

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, March 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

Audience: 4

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. **Public Comments** – None.

C. **Consent Agenda**

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

1. Approve the minutes of the February 26, 2018 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
2. Approve the Financial Statement and quarterly transfers.
3. Approve payment of the bills with one abstention from Ms. Barber on amount owed to Barber Oil Company.

D. **Appointment to Address Council** – Mr. Tusing introduced Officer Greg Huber who was selected as the new full-time police officer. Staff is still awaiting required paperwork and Officer Huber will be sworn in at a later date.

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 50 million gallons of clean water returned to Howells Run, 12.5 tons of sludge sent to landfill, and no excursions for the month of February. Mr. Wirfel also discouraged restaurants from putting oil and grease down the drain.

Mr. Tusing noted that the signing of easements for the Municipal Authority has progressed and only a handful remain unsigned. Staff will continue with eminent domain proceedings on the unsigned property easements.

H. Recreation Committee – None.

I. Street Committee

1. Cherry Street Stop Sign

Mr. Cobaugh reported that the section of S. Cherry Street south of Prave Street was ordained by Ordinance #642, adding a stop sign northbound at that intersection. Ordinance #642 is proposed to correct that oversight.

Mr. Cobaugh made a motion to grant tentative approval to Ordinance #642, adding a stop intersection on South Cherry Street at Prave Street, and advertise for public inspection. (Jacoby) Motion passed unanimously.

2. Traffic Signals

Ms. Houser reported that PennDOT is upgrading the traffic signals on High Street at Ben Franklin Highway and at Center Street. The signals belong to PennDOT, but local municipalities are responsible for maintaining them. Due to the upgrade, it is necessary to renew the maintenance agreement for each signal.

Ms. Houser made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-04 approving the maintenance agreement with PennDOT for the traffic signal on West High Street at Ben Franklin Hwy. (Barber) Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Houser made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-05 approving the maintenance agreement with PennDOT for the traffic signal on West High Street at Center Street. (Barber) Motion passed unanimously.

J. Administration Committee

1. Full-time Police Position

Ms. Barber reported that, following an extensive Civil Service testing procedure, the administrative committee recommends that Greg Huber be selected as the new full-time police officer. She added that all pre-employment requirements have been satisfied, with the exception of the psychological evaluation. Officer Huber will be sworn in by Mayor

Datsko at a later date.

Ms. Barber made a motion to hire Greg Huber as full-time police officer, effective 4/9/18. (Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously.

2. Drug Task Force Ordinance

Ms. Jacoby reported that the Cambria County Drug Task Force was heretofore administered by the Cambria County District Attorney's office. It is now being administered by the Pennsylvania Attorney General. A new intergovernmental agreement, dated January 1, 2018 has been approved by the Solicitor. Intergovernmental agreements require an Ordinance for adoption. Ordinance #641 was granted tentative approval last month, has been advertised and is ready for final adoption.

Ms. Jacoby made a motion to grant final approval to Ordinance #641, adopting an intergovernmental agreement for the Drug Task Force. (Cobaugh) Motion passed unanimously.

3. Summer Applications

Mr. Kuhar reported that all summer applications have been advertised and were due today. The department heads will review those applications and make recommendations.

K. General Business

1. Future Sidewalk Project

Mr. Penatzer shared a proposal for completion of new curb and sidewalks on various streets, following the sewer project.

The consensus of Council is to have the Streets Committee review where sidewalks are required by Ordinance, make any necessary adjustments and proceed with the Request for Proposals process.

2. Engineering Request for Proposals (RFP)

Mr. Penatzer shared that a request for proposals for airport engineering services would be undertaken every five years and that the Borough last did so in 2013. Staff recommends that a new RFP for consulting engineering services for the Borough be issued, and that design and engineering for the airport be included in it.

The consensus of Council is to hold off on issuing an RFP for engineering services until a decision is made on whether or not to proceed with the sidewalk project.

L. Department Reports

- 1. Police Department** – Chief Wyland reported on last month's activities and thanked Council for hiring another full-time police officer.

2. **Public Works Department** – Mr. Evans reported on last month’s activities including snow plowing, sewer problems and repairs to mains and the yard waste dumpster going in at Babcock.
3. **Community Development Department**
Ms. Koss reported on last month’s activities including update on the member networking event held on March 15th, upcoming event plans for Art in Bloom and a new edition of the E-newsletter going out the first week of April.
4. **Recreation Department** – Mr. Johnson reported on last month’s activities including a report from the Tennis Center, a new exercise class with Richard Mahoney, closing the pool on April 30th and a new Basketball Breakfast Club with Jill McConnell.
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. Cobaugh made a motion to adjourn. (Jacoby) Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:07 PM

Minutes Recorded by: Danae Koss, Community Development Director