

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 6:35 p.m. at the Ebensburg Municipal Building, 300 W. High Street, Ebensburg, by Council Vice President Susan Barber.

Present: Susan Barber, Vice President
Joe Lutz
Cecilia Houser
Dave Kuhar
Theresa Jacoby

Others: Daniel Penatzer, Borough Manager
Blair Pawlowski, Solicitor
Jeff Evans, Public Works Director
Bernie Kozlovac, Plant Supervisor
Robert Sapp, Assistant Chief of Police
Danea Koss, Community Development Director
Kelly Cernetich, The Altoona Mirror

Absent: Doug Tusing, President
Cecilia Houser
Randy Datsko, Mayor

Audience: 5

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: (Miller)
Motion passed unanimously.

1. Approve the minutes of the April 27, 2015 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
2. Approve the Financial Statement.
3. Approve payment of bills.
4. Grant final approval to the Ebensburg Oil & Gas subdivision.

D. **Appointments to Address Council** – Mr. & Mrs. Darrel & Krista Jones asked what the process is for getting a parking issue addressed on E. Highland Avenue. As it stands now, residents are parking on both sides of the street making it difficult for vehicles to get through and impossible for emergency vehicles to get through. It was the consensus of council that they can encourage residents, through the media, to use their driveways when possible, and can prohibit commercial vehicles from parking on the street. They also said that they cannot change the parking ordinance for one street or they would have to change it for all.

E. **Mayor's Report** – None.

F. **Council President Comments** – None.

G. **Water/Wastewater Committee**

1. There were no excursions for the month of April 2015. Plant flows averaged 1.1 MGD. Mr. Kozlovac, Plant Supervisor, provided a verbal report on activities at the wastewater plant during the month.
2. **Reservoir Valves** – DEP is requiring that a “close inspection of the outlet conduit including appurtenant gates and valves” be conducted at both reservoirs. That has not been done since

2003. This issue was referred to the borough engineer to determine what technical requirements might be involved with such an inspection. Staff expects to have a recommendation for Council in June.

H. Recreation Committee

1. Playground Fences

The chain link fence around the Memorial Field playground was replaced in 2013 with black aluminum fence. The new fence looks much better, is more durable, and the gates are more secure. \$10,000 was budgeted in 2015 to do the same at the east ward and center ward playgrounds. Staff recommends replacing the smaller east ward playground this year and postponing the more time consuming center ward project until next year. Ms. Jacoby made a motion to approve the installation of new aluminum fence at the east ward playground. (Lutz) Motion passed unanimously.

2. Playground Repairs

There are two components of playground structures that require replacement. Both are no longer available. They can be replaced with different types of components from the same manufacturer. A 4' crawl tube at the east ward playground will be replaced with an open deck bridge. The small angled tube on the sliding board at Memorial Field is cracked, meaning that the entire tube slide will need to be replaced with an entirely new slide. The cost of replacing the parts is \$3,900. No action required.

I. Street Committee

1. Sidewalk Project

PennDOT received two bids for this year's sidewalk project, the lowest being \$1.3 million from Gordon DeLozier. The contract will take several weeks to process, and work should begin in early June. Borough crews will begin some of the related work this week including removal of tree stumps on South Center Street, replacement of stormwater basin tops on West High Street, and the installation of new stormwater drains on Rowena Drive.

J. Administration Committee – None.

K. General Business

A request for a change of zoning for parcels #24-006.-2015.000 and 24-006.-204.000 was received from Joseph Sinclair. The request is to change from R-SH to MX-VC. It is the intent of Mr. Sinclair to develop a mix of professional, retail, restaurant, or banking space. He is also requesting an amendment of the definition of MX-VC to include the addition of banking or credit union operations. It was the consensus of Council to schedule a public hearing prior to the next scheduled Council meeting. The hearing has been scheduled for 5:30 pm on Monday, June 22nd.

L. Department Reports

1. **Police Department** – Assistant Chief Sapp reported on last month's activities including an update on recent criminal activity and arrests in the borough.
2. **Public Works Department** – Mr. Evans reported that he was happy to be back and that he was looking forward to getting started and working with everyone again.
3. **Community Development** – Ms. Koss reported on last month's activities including the status of upcoming events, the borough newsletter and the trail user surveys that will be done this summer.

4. **Recreation Department** – Mr. Pfeil reported on last month’s activities including the opening of the swimming pool, the Roller Hockey League, YPCC Basketball Clinics and Homecoming 3 on 3 Tournament.
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 Zoning Board** – No activity.

M. Media Comments/Questions – None.

N. Public Comments - None.

O. Adjournment

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:10 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by:

Danea Koss, Community Development Director