

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, November 24, 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
Theresa Jacoby

Absent: Dave Kuhar
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
Brian Fronk, The Mountaineer Herald
Kelly Cernetich, The Altoona Mirror

Audience: 3

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 October 27, 2014 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
2. Approve the Financial Statement.
3. Approve payment of bills. (Abstention by Councilor Barber on amount owed Barber Oil Company and Link Services.)
4. Approval to the D'Agostini subdivision plan and the 1st Summit Bank Land Development Plan.

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

E. **Mayor's Report** – Mayor Datsko reported that he had discussed the pawn shop ordinance with the township supervisors and they agreed to take a look at it and, if there are no major objections, they will approve it for the township.

F. **Council President Comments** – Mr. Tusing stated that it is encouraging, from an economic standpoint, to see the recent and planned developments taking place in Ebensburg along West High Street and the opening of the new Applebee's.

G. **Water/Wastewater Committee**

1. There were no excursions for the month of October 2014. Plant flows averaged 0.709 MGD and 12.3 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.

H. Recreation Committee – None.

I. Street Committee

1. PennDOT has awarded Ebensburg a Transportation Enhancement grant in the amount of \$500,000 for the 2015 sidewalk project. The Federal grant comes with certain conditions. Instead of the bidding process being handled by staff, it will be handled by PennDOT through its own online Engineering and Construction Management System. That will require a few more design measures be taken prior to bidding. The Borough’s engineer on this project is Keller Engineers. Staff will meet with PennDOT at the end of November to review all grant requirements. Keller will then submit a proposal addressing the cost of the additional work.

J. Administration Committee

1. The 2015 Annual Budget was granted tentative approval last month and was advertised for public inspection. The proposed numbers for each fund are as follows:

	Revenues	Expenditures	Surplus
General Fund Budget	\$1,865,320	\$1,845,630	\$19,690
Water Fund Budget	\$1,555,500	\$1,541,550	\$13,950
Wastewater Fund Budget	\$1,554,800	\$1,522,920	\$31,880
Stormwater Fund Budget	<u>\$130,000</u>	<u>\$130,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Operating Fund	\$5,105,620	\$5,040,100	\$65,520

Ms. Barber made a motion to grant final approval to the 2015 annual budget. (Lutz) Motion passed unanimously.

2. Ms. Jacoby made a motion to grant final approval to Ordinance #615 establishing the real estate tax for 2015. (Barber) Motion passed unanimously.
3. Ms. Jacoby made a motion to adopt Resolution #2014-17 establishing the fees to be charged in 2015 for various purposes. (Houser) Motion passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Lutz made a motion to adopt Resolution #2014-18 establishing wages for borough employees for 2015. (Barber) Motion passed unanimously.

K. General Business

1. Make it a matter of record that the December meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council will be held on Monday, December 15, 2014.
2. Proposed Ordinance #617 was presented and reviewed by Council. The ordinance outlines amendments to the Zoning Ordinance & Zoning District Map, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Council further recommended that Section 21 be rezoned as Multi-Household Residential. Ms. Houser made a motion to schedule a public hearing for proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map for Monday, January 5, 2015. (Barber) Motion passed unanimously.

3. Mayor Datsko & Chief Wyland have recommended adoption of an Ordinance regulating secondhand good dealers, pawn shop brokers and scrap metal dealers. The proposed Ordinance will require said brokers and dealers to conduct businesses at a single location, to maintain a log of all purchases, to submit copies of all receipts to the police department weekly, and to retain all purchases for thirty days. The consensus of the board was that the language needed worked on and that the matter be tabled until the December meeting.

L. Department Reports

1. **Police Department** – Chief Wyland reported on last month’s activities including a significant drug arrest, an update on a recent burglaries and he added that winter parking regulations would begin on December 1st.
2. **Public Works Department** – Mr. Dodson reported on last month’s activities including updates on work done at the water plant, tree planting, Christmas decorations, new parking meter, work completed at the Tennis Center and finishing up the leaf collection. He added that the dumpster for clippings, etc had been removed for the winter.
3. **Community Development** – Ms. Koss reported on last month’s activities including updates on the planning of the Dickens of a Christmas event, promotion of Small Business Saturday and gave a reminder about the upcoming Turkey Trot.
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

- A. Ms. Cernetich asked what the final cost of the sidewalk project would be.
- B. Mr. Fronk asked where the new parking meter was installed.

N. Public Comments – None

O. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Barber made a motion adjourn. (Houser) Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:25 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by:

Danea Koss
Community Development Director