

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, August 22, 2016 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  
Joe Miller  
Cecilia Houser

Absent: Dave Kuhar  
Theresa Jacoby

Others: Daniel Penatzer, Borough Manager  
Randy Datsko, Mayor  
Terry Wyland, Chief of Police  
Jeff Evans, Public Works Director  
Danea Koss, Community Development Director  
Bernie Kozlovac, Plant Supervisor  
Blair Pawlowski, Solicitor  
Josh Byers, Mountaineer-Herald  
Kelly Cernetich, Altoona Mirror  
Jocelyn Brumbaugh, Tribune Democrat

Audience: 4

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. **Public Comments** –Mr. Tusing announced that the meeting would be recorded.

C. **Consent Agenda**

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

1. Approve the minutes of the July 25, 2016 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
2. Approve the Financial Statement.
3. Approve payment of the bills.

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

E. **Mayor's Report** – Mayor Datsko announced that he and Chief Wyland would be working together to develop and deliver a bicycle safety program.

F. **Council President** – None.

**G. Water/Wastewater Committee**

1. There were no excursions for the month of July 2016 at the wastewater plant. Plant flows averaged 0.404 mgd. Mr. Kozlovac gave an update on projects happening at the plant.
2. **Ordinance for Wastewater Pressure Testing** - Ms. Houser reviewed Ordinance #631 which imposes the requirements for pressure testing prior to connection or reconnection and prior to sale of property. The Ordinance has been forwarded to Cambria Township for adoption and does not become effective until January 1, 2017. Ms. Houser made a motion to grant tentative approval to Ordinance #631 and advertise for public inspection. (Cobaugh) Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Beech Street Stormwater Project** - The Borough continues to wait on DEP to approve the permit for the Beech Street stormwater project. The Corp of Engineers issued their permit on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Since June 20<sup>th</sup>, DEP staff have stated repeatedly that our permit is next in line. On August 9<sup>th</sup>, borough staff asked Representative Burns to contact DEP to see if they could move the permit along. DEP indicated that the permit should be released in the next few weeks.

**H. Recreation Committee – None.**

**I. Street Committee**

1. **Handicap Parking Space** – Mr. Miller reported that a request has been made by Michael Peduzzi of 704 W. Lloyd Street to install a handicap parking sign in front of his residence. Our policy allows for this as long as certain conditions are met. Mr. Miller made a motion to authorize the installation of a handicap parking sign at 704 West Lloyd Street. (Cobaugh) Motion passed unanimously.
2. **PennDOT Paving Project** – New Enterprise has begun work on milling and resurfacing of all State roads with Ebensburg Borough. The project will continue through at least week. The project schedule for the week of August 22 – 26 was included in the agenda.

**J. Administration Committee**

1. **Public Works Vacancies** – Ms. Barber informed Council that two vacancies exist in the public works department. The position was advertised and received 26 applications. Ten of those applicants were interviewed. Ms. Barber made a motion to hire Joshua Surkovich as full-time Public Works Laborer I, effective 8/21/16, at rate of \$15.08/hr. (Houser) Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Barber made a motion to hire Kyle Smiley as full-time Public Works Laborer I, effective 8/21/16, at rate of \$15.08/hr. (Miller) Motion passed unanimous.

**K. General Business**

1. **Prison Project** - Mr. Penatzer shared an update on a meeting of all stakeholders in the prison project that took place on August 5<sup>th</sup>. All parties agree that the best option for moving forward is for the county to find an alternative site for the storage of records, and to transfer the entire property for development. A follow-up meeting has been planned for September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**L. Department Reports**

**1. Police Department**

Chief Wyland provided a written report on last month's activities and reported that the new tasers have been received and that the cruiser is going in for repair. He reminded everyone that school is back in session and to please watch and stop for buses.

**2. Public Works Department**

Mr. Evans reported on last month's activities of staff maintenance including the reservoir project, an update on the DAF parts, discussions with Severn Trent on the new SCADA software and he added that another water notice will be going out to all customers.

**3. Community Development Department**

Ms. Koss reported on last month's activities including the small business walking tour with Congressman Rothfus, a reminder about Volunteer Appreciation Night and last concert. She added that she's working with a reporter from the Daily American on the upcoming Ebensburg Magazine and she added that two cache sites have been approved in Ebensburg as part of the Cambria County Geotrail – one at Veteran's Memorial Park and on the Ghost Town Trail.

**4. Recreation Department** – Ms. Kemock reported on last month's activities including the success of the recent Movie Night at the pool and Ebensburg Beer & Wine 5k. She added that she is planning a "Touch-a-Truck" event at the YPCC for September 18<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Kemock added that the Tennis Center had a good turn out for their free tennis day during Homecoming.

**5. Planning Commission** – None.

**6. Ebensburg Zoning Board** – None.

**M. Media Comments/Questions** – Ms. Cernetich said that she talked to the Commissioners and their deadline is March/April timeline. She asked if the borough is ok with that.

Mr. Jerry McMullen commented on how great the Concerts in the Park have been this year. He thanked the group responsible for making those happen and the sponsors who support them.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 6:57 PM

Minutes Recorded by:

Danea Koss, Community Development Director