

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Ebensburg Municipal Building by Vice President, Cecilia Houser.

Present: Cecilia Houser, Vice President
Dave Kuhar
Theresa Jacoby
Robert Miller
Mike Owatt
Jeff Ball

Others: Kelly Cook, Borough Manager
Blair Pawlowski, Solicitor
Dirk Johnson, Recreation Director
Randy Datsko, Mayor
Danea Koss, Community Development Director
Amanda Datsko, The Mountaineer Herald
Katie Smolen, The Tribune Democrat

Audience: 2

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. (Kuhar)
Motion passed unanimously.

1. It is a matter of record that the employees listed under Summer Hires have been hired.
2. Approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022 regular monthly meetings of Borough Council.
3. Approve the financial statement for April.
4. Approve payment of bills from May.

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

E. **Mayor's Report** – Mayor Datsko shared that former Ebensburg Borough Mayor Mike Tsikalas passed away. He added that Ebensburg is a better community for having been led by Mayor Tsikalas for more than 20 years. He also noted that he'd like to start an Ebensburg Garden Club and he's looking for volunteers.

F. **Council President** – None.

G. **Water/Wastewater Committee**

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

Mr. Kuhar reported that written reports from Inframark for the wastewater plant are available through the office and on the website.

2. **Report from Inframark on Water Treatment Plant Operations**

Mr. Kuhar reported that written reports from Inframark for the water plant are available from the office and on the website.

Mr. Kuhar added that a public meeting will be held June 6th to discuss the High Street Waterline Replacement Project.

H. Recreation Committee

1. **Rotary Dog Park Meeting** - Ms. Jacoby reported that a meeting between the Rotary and Recreation Committee will be scheduled once the necessary parties gather the required information to discuss the administration of the dog park construction.

I. Street Committee

1. **2022 Street Paving Project**

Mr. Owatt reported that Council has been provided with a list of streets to be resurfaced and a cost estimate of approximately \$295,150. Staff is preparing the bid documents for the project which will be advertised for bids on June 2nd and June 9th. Bids will be opened June 21, 2022 with a scheduled award date at the June 27th Council Meeting.

J. Administration Committee

1. **Summer Hires**

It is a matter of record that the following applicants were hired for summer employment at \$10.50 an hour.

Summer Public Works

Ryan Hunt	Municipal Road	1 st yr.
Tobey Becquet	New Germany Road	1 st yr.
Gabriel Forst	Meade Street	1 st yr.

Lifeguards

Maya Sirsikar	Emerald Drive	1 st yr.
Naveen Sirsikar	Emerald Drive	1 st yr.
Gwendalyn Fodor	Charlies Road	1 st yr.
Kayden Magulick	134 Sylvan Glen	1 st yr.

2. **Public Works Director Retirement**

Ms. Jacoby reported that the Public Work's director has announced his upcoming retirement. The vacancy in the Director's position has been advertised and applications are due on June 13th. Applications will be received, and interviews scheduled the following week.

K. Diversity Committee – None.

L. General Business

1. **Principal Financial Stock**

Ms. Cook reported that the Borough has ownership of 456 shares of Principal Financial Stock that was given to us through the demutualization of the Principal Insurance Company. Staff recommends that Council sell the stock.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the sale of the Principal Financial Stock. (Ball) Motion passed unanimously.

2. Authorization for Mayor to Sign

Ms. Jacoby reported that the Borough needs a representative of the Borough to sign documents for the sale of the stock. This resolution would allow the mayor to sign the documents on behalf of the Borough.

Ms. Jacoby made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-09 authorizing the mayor to sign documents for the sale of the Principal Financial Stock. (Kuhar) Motion passed unanimously.

M. Department Report

1. Police Department - None.

2. Public Works Department – None.

3. Community Development

Community Development Director Danae Koss has reported on last month's activities including plans for Memorial Day, plans for a 4th of July concert with the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra Brass Ensemble in Ebensburg, and the completion of the "Welcome to Ebensburg" mural project.

4. Recreation Department

Recreation Director Dirk Johnson reported on activities including the addition of a new "Funbrella" that was purchased with a donation from the Ebensburg Woman's Club.

N. Media Comments/Questions - None.

O. Public Comments – Ms. June Fether, Alton Street, added that the ball on the side of the building beside Penn Eben Park would be a great spot for another mural. She added that there is large number of cigarette butts in the Cherry Street Alley.

P. Executive Session – Council entered into Executive Session at 6:55 pm to discuss a personnel matter and exited at 6:59 pm.

Q. Adjournment – There being no further business, Ms. Jacoby made a motion to adjourn. (Ball) Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 7:00 PM

Minutes Recorded by: Danae Koss, Community Development Director