

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, January 22, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ebensburg Municipal Building, 300 W. High Street, Ebensburg, by Council President Deborah Nesbella.

Present: Deborah Nesbella, President
Thomas Bortel, Vice President
Terry Illig
Joseph Miller
Doug Tusing
Karen Fugini
Donald Cessna
Kristin Bowman, Junior Councilor

Others: Daniel Penatzer, Borough Manager
Charles E. Moyer, Mayor
Jeff Evans, Maintenance Supervisor
Blair Pawlowski, Solicitor
Dave Roberts, Police Chief
Bernie Kozlovac, Plant Manager
Suzanne McCombie, Mountaineer Herald
Dave Hurst, Altoona Mirror
Susan Evans, Tribune Democrat

Absent: Matt Pfeil, Recreation Director
Christine Strugala, Community Development Director

Audience: 6

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. **Public Comments** – None

3. **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Fugini made a motion to approve the consent agenda containing the following items.
(Miller) Motion passes unanimously.

- A. Approve minutes of the regular meeting of December 18, 2006.
- B. Update on the Centrifuge and Collection System at the wastewater plant.
- C. Update on the wastewater treatment plant upgrade.
- D. Completion of annual inspections of borough reservoirs.
- E. Update of Lake Rowena Project.
- F. Update of Tennis Center Project.
- G. Approve retirement of Bill Leary Sr. effective March 2, 2007.
- H. Approve transfer of Tim Frank from temporary to permanent full-time employment effective 3/2/07.
- I. Receipt of Codes Enforcement monthly report.
- J. Receipt of Municipal Authority minutes.

- K. Zoning Board approved special exception for Mary Ann Adams, 735 N. Beech Street to operate a home dog grooming business.
- L. Receipt of Central Cambria Coalition monthly minutes.
- M. Next meeting is Thursday, February 8th at 9:00 a.m. at the Cambria Township office.
- N. Approve Financial Statement & Fund Transfers
- O. Approve payment of bills.

4. Appointments To Address Council

Pat Magley, Chairwoman of the Ebensburg Truck Commission updated Council on efforts to reduce truck traffic in the downtown.

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Moyer presented the police report, noting that more warnings were issued during the mild weather to alert residents to the winter parking ordinance.

6. Council President - None

7. Junior Councilor's Report

Ms. Bowman reported that she will soon have a report on a project with the school civic classes.

8. Water/Wastewater Committee

- A. A copy of Severn Trent's monthly operations report was distributed. There were no excursions during the month from permit limits.
- B. Mr. Kozlovac noted that the plant may be in the running for an Operation and Maintenance Excellence Award.

9. Recreation Committee – no report

10. Street Committee

- A. Ms. Fugini reported that bids were opened for the West Highland Avenue Sidewalk Project on January 5th and are as follows:

CH& D Enterprises, New Stanton	\$438,997.60
Gordon Delozier, Inc., Hollidaysburg	\$501,450.00
Straw Construction, Boswell	\$514,141.02
HRI Incorporated, State College	\$519,909.00

The estimated cost for the project was \$510,000. It is to be funded with a Safe Routes To School grant of \$430,000 and property owner contributions.

Ms. Fugini made a motion to authorize the award of a contract in the amount of \$438,997.60 to CH&D Enterprises, subject to approval of PennDOT. (Illig) Motion passes unanimously.

11. Administration Committee

- A. Following a brief discussion regarding the Tennis Center, Mr. Cessna made a motion to name the following to a selection committee to recommend a tennis pro for hire: Csaba Balazs, Vicki Askew, Deb Nesbella, Dominic Peruso, Matt Pfeil and Karen Fugini (Illig) Motion passes unanimously.

12. Old Business

- A. Mr. Bortel made a motion to grant final approval to Ordinance #542 authorizing the Commonwealth to collect delinquent Realty Transfer Tax and imposing an interest rate. (Miller) Motion passes unanimously.
- B. Mr. Pawlowski reported that he is looking further into the request by Joe Lehman for a refund of a \$20,000 deposit made on the KOZ property after attempts have failed to develop the property. Following a discussion regarding the KOZ site, Mr. Miller made a motion to table any action on the KOZ. (Cessna) Motion passes unanimously.
- C. Mr. Cessna made a motion to adopt Resolution #2007-01 authorizing an application to DCED for a grant in the amount of \$245,000 for the Downtown Revitalization Project. (Illig) Motion passes unanimously.

13. New Business

- A. Mr. Cessna made a motion to appoint Melissa Garrity to a 5-year term on the Ebensburg Area Business Commission, expires 12/2011. (Fugini) Motion passes unanimously.
- B. Mr. Cessna made a motion to appoint Brian Shrift to a 5-year term on the Ebensburg Area Business Commission previously held by Roni O'Donnell, expires 12/2008. (Fugini) Motion passes unanimously.
- C. The Cambria County Department of Emergency Services has been utilizing a hangar at the airport on a temporary basis. They had hoped to acquire grant/loan funding to construct a new storage building near Laurel Crest Manor, but that is no longer favored due to the county's bond rating. They believe that they can utilize the same grant funding, approximately \$100,000, to make repairs to the hangar. The grant will likely require continued use for a twenty-year period. Following a brief discussion Mr. Cessna made a motion to table any action until Mr. Springer or another representative can be present at a council meeting. (Illig) Motion passes unanimously.
- D. Mr. Tusing reported a meeting held January 18th with borough and township representatives, along with landowners and development officials to discuss future improvements to Route #22 west of Ebensburg and future development projects with PennDOT. A comprehensive traffic study is planned to determine what highway improvements will be needed to accommodate planned projects. The study should cost approximately \$55,000-\$65,000. Cambria Township is expected to contribute \$5,000 to \$10,000 and the county will match any private development money. Mr. Tusing made a motion to grant approval for Ebensburg Borough to participate in the engineering study by the Industrial Development Corp. in an amount equal to 50% of the Township's contribution, or \$5,000, whichever is less. (Cessna) Motion passes unanimously. Mr. Tusing will act as the borough representative.

- E. Ms. Fugini made a motion to approve the following: (Bortel) Motion passes unanimously.
1. Attendance of Manager at Pennsylvania Municipal Managers Conference on May 22-23 in York.
 2. Attendance of Mayor and Council a PSAB Spring Conference on March 18-20 in Grantville.
 3. Attendance of Manager at Pennsylvania Municipal Managers Development Conference on February 21-23 at Nemaquin.

14. Department Reports

A. Police

Chief Roberts reported that the police and borough crews are in radio contact for communication regarding winter parking.

B. Public Works

Mr. Evans reported the following:

1. The reservoir is down less than three feet.
2. He attended training class regarding water testing.
3. The water plant will have a performance evaluation Tuesday and Wednesday.

C. Community Development

A written report was distributed.

D. Recreation

A written monthly report was distributed.

15. Press Conference - None

16. Residents' Comments -- None

There being no further business, Mr. Cessna made the motion to adjourn. (Illig) Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by:

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