

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, February 26, 2018 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  
John Cobaugh  
Theresa Jacoby  
Scot May  
Cecilia Houser  
Dave Kuhar

Others: Randy Datsko, Mayor  
Terry Wyland, Chief of Police  
Daniel Penatzer, Borough Manager  
Blair Pawlowski, Solicitor  
Danea Koss, Community Development Director  
Dirk Johnson, Recreation Director  
Mark Wirfel, Inframark  
Josh Byers, The Mountaineer-Herald  
Jocelyn Brumbaugh, The Tribune Democrat  
Sean Sauro, The Altoona Mirror  
Stephanie Stohon, Wessel & Co.  
Megan Freidhof, Wessel & Co.

Audience: 10

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. **Public Comments** – Mr. Tusing welcomed meeting attendees and announced that the meeting was being recorded.

C. **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Barber made a motion to approve the consent agenda containing the following items. (Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously.

1. Approve the minutes of the January 22, 2018 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
2. Approve the Financial Statement and quarterly transfers.
3. Approve payment of the bills.

D. **Appointment to Address Council**

1. **Mountain Laurel Trout Unlimited**

Mr. Butch Kerchenske from Mountain Laurel Trout Unlimited spoke to Council regarding a stream bank stabilization and habitat project that was already completed in Howells Run behind Dr. Morris' office, and a second like project that's planned upstream near the Little League Field.

Mr. Cobaugh made a motion to grant Mountain Laurel Chapter of Trout Unlimited permission to access the stream and use of the borough-owned parking lot to complete the stream bank stabilization project. (Houser) Motion passed unanimously.

2. **2017 Audit**

Stephanie Stohon and Megan Freidhof from Wessel & Company gave an overview of the borough's 2017 audit review. They distributed a copy of financial statements and an executive summary report.

3. **Dauntless Fire Company**

Ron Springer and Mike Sheehan from Dauntless Fire Company gave several updates on the department's activities including pursuit of an Assistance to Firefighters Grant to purchase a new rescue engine and completion of heavy rescue certification, one of only two departments in the County to have this designation. Mr. Springer also noted that the department is compliant with all child abuse and criminal background checks, has recently completed its annual audit with Wessel & Company and completed 291 alarms last year.

E. **Mayor's Report** – None.

F. **Council President** – None.

G. **Water/Wastewater Committee**

Mr. Mark Wirfel, plant supervisor, provided a written report of plant activities which included 33 million gallons of clean water returned to Howells Run, 15 tons of sludge sent to landfill, and no excursions for the month of January.

1. **Wastewater Project Update** – The project is expected to get underway in April.

2. **Wastewater Project Easements** – Condemnation proceedings were filed on February 9<sup>th</sup> for approximately 50 easements out of the 300 that were required for the project. 20 have since been secured.

H. **Recreation Committee**

1. **Joint Meeting with Recreation Board**

Council's recreation committee met with the recreation board on February 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss The possibility of an expansion of the YPCC. The Board will compile a more comprehensive proposal for Council's future consideration.

2. **Recreation Facility Roofs**

Mr. Penatzer reported that there is a significant amount of water leaking from the ceilings at the YPCC and the tennis center. It appears there is a roof insulation vapor barrier at the ceiling that is compromised. Rather than replace the roof, there is a more cost-effective

retrofit option available that would include the additional of new insulated panels. This solution would both solve the condensation problem, it would also reduce heating costs, brighten the playing surfaces and reduce noise levels. The consensus of Council is for staff to proceed with putting specifications together for bidding.

**I. Street Committee – None.**

**J. Administration Committee**

**1. Full-time Police Position**

Ms. Barber reported that the administration committee is awaiting completion of required paperwork and expects to have a recommendation at next month's meeting.

**2. Drug Task Force Ordinance**

Ms. Barber reported that the Cambria County Drug Task Force was heretofore administered by the Cambria County District Attorney's office and is now being administered by the Pennsylvania Attorney General. A new intergovernmental agreement dated January 18, 2018 has been approved by the Solicitor. Intergovernmental agreements require an Ordinance for adoption, and Ordinance #641 is proposed.

Ms. Barber made a motion to approve Ordinance #641, adopting an intergovernmental agreement for the Drug Task Force, and advertise for public inspection. (Cobaugh)  
Motion passed unanimously.

**K. General Business**

**1. Fair Districts PA**

Mr. Tusing reported that at last month's meeting Mr. Kane presented Council with information last month concerning Fair Districts, PA, a non-partisan organization working to support the creation of fair voting districts that are drawn by a citizens committee as opposed to the current system where the party in power "gerrymanders" districts for political advantage.

Mr. Kuhar made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-01 in support of a citizens' commission for legislative and congressional redistricting. Roll call was taken.

Houser	Yes	Tusing	No	Jacoby	Yes
May	Yes	Cobaugh	Yes		
Barber	Yes	Kuhar	Yes		Motion passed.

**2. Code of Ethics**

Council first adopted a Code of Ethics in August 2009. It is applicable to all elected and appointed officials. Residents expect responsible, fair and honest officials, and compliance with this Code assists all of the borough's officials and employees in

satisfying that goal. Since its original adoption, there are four new Council members and Mayor, several new members on board and commissions and several new employees. The Code of Ethics should be reaffirmed.

Ms. Barber made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-03 adopting Borough Council Protocols. (Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously.

**L. Department Reports**

1. **Police Department** – Chief Wyland reported that Officer Justin Kreutzberger completed his last shift on Sunday and he will start the State Police Academy on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Public Works Department** – None.
3. **Community Development Department**  
Ms. Koss reported on last month's activities including approval by the Main Street Partnership board to fund a fire ring and gathering area at Lake Rowena. The partnership will work with local resident Dan Kline and the public works department to complete the project. Updates on Art in Bloom and the upcoming member happy hour on March 15<sup>th</sup> were also given.
4. **Recreation Department** – Mr. Johnson reported on last month's activities including updates on Jamie Taylor speaking with the Rotary Club to promote the Tennis Center and that all of the local colleges (SFU, IUP, UPJ and Mount Aloysius) and several local and regional High Schools (Central Cambria, Windber, Shanksville & Dubois) will be using the center for matches and practice time.
5. **Ebensburg Planning Commission** – None.
6. **Ebensburg Zoning Board** – None.

**M. Media Comments/Questions** – None.

**N. Public Comments** – None.

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

The administrative committee entered into a meeting upon adjournment.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:42 PM

Minutes Recorded by: Danae Koss, Community Development Director