

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, January 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
Cecilia Houser
Theresa Jacoby
John Cobaugh
Joe Miller

Absent: Dave Kuhar

Others: Daniel Penatzer, Borough Manager
Randy Datsko, Mayor
Heath Long, Solicitor
Jeff Evans, Public Works Director
Bernie Kozlovac, Plant Supervisor
Terry Wyland, Chief of Police
Danea Koss, Community Development Director
Samantha Kemock, Recreation Director
Kelly Cernetich, The Altoona Mirror
Josh Byers, Mainline News

Audience: 20

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. **Public Comments** - None.

C. **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda, containing the following items: (Barber)
Motion passed unanimously.

1. Hire the following persons within the recreation department:
Nicole Gallaher as part-time recreation, effective January 4, 2016, at \$8.50/hr.
Anne Ambrisco as part-time recreation, effective January 4, 2016, at \$8.50/hr.
Linda Holler as part-time YPCC custodian, effective January 4, 2016, at \$8.50/hr.
2. Approve the minutes of the December 21, 2015 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council and the January 4, 2016 reorganization meeting.
3. Approve the Financial Statement and quarterly fund transfers.
4. Approve payment of bills.

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

E. **Mayor's Report** – Mayor Datsko welcomed the Boy Scout Troop 98 to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. He also commended the businesses in town on getting their sidewalks shoveled after the recent snow storm.

F. **Council President Comments** – Mr. Tusing reviewed the committee assignments for 2016.

G. **Water/Wastewater Committee**

1. There were no excursions for the month of December 2015. Plant flows averaged 0.854 MGD. Mr. Kozlovac, Plant Supervisor, provided a verbal report on activities at the wastewater plant during the month.

H. Recreation Committee

1. Ms. Jacoby wanted to remind the public that when staff deems an area unsafe due to icicles, please stay away from those areas. Public works will block those areas off and work to remove icicles when necessary. Mr. Tusing asked Mr. Evans to look into a fix to help prevent the icicles from forming.

I. Street Committee

1. 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.

J. Administration Committee

1. 2016 Wage Resolution

Ms. Barber shared that Resolution 2015-13 was previously adopted establishing wages to be paid during 2016. Resolution 2016-01 is proposed to replace it, correcting wages of the borough manager, police wages that were subsequently approved in the collective bargaining agreement, and several employee names.

Ms. Barber made a motion to adopt Resolution #2016-01 establishing wages to be paid during 2016. (Houser) Motion passed unanimously.

K. General Business

1. Continuing Education

Mr. Cobaugh made a motion to approve attendance of Theresa Jacoby at the PA Municipal League's Elected Officials Professional Development training on February 5 & 6 in Harrisburg. (Houser) Motion passed unanimously.

2. Holy Name Church

Mr. Penatzer shared a request from Holy Name Church to install white crosswalk pavement markings across Julian Street and across Alton Street in front of the church, between the church and parking lots. Several possible options were presented in Council's agenda. The consensus of Council was to table this issue to the next meeting so that members of Council and the Streets Committee have a chance to take a look at the area in question.

3. Digital Records

Mr. Penatzer gave an overview of the digital document storage system and how far staff has come with getting paper files imported into the system. He then demonstrated how to use the system and some of the different features that are available when cataloging and searching for files.

L. Department Reports

1. **Police Department** – Chief Wyland reported the new cruiser was put into operation last week. He reminded everyone to be sure to shovel their sidewalks and added that winter parking is now being enforced.
2. **Public Works Department** – Mr. Evans reported on last month's activities including updates at the water treatment plant, an update on the notice that went out about water violation, mainline leaks, snow plowing and Christmas decoration removal.
3. **Community Development** – Ms. Koss reported Main Street membership renewals, a donation to the Central Cambria Education Foundation, upcoming Art in Bloom meeting, a new Ebensburg Map & Guide and updating the citizen survey for distribution.

4. **Recreation Department** – Ms. Kemock reported on activities at the YPCC including basketball winter league, new vending machines and new online calendars.
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** – Mr. Bill Link, N. Spruce Street, asked if the digital records site was accessible to the public.

O. **Adjournment**

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:21 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by: Danae Koss, Community Development Director