

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, May 19, 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
Susan Barber, Vice President
Cecilia Houser
Joe Lutz
Joe Miller
Theresa Jacoby

Absent: Dave Kuhar

Others: 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

Audience: 8

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 April 28, 2014 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
2. Approve the Financial Statement.
3. Approve payment of bills.
4. Grant final approval to the Sheetz land development plan.

D. **Appointments to Address Council** –

1. Monsignor David Lockard addressed council with concerns for the new stormwater management fee.
2. Rick Mock from NAPA Auto Parts on W. High Street addressed council with concerns with the new sidewalks going into place in front of his business. He is concerned that he will go out of business since the sidewalks will eliminate the current parking area in front of the building.

E. **Mayor's Report** – None

F. **Council President Comments** – Mr. Tusing reminded everyone of the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony to be held on Monday, May 26th at Veterans Park.

G. **Water/Wastewater Committee**

1. There were no excursions for the month of April 2014. Plant flows averaged 1.313 MGD and 24.1 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. The elevated Hillcrest Drive storage tank is scheduled to be painted this summer. It's also necessary to replace six large valves and two worn check valves. Materials were priced from the State bid list and prices were sought for installation. Ms. Houser made a motion to award a contract to Hickes Associates in the amount of \$28,716.00 for materials and \$9,572.00 for labor for valve replacement at the elevated tank.

H. Recreation Committee - None

I. Street Committee

1. Spot patching of streets should be completed by May 20th. Several complaints were received regarding the number of sites milled at one time, and the length of time between milling and paving. In hindsight, the project should have been done in phases.

J. Administration Committee – None

K. General Business

1. Staff recommends that a minor stormwater issue be corrected in North Caroline Street prior to paving. Large amounts of stormwater run down Bolton Street towards Caroline Street beginning at Turner Apartments. The water pools at Caroline Street and floods into yards. The problem can be corrected by installing a new catch basin on Caroline Street at Tibbott Street and connecting it to an existing catch basin. This will not impact the stormwater issues under discussion in other parts of the northeast corner of town. Ms. Barber made a motion to approve installation of a new catch basin, and 190 feet of stormwater line on North Caroline Street at Tibbott Street. (Houser) Motion passed unanimously.
2. The stormwater report and recommendations are expected to be received by the June Council meeting. The actual stormwater fee has not yet been determined and cannot be finalized until the report is received. Council has made it clear that the residential fee must be limited to \$100 annually. Non-residential properties will each be assigned a factor that is based upon the actual amount of impervious surface on the property. That factor will be multiplied times the ERU to determine the annual fee for each property. The development of a Borough stormwater plan and associated projects has now been ongoing for multiple years. Council has identified this as a high priority with regard to the protection of borough residents as well as their homes and businesses. As the project is finalized, input from business owners and residents is welcomed.

L. Department Reports

1. **Police Department** – Chief Wyland informed the board that Assistant Chief Rob Sapp would be out on medical leave for the next two weeks. He reminded everyone to watch out for kids on their bikes now that the weather has improved, and to keep properties in line with the grass ordinance.
2. **Public Works Department** - Mr. Dodson reported on last month's activities including an update on the hydrant flushing, asphalt restoration, street sweeping and drilling for crosswalk signs.
3. **Community Development** – Ms. Koss reported on last month's activities including updates on Wheels & Wings, Farmer's Market, Homecoming and PotatoFest and shared that the "Our Town Ebensburg" premiere is this Thursday, May 22nd. She added that the summer office assistant and intern had started last week.

4. **Recreation Department – None**
5. **Ebensburg Planning Commission** – The Planning Commission has granted final approval to the Sheetz Land Development Plan on West High Street.
6. **Ebensburg Zoning Board** – The zoning board approved a special exception for a professional office at 303 South Center Street for tourney Robert Freeman.

M. Media Comments/Questions

- Ms. Cernetich asked if the reduced stormwater fee, for the first year, would apply to both residential and commercial properties.

N. Public Comments – None

- Mr. Oyaski asked if L.R. Kimball mapped the entire borough for the stormwater management project.
- Mr. McMullen asked if the stormwater fee would only be assessed to borough residents.
- Mr. McMullen asked if companies could purchase materials off of the State bid list.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:37 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by:

Danea Koss
Community Development Director