

The regular monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Borough Council was called to order on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ebensburg Municipal Building, 300 W. High Street, Ebensburg, by Council President Deborah Nesbella.

Present: Deborah Nesbella, President
Dave Kuhar
Susan Barber
Terry Illig
Christopher Vella, Junior Councilor

Others: Charles Moyer, Mayor
Daniel Penatzer, Borough Manager
Christine Strugala, Community Development Director
Terry Wyland, Police Chief
Heath Long, Assistant Solicitor
Jeff Evans, Maintenance Supervisor
Bernie Kozlovac, Plant Manager
Suzanne McCombie, Mountaineer-Herald
Dave Hurst, Altoona Mirror
Susan Evans, Tribune Democrat

Absent: Doug Tusing, Vice President
Joe Lutz
Joseph Miller

Audience: 5

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. **Public Comments** -None

3. **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Illig made a motion to approve the consent agenda containing the following items:
(Barber) Motion passes unanimously.

- A. Approve minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2008 and the workshop of January 14, 2009.
- B. The annual inspection of the reservoirs is complete.
- C. A lien will be filed on any properties that still owe a balance on the 2008 sidewalk project as of January 31st.
- D. All grants for the Lake Rowena, Penn Eben acquisition and Penn Eben construction projects have been closed out and funds received.
- E. Approve attendance of Council and Mayor at PSAB Annual Conference March 22-25 in Hershey.
- F. Receipt of codes enforcement monthly report.
- G. Receipt of Municipal Authority monthly minutes.
- H. Receipt of Central Cambria Coalition monthly minutes.
- I. The next meeting of the coalition will be Thursday, February 12th at the Cambria Township office.
- J. Approve Financial Statement & Fund Transfers.

4. **Appointments to Address Council** – None.

5. **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Moyer reviewed the police report and said that the year-end numbers were reflected.

6. **Council President** – None.

7. Water/Wastewater Committee

A copy of Severn Trent's monthly operations report was distributed. Mr. Kozlovac said there were no excursions and the average flow for the month was 1.63 mil gallons/day. He said 7.3 dry tons of solids were processed; 5.5 were from outside sources. A new septic station has been put into use and a new crane installed in the control building.

8. Recreation Committee – None.

9. Street Committee

A letter was mailed to residents along Elderwood Drive concerning the possible change to opposite side parking along that street. Mr. Penatzer said only one call was received opposing the change. Mr. Illig made a motion to change to alternate side parking along Elderwood Drive. (Kuhar) Motion passes unanimously.

10. Administration Committee – None.

11. Old Business

Mr. Penatzer said the following bids were received for the sale of a 1973 backhoe:

Jeff Grove	Ebensburg	\$7,375.00
Jeff Evans	Ebensburg	\$7,125.00
Mark Lauer	Ebensburg	\$6,200.23
Robert Bodenschatz	Summerhill	\$5,151.00
Max Yakicic	Summerhill	\$5,125.00
Sean Kirby	Summerhill	\$4,800.00
Dan Albright	Patton	\$3,525.00
Gaudino Brothers	Freedom	\$2,852.00
Wayne Wiley	Holsopple	\$2,708.09
James (not legible)	Johnstown	\$2008.00
Hazleton Equipment Co.	Hazleton	\$1,791.00

Mr. Kuhar made a motion to approve the sale of the backhoe to Jeff Grove for \$7,375.00. (Illig) Motion passes unanimously.

12. New Business

- A. Mr. Illig made a motion to appoint Joe Lutz to complete a 6-year term on the Ebensburg Civil Service Commission created by the resignation of Tom Manning, expires 12/2011. (Kuhar) Motion passes unanimously.
- B. Mr. Illig made a motion to appoint Patrick Shell to a 5-year term on the Ebensburg Recreation Board, expires 12/2013. (Kuhar) Motion passes unanimously.
- C. Mr. Penatzer said that there will be new funding available from the Commonwealth's new bond issue, PENNWORKS and the potential Federal Stimulus Package. A list of capital projects at various stages of development were discussed at a workshop meeting on January 14th and reviewed again with council. Some of the local projects discussed included the proposed parking deck, new hangars at the airport, swimming pool, sidewalk projects, and water, wastewater and stormwater projects. Engineers from Kimballs are preparing a submission for the PENNWORKS funding, and also preparing a white paper for Council's consideration. It was the consensus of council to proceed with the PENNWORKS application.

13. Department Reports

A. Police

Chief Wyland said there were no problems with the Christmas parade or at the Dickens event. He said Assistant Chief Sebetich returned to work on January 6, 2009.

B. Public Works

Jeff Evans said they have been busy with snow removal.

C. Community Development

Mrs. Strugala said Shannon St. Clair of Johnstown is the new intern. She is a senior Communications major at Penn State University. The Design Committee has added a rule to the façade guidelines that states that once projects are approved, they must be completed within 90 days.

D. Recreation – A report was distributed.

14. Payment of Bills

Mr. Illig made a motion to approve payment of bills. (Kuhar)

Nesbella	YES	Barber	ABSTAIN
Kuhar	YES	Illig	YES

Motion passes.

15. Press Conference

David Hurst of the Altoona Mirror asked which grant programs have a February application deadline.

16. Residents' Comments –None.

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

Meeting adjourned: 6:48 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by:

Christine M. Strugala
Community Development Director