac, Plant Supervisor, provided a verbal report on activities at the wastewater plant during the month.

2. Upcoming Water Improvement Project

Mr. Penatzer explained the Municipal Authority will soon complete its evaluation of the wastewater collection system and will present details of the upcoming improvement project to a joint meeting of the Authority and Council in May. Mr. Tusing noted that this project will affect every resident or property owner connected to the Ebensburg wastewater system. He added that the goal is to eliminate our Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO's).

H. Recreation Committee

1. Ms. Jacoby noted that within this year's Borough Citizen Survey is the opportunity for residents to respond to questions on what types of recreational activities they would like to see offered in the borough. She noted that this will help in determining what types of activities should be offered through the YPCC.

I. Street Committee

1. 2016 PennDOT Resurfacing

Resurfacing will begin sometime after 6/9/2016 once the bidding process has been completed. Work on West Highland, South Center Street and New Germany Road will be performed during daylight. All other work will be performed between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. Existing concrete crosswalks will be replaced with "piano key" stripes. Loop sensors to all traffic signals will be replaced by PennDOT.

2. Mr. Cobaugh noted that the borough had not removed snow from in front of the bus shelter area on West High Street within the time period stated in the ordinance.

3. Holy Name Church

Holy Name Church has requested that the borough install white crosswalk pavement markings across Julian Street and across Alton Street at the front of the church between the church and the parking lots. Council reviewed several options outlined by staff.

Ms. Houser made a motion to install crosswalks on Julian Street. (Cobaugh) Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Jacoby made a motion to assess requestor the cost of materials and the cost of materials for any future repairs. (Houser) Motion passed unanimously.

J. Administration Committee – None.

K. General Business

1. Updates on 2015 Sidewalk Finances

Mr. Penatzer gave an overview on expenses related to the 2015 borough sidewalk project, as well as past due account balances. A report was provided to Council outlining the outstanding balances owed by property owners.

Mr. Penatzer reviewed the finances related to the 2015 sidewalk project and explained that the total cost of the completed project exceeded the anticipated cost by a little more than \$400,000.00. He cited several reasons for the overage including plan revisions required by the grant guidelines, required PennDOT design changes and PennDOT required pedestrian crossing signals at Manor Drive.

Mr. Penatzer suggested several measures that should be taken in 2016 to buffer the budgetary impact of this unplanned expense including delaying capital projects and paying eligible large general fund expenses from the liquid fuels fund.

L. Department Reports

1. **Police Department** – Chief Wyland reported the new cruiser was put into operation and new brackets were received for the body cameras. He added that the department has completed all of its state-mandated trainings.
2. **Public Works Department** – Mr. Evans reported on last month's activities including updates at the water treatment plant, water sampling, video work at the industrial park and the upcoming PennDOT paving project.
3. **Community Development** – Ms. Koss reported Main Street membership renewals, a donation to the upcoming Art in Bloom event, the Ebensburg Citizen Survey and the historic designation district meeting.
4. **Recreation Department** – Ms. Kemock reported on activities at the YPCC including being accepted for the prime card, bringing back the itty bitty programming, repairs to the cardio equipment and holding a number of fundraising events including a paint night, dance and the YPCC golf outing.
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.
7. **Ebensburg Planning Commission** – None.
8. **Ebensburg Zoning Board** – None.

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

N. Public Comments –

Ms. Deb Maland, 714 W. Ogle Street, raised concerns that, since the new Sheetz opened, there is more traffic and more cars cutting the corner on W. Ogle and not stopping at the stop sign. She added that the garbage collection at Sheetz is happening at 5 and 6 in the morning.

Mr. Bob Lucas, N. Locust Street, raised concerns with traffic not stopping at two of the crosswalks on N. Center Street. Among those who did not stop were two sheriff cars and busses.

O. Adjournment

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:44 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by: Danae Koss, Community Development Director