

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, May 20, 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
Dave Kuhar
Joe Lutz

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

Absent: Deborah Nesbella, Vice President
Terry Illig

Audience: 1

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:
(Barber) Motion passed unanimously.

1. Approve the minutes of the April 22, 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**

1. Mayor Datsko asked Officer Scott Stoltz to give an update of police department activities. Officer Stoltz said the police department had assisted with the recent threats at the high school and had heavier patrols in place at Holy Name during the time of the threats. He also mentioned that the police department helped with the Heartchase event on April 27th sponsored by the American Heart Association.

2. **Council President Comments** – Mr. Tusing reminded everyone that tomorrow (Tuesday, May 21st) is Election Day and to please vote.

G. Water/Wastewater Committee

1. Mr. Kozlovac, Plant Supervisor provided a verbal report on activities at the wastewater plant during the month. There were no excursions for the month of April 2013. Plant flows averaged 1.018 mgd.
2. Mr. Penatzer gave an overview of the water project. He explained that the borough will have to eliminate two stormwater overflows by 2017. The overflows cannot be directed to the plant or the plant will flood. The issue was discussed at the municipal authority meeting and the consensus was to replace the collection system in the Lakeview CSO. Mr. Tusing added that the project cost is estimated to be \$10-12 million and will result in a sewage rate increase. The Authority will apply for a Penn Works grant before the June 28th deadline.

H. Recreation Committee

1. Bids for playground equipment were received. Ms. Houser made a motion to award a bid to Sports & Recreation in the amount of \$11,820 for swing set 10', swing seats, tot swings, and swing bench (Items 1-4, below), and to International Design in the amount of \$1,720 for bleachers (Item 5, below) for playground equipment at the swimming pool and Lake Rowena.

The following bids were received:

No.	Item Description	Yocca Business	International	Sports & Recreation	Bitting
1.	Swing Set 10'	\$10,426	NB	\$6,400	\$7,660
2.	Swing Seats	\$ incl	NB	\$1,500	\$2,460
3.	Tot Swings	\$ 521	NB	\$ 720	\$1,040
4.	Swing Bench	\$4,763	NB	\$3,200	\$5,340
5.	Bleachers	\$2,108	\$1,720	\$1,900	\$2,100

I. Street Committee

1. Several minor amendments were made to proposed Ordinance #605 since its tentative adoption last month, requiring that it be re-advertised. Mr. Lutz made a motion to grant tentative approval to Ordinance #605, as amended, and advertise for public inspection. (Kuhar). Roll call was taken:

Barber	Yes	Tusing	No
Kuhar	Yes	Lutz	Yes
Houser	Yes		

J. Administration Committee

1. Ms. Barber made a motion to grant final approval to Ordinance #606 restating the non-uniform Pension plan, incorporating changes relative to refunding of employee contributions and incorporating recent IRS amendments. (Lutz) Motion passed unanimously.

K. General Business

1. Mr. Lutz made a motion to approve a 1-year contract for energy supply with First Energy at the rate of 7.78¢/kw, expiring December 2014. (Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously.

L. Department Reports

1. **Police Department** – None
2. **Public Works Department** - Mr. Dodson reported on last month's activities including updates on restoring water breaks, sewer testing, pool opening preparations, and water valve replacements.
3. **Community Development**
Ms. Koss reported on the community development department activities during the last month including Art in Bloom wrap-up, updates on upcoming events and the hiring of two summer interns.
4. **Recreation Department** - None

M. Media Comments/Questions

1. Mr. Geiger asked if anyone wanted to comment on the new playground equipment. Mr. Tusing explained that no new equipment had been added to the playgrounds, and that we had only replaced existing equipment.

N. Public Comments

1. Mike Illig asked whether or not water & sewer intake/output can be measured at Emerald Estates.
2. Mike Illig asked if removing the down spouts had helped alleviate the storm water overflows.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by:

Danea Koss
Community Development Director