

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, April 23, 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  
Jeff Evans, Public Works Director  
Danea Koss, Community Development Director  
Dirk Johnson, Recreation Director  
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**

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

1. Approve the minutes of the March 23, 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** – None.

E. **Mayor's Report** – None.

F. **Council President**

Mr. Tusing reported that Spring Clean-Up will be Thursday & Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> and that details of what will not be accepted can be found on the borough website. He added that the yard waste dumpster has been placed at the former Babcock Lumber site on West Street, now owned by the borough, and that key fobs are required for access. Borough residents may

purchase a fob in the borough office for \$5.00 and must abide by the rules in place for use of the dumpster.

**G. Water/Wastewater Committee**

**1. Report from Inframark on Wastewater Plant Operations**

Mr. Mark Wirfel, plant supervisor, provided a written report of plant activities which included 36 million gallons of clean water returned to Howells Run, 21.5 tons of sludge sent to landfill, and no excursions for the month of March.

**2. Water Project**

Mr. Kuhar reported that the PENNVEST loan closing was completed on April 19<sup>th</sup> and that a pre-construction meeting for all parties is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>. A meeting with all affected utilities will be held April 30<sup>th</sup>. The contractor, Sippel Development, is scheduled to begin work on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**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 #621. A stop sign northbound at that intersection was never added. Ordinance #642 is proposed to correct that oversight.

Mr. Cobaugh made a motion to grant final approval to Ordinance #642, adding a stop intersection on South Cherry Street at Prave Street. (Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Sidewalk Ordinance**

Ms. Houser reported that the Street Committee was asked to review the list of street segments in the Ordinance where sidewalks are and are not required. The area of the proposed project was toured, and an amendment is recommended to the ordinance.

The current requirement for sidewalks on both sides of East Horner, East Crawford and East Sample Street is amended. To the east of Caroline Street, sidewalks need only be provided on the north side of East Horner Street, the south side of East Crawford Street, and the south side of East Sample Street.

The need for sidewalks on the west side of North Caroline Street between Sample Street and Highland Avenue is eliminated. The need for any sidewalks at all north of Highland Avenue is eliminated.

Required sidewalks are added on South Caroline Street between High Street and Ogle Street (East End Playground) on the east side only.

Ms. Houser made a motion to grant tentative approval to Ordinance #643, amending where sidewalks are required on certain segments of streets. (Kuhar) Roll call was taken:

Kuhar	Yes	Houser	Yes
Cobaugh	Yes	May	No
Jacoby	Yes	Barber	Yes
Tusing	Yes		

Motion passed.

### 3. Sidewalk Project

Ms. Houser reported that it was the consensus of Council to issue a Request for Proposals for design of a sidewalk project, pending a final determination of which street segments were to be included. With amendments proposed in Ordinance #643, the project will involve 7,314 SY of sidewalk and 24,734 LF of curb.

Ms. Houser made a motion to approve issuing an RFP for sidewalk design, reflecting any changes proposed in Ordinance #643. (Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously.

## J. Administration Committee

### 1. Summer Applications

Ms. Barber reported that applications for the summer positions were due on March 27<sup>th</sup> and staff has reviewed those. The following were hired for the various maintenance-related positions:

#### Summer Maintenance

Dontae O'Neal	Manor Drive	2 <sup>nd</sup> yr.
Thomas Swope	Emerald Drive	1 <sup>st</sup> yr.
Evan Becquet	New Germany Road	1 <sup>st</sup> yr.

#### Summer Public Works

None

#### Recreation

Hunter Kish	Park Street	1 <sup>st</sup> yr.
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#### Landscaping

Nicholas Burkhart	North West Street	1 <sup>st</sup> yr.
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#### Administration

Laura Rocus	Gallitzin	1 <sup>st</sup> yr.
Harrison Brumbaugh	Mundys Corner	1 <sup>st</sup> yr.

Office Assistant

Cassidy Zemrose                      2120 Brick Road                      1<sup>st</sup> yr.

Swimming Pool Manager

Jordan Johnson                      East Highland Avenue                      6<sup>th</sup> yr.

Head Lifeguard

Vincent Drapela                      Winterset Road                      3<sup>rd</sup> yr.

Lifeguards

Madyson Simmers                      Vetera Road                      5<sup>th</sup> yr.

Zander Johnson                      East Highland Avenue                      4<sup>th</sup> yr.

Megan Orange                      Tibbott Street                      3<sup>rd</sup> yr.

Cassidy Gelormino                      South Phaney Street                      3<sup>rd</sup> yr.

Samuel Swope                      Emerald Drive                      2<sup>nd</sup> yr.

Allyson Simmers                      Vetera Road                      2<sup>nd</sup> yr.

Christina Hildebrand                      Revloc                      2<sup>nd</sup> yr.

Serena Koss                      Truman Street                      2<sup>nd</sup> yr.

Liz Bopp                      Winterset Road                      2<sup>nd</sup> yr.

Nolan Johnson                      East Highland Avenue                      1<sup>st</sup> yr.

Ian Swope                      Portage                      1<sup>st</sup> yr.

Jaylee Sikora                      Lou's Road                      1<sup>st</sup> yr.

Trevor Tarwater                      Mountain Estates Rd                      1<sup>st</sup> yr.

Carson Long                      123 North West Street                      1<sup>st</sup> yr.

Caleb Sand                      Benshoff Hill Road                      1<sup>st</sup> yr.

Pending certification:

Sydney Cannonie                      Lilly                      1<sup>st</sup> yr.

Patricia Sheredy                      Hastings                      1<sup>st</sup> yr.

Concessions

Leah Bracken                      North Spruce Street                      1<sup>st</sup> yr.

Meghan Sapp                      West Crawford Street                      1<sup>st</sup> yr.

Caelyn Kim                      North West Street                      1<sup>st</sup> yr.

Ms. Barber made it a matter of record that the persons listed above have been hired to the respective positions in summer maintenance, recreation, administration, office assistant, landscaping, lifeguards and concessions at the rate of \$8.50/hr. (Houser) Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Barber made it a matter of record that the persons listed above have been hired as Pool Manager and Head Lifeguard at the rate of \$12.50/hr. and \$9.50/hr., respectively. (Houser) Motion passed unanimously.

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Ms. Barber made it a matter of record that Ronald Springer has been hired as landscaper at the rate of \$9.50/hr. (Jacoby) Motion passed unanimously.

#### **K. General Business**

##### **1. Engineering Request for Proposals (RFP)**

Mr. Penatzer shared that a request for proposals for airport engineering services should 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.

Ms. Barber made a motion to advertise a Request for Proposals for engineering services for the Borough, to be done at same time as above sidewalk RFP. (Jacoby) Motion passed unanimously.

##### **2. Berleue Property**

Mr. Penatzer reported that Council previously considered the purchase of property at 209 E. Ogle Street, and authorized the submission of a bid at a judicial sale. The dilapidated house is a safety concern. The property was purchased by a private bidder at the sale, and that sale has since been set aside by the Court. The borough has been invited to again submit the minimum bid of \$1,846 to purchase the property.

Ms. Barber made a motion to, with the approval of the Borough Solicitor, approve the purchase of property situated at 209 East Ogle Street, and submit an application to Cambria County for Act 152 funding for demolition. (Jacoby) Motion passed unanimously.

#### **L. Department Reports**

1. **Police Department** – Chief Wyland reported on last month's activities and reminded everyone to watch for kids on bikes. He noted that they are participating in the bicycle helmet program, and added that the cruiser has been repaired and Officer Huber is now on staff.

2. **Public Works Department** – Mr. Evans reported on last month's activities including spring clean-up work, sewer projects in Mylo Park and Adams Avenue.

##### **3. Community Development Department**

Ms. Koss reported on last month's activities including Art in Bloom coming up this weekend, a Family Fishing Festival planned by the PA Fish a& Boat Commission on May 12<sup>th</sup> and the Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony preparation on May 28<sup>th</sup>. She added that the Memorial Day holiday will push the next Council meeting to May 21<sup>st</sup>.

4. **Recreation Department** – Mr. Johnson reported on last month’s activities including an update on Tennis Center receiving two grants which will cover the cost of the wind screens, the Soccer Shots program, the YPCC Golf Outing on June 15<sup>th</sup> and the Borough Pool opening on May 26<sup>th</sup>.
5. **Ebensburg Planning Commission** – None.
6. **Ebensburg Zoning Board** – The Zoning Board granted a variance and special exception at 416 South Center Street to Randy Seymour. Mr. Seymour intends to convert an existing light industrial use space to professional offices and retail space. The subject property is zoned Multi-Household Residential, requiring a special exception for professional offices and a variance for retail.

**M. Media Comments/Questions**

Mr. Sean Sauro from the Altoona Mirror asked if the borough was requiring under slab work and if the borough would be covering the laterals. He also asked how long the sewer project will take.

**N. Public Comments**

Mr. Bob Lucas, Locust Street, asked if there would be any tree removal during the sidewalk project.

Mr. Bill Link, N. Spruce Street asked when he would know if the sewer line would be coming down his street.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:22 PM

Minutes Recorded by: Danae Koss, Community Development Director