

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, June 23, 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
Joe Lutz
Theresa Jacoby
Dave Kuhar

Absent: Susan Barber, Vice President
Joe Miller

Others: Daniel Penatzer, Borough Manager
Randy Datsko, Mayor
Blair Pawlowski, Solicitor
Dave Dodson, Public Works Director
Bernie Kozlovac, Plant Supervisor
Terry Wyland, Chief of Police
Danea Koss, Community Development Director
Ian Wissinger, The Mountaineer Herald
Kelly Cernetich, The Altoona Mirror
Kathy Mellott, The Tribune Democrat

Audience: 4

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 May 19, 2014 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
2. Approve the Financial Statement.
3. Approve payment of bills.
4. Hire Christoff Trexler as a tennis assistant, effective 5/19/14, at rate of \$7.25/hr.

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

E. **Mayor's Report** – None.

F. **Council President Comments** – Mr. Tusing reminded everyone that Wheels & Wings is scheduled for Thursday and encouraged everyone to come out and attend.

G. **Water/Wastewater Committee**

1. There were no excursions for the month of May 2014. Plant flows averaged 1.30 MGD and 24.7 dry tons of sludge were hauled away to the landfill. Mr. Kozlovac, Plant Supervisor, provided a verbal report on activities at the wastewater plant during the month.
2. Mr. Kuhar made a motion to replace approximately 350 feet of water line on East Ogle Street prior to the street paving project. (Houser) Motion passed unanimously.

H. Recreation Committee - None

I. Street Committee

1. Bids were received for the street resurfacing project from the following:

	<u>Milling (LF)</u>	<u>Leveling (ton)</u>	<u>Wearing (ton)</u>	<u>Total</u>
New Enterprise	\$7.40	\$75.34	\$74.18	\$190,820.07
Grannas Brothers	\$3.00	\$76.75	\$76.75	\$194,357.75
HRI	\$4.00	\$90.70	\$90.70	\$229,909.10
Quaker Sales	\$9.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$230,625.00

The cost estimate for this project was \$209,951. The project will be paid for with Liquid Fuels funds and county Aid Liquid Fuels; no general dollars will be required for the project. Mr. Lutz made a motion to award a bid to New Enterprise Stone & Lime for street resurfacing in the amount of \$190, 820.07. (Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously.

2. Staff has applied for a grant through the Automated Red Light Enforcement Program. The grant program is funded through fines associated with automated red light enforcement systems across the state. The application is for \$53,840 intended to pay for installation of pedestrian crossing signals required at Manor Drive in conjunction with the upcoming sidewalk project.

J. Administration Committee

1. The administration committee held its first meeting with AFSCME to being negotiating a new labor agreement. The current 4-year agreement expires at the end of 2014.

K. General Business

1. The stormwater rate report and recommendations developed by Kimball were reviewed. The report forms the basis for establishing a stormwater fee that is adequate to fund planned stormwater projects. No action is required.
2. Staff recommends that Council and the Authority follow the procedures prescribed by Act 68 of 2013 and expand the powers and purpose of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Ebensburg to include stormwater management and economic development initiatives, and change the name to its more common name, the Ebensburg Municipal Authority. Three resolutions of the Municipal Authority were received requesting those changes. Mr. Lutz made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-07 approving expanding the power and purpose of the municipal authority for stormwater management, and changing the authority's name. (Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously.
3. Ordinance #612, establishing the stormwater system fee, reflects the findings and recommendations contained in the Stormwater Utility Rate Analysis Report. Mr. Lutz made a motion to grant tentative approval to Ordinance #612 establishing a fee for support of a stormwater management system, and advertise for public inspection. (Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously.
4. The financial instability of municipal pension plans is the most serious threat to the sustainability of local governments across Pennsylvania. Staff urged Council to adopt a Resolution lending support to the efforts of the Coalition for Sustainable Communities and House Bill 1581. Ms. Jacoby made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-06 in support of municipal pension reform. (Houser) Motion passed unanimously.
5. Make it a matter of record that electric accounts have been changed to Direct Energy Business at a fixed rate of 8.2¢/kW for a non-contractual 2-year period.

6. On May 29th, 74 notices for codes violations were mailed. Most of the violations dealt with high grass. Several were for debris on the property, three for old vehicles, and two were zoning violations. As of June 17th, six grass violations remained. The borough will cut those and bill the owners. One zoning violation remains, and will be filed at the magistrate's office. No action required.

L. Department Reports

1. **Police Department** – Chief Wyland informed the board that they are gearing up for Wheels & Wings. He reminded everyone to watch out for kids on bikes now that school is out.
2. **Public Works Department** - Mr. Dodson reported on last month's activities including an update on the hydrant flushing, completion of asphalt restoration, completion of crosswalk installation and other repairs.
3. **Community Development** – Ms. Koss reported on last month's activities including updates on Wheels & Wings, Downtown Shutdown and Homecoming. She also shared that facade grant applications are now being accepted for the review and Trail Town Program Assessment has been completed and short/long term goals have been identified.
4. **Recreation Department** – None
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

- Ms. Mellott asked when the stormwater fee will go into effect.

N. Public Comments – None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by:

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Community Development Director