

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, June 27, 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  
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  
Samantha Kemock, Recreation Director  
Bernie Kozlovac, Plant Supervisor  
Blair Pawlowski, Solicitor  
Josh Byers, Mountaineer-Herald  
Kelly Cernetich, Altoona Mirror  
Jocelyn Brumbaugh, Tribune Democrat

Audience: 9

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. **Public Comments** –Mr. Tusing welcomed and thanked the Boy Scouts for coming to the meeting. He also 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. Hire Cassandra Gabrielson as lifeguard, and Rose Hensel and Krista Berzonski as YPCC assistants, all at the rate of \$8.50/hr.
2. Approve the minutes of the May 23, 2016 regular monthly meeting of Borough Council.
3. Approve the Financial Statement.
4. Approve payment of the bills.

D. **Appointment to Address Council** – Ms. Jacoby introduced and thanked Boy Scout Troop 98 for coming to the meeting and shared that they are working on their rank advancements and merit badges.

**E. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Datsko stated that 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend is approaching and reminded everyone not to drink and drive and also to stop for folks in the crosswalk.

**F. Council President – None.**

**G. Water/Wastewater Committee**

1. There were no excursions for the month of May 2016 at the wastewater plant. Plant flows averaged 0.844 mgd.

**2. Wastewater Project**

Mr. Penatzer gave an overview of the upcoming wastewater project including an update from the public meetings, revisions to the Wastewater rules & regulations, finalizing the new Wastewater Ordinance #631, which will repeal the current Ordinance #558 and approval by the Municipal Authority of an engineering agreement with Stiffler-McGraw for design of the wastewater project.

**3. Reservoir Drainage Structure**

Mr. Evans explained work recently completed to replace 20" drain line at the water treatment plant, evaluation of the drainage structure and measures being take to determine what work will be required to the drainage structure.

**4. Disinfection Byproducts**

The Municipal Authority considered a \$120,000 proposal to install removal equipment in the Ogden Road water storage tank for the removal of disinfection byproducts, HAA5 and TTHM. Staff will continue water testing and monitoring to evaluate recent changes at the Johnstown Water Authority. If the changes haven't taken care of the problem, staff will have to install the removal equipment in order to ensure high water quality.

**H. Recreation Committee**

1. **Middle School Field** - Mr. Penatzer reviewed a proposal that was addressed at the May Council meeting from Joe Sinclair of Central Commons, LLC for the borough to consider leasing the recreational field located on N. Center Street. After review of several areas of concern outlined in the agenda, the consensus of Council was to decline the offer.

2. **Trail Signage** – Allegheny Ridge Corporation (ARCorp) is involved in economic development, historic preservation, outdoor recreation, and environmental conservation.

On behalf of Ebensburg and Saltsburg boroughs, ARCorp has obtained a DCNR grant through Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission to improve signage linking trails in each town with their business district. As the two towns are combined in a single funding application, the Commonwealth Financing Authority is requiring a cooperative agreement between the towns and ARCorp. The match for this grant is 50/50, or about \$1,500.00

Ms. Jacoby made a motion to approve the cooperative agreement between Ebensburg Borough, Saltsburg Borough and ARCorp for funding a trail signage project. (Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously.

**I. Street Committee**

**1. West Street/Lovell Avenue Intersection**

Mr. Miller made a motion to grant final approval to Ordinance #629 establishing a stop intersection on the northbound West Street at Lovell Avenue. (Barber) Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Full-Width Lane Paving**

Mr. Miller made a motion to grant final approval to Ordinance #630 requiring “full width lane paving” for street restoration. (Houser) Motion passed unanimously.

**3. West Sample Street Parking**

Last month, Dean Gittings, a homeowner on West Sample Street, voiced concerns with parking on West Sample Street. Upon review of the area by members of the street committee and Chief Wyland, the consensus of Council was to add “No Parking Here to Corner” signs on three corners at the Beech & West Sample Street intersection.

**J. Administration Committee**

**1. Police Sergeant**

Chief Wyland and Mayor Datsko have recommended that Officer Stoltz be promoted to the position of Sergeant. Ms. Barber made a motion to approve the promotion of Officer Scott Stoltz to Sergeant, effective July 1, 2016. (Miller) Motion passed unanimously.

**K. General Business**

**1. Resident Survey**

Mr. Penatzer asked Council for their consideration of the following frequently mentioned items throughout the resident survey:

- a. Winter Parking – Might there be a way to relax the winter parking enforcement when we know that there is no chance of inclement weather?
- b. Dog Park – Many residents expressed an interest in the borough establishing a dog park. With the possible availability of the former middle school field, should we consider this as a site for a dog park?
- c. Yard Waste – The yard waste dumpster is more often than not overfilled and difficult to manage when dumping. The dump sites are a mess and staff would like to see this discontinued.

**2. Municipal Parking Lot**

Mr. Penatzer shared that Mrs. Williamson is requesting that the rate of the parking lot be increased by \$200.00 effective September 1<sup>st</sup>. Williamson mentioned that the stormwater

fee added to the expense of the property. The annual stormwater fee is \$600. The owner is agreeable to a negotiated rate of \$1,100/mo.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the municipal parking lot increase to a monthly rate of \$1,100/mo effective September 1<sup>st</sup>. (Barber) Motion passed unanimously.

**L. Department Reports**

**1. Police Department**

Chief Wyland provided a written report on last month's activities including the approval of a donation request to the Ebensburg Moose to cover the cost to replace three tasers at a rate of \$3,800. Chief Wyland also added that there were no incidents at Wheels & Wings and he estimated attendance at 8,000. He's still seeking information on measuring noise levels from a professor at IUP.

**2. Public Works Department**

Mr. Evans reported on last month's activities of staff maintenance including an update on water treatment plant and water system repairs, an update on the pump stations and video system. He added that the new pavilion at the lake has been completed.

**3. Community Development Department**

Ms. Koss reported on last month's activities including the Main Street Partnership receiving national accreditation and being named one of the top 5 performing Main Street programs in the state as well as updates on Wheels & Wings and the upcoming Movie in the Park and Farmers' Markets. Ms. Koss gave an overview of the new borough website and new features.

**4. Recreation Department**

Ms. Kemock reported on last month's activities including the outcome of the YPCC golf outing, movie and swim night at the pool, the new beer and wine 5k run and an update on the pool membership.

**6. Planning Commission – None.**

**7. Ebensburg Zoning Board – None.**

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

**N. Public Comments –None**

**O. Executive Session – Council entered into an executive session at 8:58 pm to discuss AFSCME contract. The meeting reconvened at 9:10 pm. Ms. Barber made a motion to**

amend the job requirements of Laborer 1 and Laborer 2 in the AFSCME contract. (Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 9:11 PM

Minutes Recorded by:

Danea Koss, Community Development Director