

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, July 29, 2013 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
Cecilia Houser
Terry Illig
Dave Kuhar
Joe Lutz

Others: Blair Pawlowski, Solicitor
Randy Datsko, Mayor
Daniel Penatzer, Borough Manager
Dave Dodson, Public Works Director
Scott Stoltz, Police Officer
Bernie Kozlovac, Plant Supervisor
Matt Pfeil, YPCC Director
Danea Koss, Community Development Director
Ian Wissinger, Mountaineer-Herald

Absent: Deb Nesbella, Vice President

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: (Illig)
Motion passed unanimously.

1. Approve the minutes of the June 24, 2013 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
2. Approve the Financial Statement.
3. Approve payment of bills.

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

E. **Mayor's Report** – None

F. **Council President Comments** – None

G. **Water/Wastewater Committee**

1. There were no excursions for the month of June 2013 at the wastewater plant. Plant flows averaged .853 mgd.
2. Mr. Kozlovac, Plant Supervisor, provided a verbal report on activities at the wastewater plant during the month which included sending 12 tons of sludge to the landfill,
3. Mr. Penatzer suggested that a fire hydrant maintenance program be addressed in next year's budget, and that a summer work crew be designated for that purpose.

4. Mr. Kuhar made a motion to transfer \$421,975.17 from the water project reserve to the Municipal Authority in order to pay Hickes Associates. The transfer of Pennvest funds was delayed, and the reserve fund will be reimbursed when the Pennvest funds are received. (Lutz) Motion passed unanimously.

H. Recreation Committee – No report

I. Street Committee

1. Mr. Penatzer shared photos and aerial images of the South Marian Street sidewalks. Council agreed that because there is no imminent plan to construct a sidewalk on the 300 block of South Marian Street, no action is necessary at this time to readdress the sidewalk ordinance.

J. Administration Committee

1. Mr. Lutz made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-08 amending the borough's pension investment policy. (Barber) Motion passed unanimously.
2. Ms. Barber made a motion to adopt the following Resolutions: Resolution 2013-09 designating Berkheimer as collector of delinquent local services tax, Resolution 2013-10 designating Berkheimer as the hearing officer for local services taxes, Resolution 2013-11 authorizing Berkheimer to impose and retain costs of collection of delinquent local services taxes, and Resolution 2013-12 designating the Borough Manager as the liaison for confidential local services tax information. (Lutz) Motion passed unanimously.

K. General Business

1. Mr. Penatzer informed council of the inordinate amount of excess stormwater complaints the borough is receiving this year and identified the contributing factors. He suggested that the best solution to this problem is the construction of a new sanitary sewer collection system in the affected area, and then the conversion of the existing sanitary sewer system to a stormwater collection system. The new collection system is proposed by the municipal authority and is awaiting a funding application. A stormwater analysis will be completed by Kimballs later this year. This study will be used to improve our stormwater system. Another concern that was addressed was residential downspouts that discharge directly into the street. At some point, it may be necessary to enforce the removal of the downspouts from the sanitary collection system.
2. Ms. Barber made a motion to appoint Matt Shutty to fill the unexpired term left by Brian Shrift on the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership board, term expiring 12/2013. (Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously.

L. Department Reports

1. **Police Department** – Officer Stoltz reported that Wheels & Wings went very well and only one arrest was made. He also reported that there was one arrest made at the Downtown Shutdown and no incidents at the Homecoming events.
2. **Public Works Department** - Mr. Dodson reported on last month's activities including continued painting, driveway repairs, completion of cleanup of reservoir spillways, revisiting water main breaks, repairs to pool rental house roof and four sinkhole repairs in the past month. Water meter replacements are wrapping up and they will do a last push to

residents who haven't scheduled to have their new meter installed. Mr. Penatzer informed council that the replacement of a water main along Manor Drive would need to be included in the capital budget for next year.

3. Community Development

Ms. Koss reported on the community development department activities during the last month including Wheels & Wings wrap-up, and Downtown Shutdown and Homecoming events. She included that the Farmer's Market had started early this year and that Concerts in the Park would begin Friday, August 2nd. She also informed council the façade closeout report was resubmitted to the DCED, the downtown flower pots had been placed and the borough newsletter had been mailed out on July 15th.

- 4. Recreation Department** – Mr. Pfeil reported that the Ebensburg Borough Pool offered swimming lessons this past month. There were two age groups: Pre-School, which had 16 participants, and Youth, which had 9 participants. There is also a Mommy & Me class scheduled for the second week of August. Mr. Pfeil reported an average of 135 guests per day. He also reported that the YPCC recently hosted a wedding reception for 300 people, vacation bible school for 34 people and family reunion. The pool temperature is 81 degrees.

M. Media Comments/Questions – None

N. Public Comments

1. Mr. Illig asked for permission to fill in holes along the Ghost Town Trail at the end of Locust Street. Council agreed that they could not give permission as it is not borough property. He was informed that he could contact Dee Columbus with the Cambria County Conservation and Recreation Authority.

O. Executive Session

Council entered into an executive session at 7:32 pm to discuss a staff issue. The public meeting reconvened at 7:42 pm.

Mr. Lutz made a motion to increase the hourly wage of the billing clerk to \$12.00/hr. effective with the next pay period. (Illig) Motion passed unanimously.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by:

Danea Koss
Community Development Director