

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, September 23, 2013 at 6:28 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
Terri Illig

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

Absent: Deb Nesbella, Vice President

Audience: 2

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:
(Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously.

1. Approve the minutes of the August 26, 2013 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
2. Approve the Financial Statement.
3. Approve payment of bills.
4. Approve monthly codes enforcement report.
5. Approve the last municipal authority meeting minutes.
6. Grant final approval to the Nulton land development plan, subject to approval by the Ebensburg Zoning Board of variances sought relative to parking.

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

E. **Mayor's Report** – None

F. **Council President Comments** – None

G. **Water/Wastewater Committee**

1. There were no excursions for the month of August 2013 at the wastewater plant. Plant flows averaged .594 mgd.

2. Mr. Kozlovac, Plant Supervisor, provided a verbal report on activities at the wastewater plant during the month which included installation of a new sensor for #3 SBR tank and cleaning of tank #4, sending results of proficiency testing to DEP, and hauling 11.3 dry tons of sludge to the landfill. Mr. Kozlovac reported that wet testing would begin in October and our permit would expire in 2018.

H. Recreation Committee

1. The new swing sets, at all four sites, have been installed.
2. Mr. Illig mentioned that the Recreation Board is recommending that security cameras be installed at the borough pool. Matt Pfeil will research the costs associated with this and report back to Council.

I. Street Committee

1. Ms. Houser made a motion to grant final approval to Ordinance #606 prohibiting grass and weeds in sidewalk surfaces. (Lutz) Motion passed unanimously.
2. Keller Engineers is nearing completion of the design of new sidewalks on West High Street, Rowena Drive and South Center Street. Staff will be scheduling public meetings with the affected property owners in the near future to review the project design and to seek comment.

J. Administration Committee

1. Ms. Barber made a motion to: adopt the minimum municipal obligation (MMO) calculation for the uniformed pension plan in the amount of \$88,147; adopt the minimum municipal obligation (MMO) calculation for the non-uniformed pension plan in the amount of \$77,474; adopt Resolution #2013-13 continuing the employee contribution rate of 3% for the non-uniformed pension plan for 2014; adopt Resolution #2013-14 continuing the employee contribution rate of 7% for the uniformed pension plan for 2014, and adopt Resolution #2013-15 authorizing distribution of the State aid check to the respective employee pension plans. (Lutz) Motion passed unanimously.
2. The manager is preparing preliminary budget numbers, and the administrative committee will compile a tentative budget for Council's review at the October meeting. Final adoption is expected at the November Council meeting.
3. Mr. Lutz made a motion to adopt Resolution #2013-16 appointing Wessel & Company as auditor for 2013. (Barber) Motion passed unanimously.

K. General Business

1. Mr. Lutz made a motion to grant final approval to Ordinance #607, replacing the garage sale ordinance. (Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously.
2. Mr. Kuhar made a motion to renew the Cable System Franchise Agreement with Comcast for cable service, and a side agreement providing free Internet service at the municipal building. (Barber) Motion passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Lutz made a motion to make it a matter of record that The Bureau of Aviation has approved a grant for obstruction removal at the airport and that a contract, in the amount of \$151,920.00, will be awarded to HRI, Inc.

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| Lutz | Yes | Barber | Yes | |
| Kuhar | Yes | Houser | Yes | |
| Tusing | Yes | Illig | No | Motion passed. |

Mr. Illig asked that staff request a financial report from RACRA to be presented to Council and that a representative is invited to a Q&A session at the next Council meeting.

4. Mr. Illig made a motion to award a contract to Schichtel's Nursery in the amount of \$1,880.00 for the purchase of street trees. (Barber) Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Kuhar asked if the trees were replaced with the same kind of trees. Mr. Penatzer stated that in most areas they were.
5. Mr. Penatzer informed Council that the new "Welcome to Ebensburg" sign has been landscaped. The American Legion has agreed to fund construction of a third welcome sign along the Route 422 entrance to Ebensburg. The project will be budgeted in spring 2014. Mr. Lutz asked where the new sign would be located. Mr. Penatzer said it would be located near the Ebensburg Bike Shop on the Bishop Carroll side. The borough would like to construct two more signs on N. Center Street by the Central Cambria Middle School and on S. Center Street near Ebensburg Agway.

L. Department Reports

1. **Police Department** – Chief Wyland reported on last month's activities and included that all certifications had been completed. He also noted that they are still receiving complaints about the traffic in town.
2. **Public Works Department** - Mr. Dodson reported on last month's activities including a visit from the DEP, water main repair in S&P Estates, completed storm drain repair on W. Lloyd Street, tire clean-up from W. Caroline Street, and replacing shingles on Cherry Street house.
3. **Community Development**
Ms. Koss reported on the community development department activities during the last month including wrap-up of the Farmer's Market, distribution of the EMSP E-Newsletter, update on the DCED Façade Improvement Grant application and updates on PotatoFest and Dickens.
4. **Recreation Department**
Mr. Pfeil reported on last month's activities including work on the basketball league program and having more teams signed up than ever before, work on the Future Champions Programs which has an increased registration over last year, as well as winterization of the pool. Mr. Lutz asked when the pool closed and Mr. Pfeil reported that it was the weekend of September 14th. Mr. Lutz asked for a copy of the operating budget for the pool and was told that it would be included in the budget analysis for review at the October meeting.

M. Media Comments/Questions

1. Kelly Cernetich, from The Altoona Mirror, introduced herself as Zach Geiger's replacement and asked who would be taking responsibility for the flooding issue at Candlelight Drive and whether or not the borough would be working with the township and other involved parties on a resolution.

2. Rachel Vasilko, from The Mountaineer Herald, introduced herself as Ian Wissinger's replacement and asked where the new playground equipment is located.

N. Public Comments - None

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:19 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by:

Danea Koss
Community Development Director