

COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2011

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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Council President Frank Halderman in the Bellefonte Borough Municipal Building.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Council remained standing for a moment of silence. It was requested that cell phones either be turned off or turned to vibrate.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Wilson, Dainty, Taylor, Provan, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman

Members Excused: Schneider, Beigle,

Officials Present: Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager
Mayor Stanley Goldman

Staff Present:

Guests: Debbie Rowley, Rotary; Sue Morgan, Rotary; Brian Baney, Centre County Gazette; Bob Lamb; April Geffre Irwin; Connie Cousins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of January 4, 2011. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

PRESENTATION

Robert Lamb, Rotary Club, introduced Debbie Rowley to Mayor Goldman and the Council members. Debbie Rowley is the president of the Bellefonte Rotary Club. Ms. Rowley addressed Council. On behalf of the Bellefonte Rotary Club and the work that has been done in the past two years at the Children's Fair (2009, 2010) Bellefonte Borough was presented with a check for \$7,000, which is the proceeds for the Parkview Heights playground.

Council members thanked the Rotary Club for their donation.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from M. Ellen Weaver, MS, RN, Regional Director, Centre HomeCare providing information on a fundraiser dinner gala with a Master Hypnotist Show that will be held on Friday, March 18th.

- An email sent to Council President Halderman regarding information from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs in regard to some information with respect to the letter from Pittsburgh City Council referencing the Marcellus Shale drilling ban that they are promoting.

Mr. Halderman reported that the PSAB recommended that there should not be a recommendation for endorsement at this time. Mrs. Dunne feels Council should review the situation and decide whether a resolution should be made.

- A letter from Donna L. Spicher, Assistant Director of Financial Management, Centre County Board of Commissioners, informing Bellefonte Borough that they will not be allocated any Liquid Fuels funds in 2011.

- An invitation from the Bellefonte EMS to a dinner on Saturday, February 5th, beginning at 5:00 PM. All RSVP's must be made by Thursday, January 27th. The dinner gives recognition for the past year's events.

- A letter from Holly Wilson, President, HBI, in regard to the Annual Big Spring Festival. They would like to reserve Talleyrand Park on Sunday, May 15th, from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mrs. Dunne received an email from Joanne and Richard Knupp expressing appreciation for the comments regarding the Bellefonte Secrets Newsletter.

- Mr. Halderman received an email regarding a new grant available for fire companies. He will forward the information to the Safety Committee for review. Mr. Holderman shared the information with Walt Schneider and he will write the grant on behalf of the Logan Fire Company.

ORAL

- None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Goldman would like to give special praise to the Street Department for the wonderful job they do in keeping the streets clean during winter storms and at other times.

Mr. DeCusati noticed that people are driving faster through town without the pedestrian crossing signs. He and his wife nearly got hit while crossing the street in a crosswalk. He would like to see the Police Officers downtown on the weekends to show a presence. Mayor Goldman requested a license number for the vehicle, which Mr. DeCusati has available.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 1) 106 North Allegheny Street – replace Allstate awning in kind, remove and replace window signage.
- 2) 130 North Water Street – install painted window murals to cover cement block openings – formerly windows – on first floor.
- 3) 130-132 East High Street – replace roof (currently asphalt shingles) with 30-year asphalt shingles in black.
- 4) 127 – 129 North Spring Street – repaint entire exterior.
- 5) 245 North Spring Street – paint trim, porches, pillars, porch roofs. Construct wooden fence along back yard wall. Replace roof on one side of house. Paint garage and replace/repair windows, gutters, and roof.
- 6) 146 South Water Street – replace nine windows and one door, cosmetic restoration.
- 7) 203 North Allegheny Street/Centre County Library & Historical Museum – replace freestanding light post and sign with new pole and sign to match Centre County Library.
- 8) 139 West High Street – remove roof, install new sheathing and roof. Paint exterior doors, windows, soffit & fascia, and shutters. Replace front and rear downspouts. Replace front porch railings. Repair/parge sides of front porch. Re-side and replace window of rear dormer.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve all nine Certificates of Appropriateness. Mr. Provan seconded the motion. Council feels Ms. Magolan is doing a good job as the HARB Consultant. A voice vote was unanimous.

- The deadline for the Façade Improvement Grant is in February. ABCD and HBI needs to be thanked for helping the Borough through the Façade Improvement Grant with their contribution of \$30,000.00. The grant is a matching grant.

- The CLG Grant, which is for the HARB Consultant position, has been applied for. The Certified Local Government Grant last year awarded \$15,000.00.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – Mrs. Dunne had no report.

Finance and Government Performance – Mrs. Dunne made a motion to file for audit the December 2010 vouchers in the amount of \$1,023,119.20. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

December 2010 Vouchers

General	17801 - 17968	\$ 240,495.49
Streetlighting	669 - 676	\$ 11,677.24
Bellefonte Fire Dept.	1078 - 1093	\$ 10,671.65
Fire Equipment	1127 - 1230	\$ 4,695.88
Parks & Recreation	1391 - 1406	\$ 2,969.86
Water	7339-7417, 1051	\$ 183,938.03
Sanitation	8593-8596, 8675-8759	\$ 274,200.40
Refuse	2041 - 2080	\$ 99,673.59
Swimming Pool	454 - 457	\$ 447.26
CDBG	489 - 492	\$ 46,495.70
Special Projects	100, 103	\$ 17,640.97
Highway Aid	207 - 211	\$ 121,297.13
Capital Projects	-	\$ 0.00
Bulk Water Sales	119 - 120	\$ 8,916.00
	Total:	<u>\$ 1,023,119.20</u>

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve payment of an invoice to McQuaide Blasko in the amount of \$793.50 for services rendered through December 31, 2010. Mr. Provan seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to rescind the motion made at the Council meeting of January 4, 2010 to donate \$500.00 to the American Cancer Society. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. DeCusati voting no.

Park & Recreation – Mr. Taylor provided an update on the Parkview Heights Park. Things are progressing. Discussion was held with property owners and trees will be removed beginning this week. Trees need to be cut down to allow for the relocation of a telephone pole that is in the ball field. The \$7,000.00 received from the Rotary Club will help purchase playground equipment for that project as well as \$2,500.00 from the Elks Club Garver Grant.

- A meeting was held with the Y of Centre County. This is in its infancy, but essentially the Y would like to take over the management of Governor's Park so they could hold soccer tournaments, concerts, organized tennis, volleyball and various other affairs to create more activity for Governor's Park. They currently have the swimming pool, daycare, t-ball and

soccer. They would eventually hire a full-time person to be sure there were year-round activities at Governor's Park.

- The Kepler Pool Agreement between the Bellefonte YMCA, Bellefonte Borough, Spring Township, Benner Township and Walker Township. All have agreed to pay the requested share towards the pool expense, which will be managed by the YMCA.

Howard Long mentioned in the meeting with Parks & Recreation that the YMCA is a "not for profit" organization. The YMCA feels if they could break even then the pool could be relieved from the Borough's responsibility and turned over to the YMCA, but they would not be able to do that unless they would be able to make the entire park profitable to the YMCA. You would not have to be a member of the YMCA to use the park, but there would be programs that would require a fee. Again, it was pointed out that this is in the very preliminary stages.

- The Park & Recreation Committee discussed the possibility of a war memorial in Talleyrand Park and currently feel that more information is required from the group that would like to pursue it. Information is needed for things such as where the funding would come from and which wars would be included in the memorial.

Human Resources – Mr. Provan reported that candidates for the receptionist/admin. position have been narrowed down to two.

Safety – Mr. Wilson reported there will be a Fire Services Task Force meeting at the Logan Fire Company at 6:30 PM.

An Executive meeting will be set up for February.

Water/Sanitation – The Authority approved the 2011 Retainer Agreement with Nittany Engineering.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati reported that a request was submitted to Allegheny Power to determine whether they will do tree cutting on North Thomas Street. If Allegheny Power does not cut the trees then the Borough will have the option of working with the homeowner.

- Mr. DeCusati is still examining several spots around the downtown area that appear to be dimly lit. He feels that part of the problem is the historical lighting in the downtown area is not as functional as traditional street lighting.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the Agreement of Understanding with Johnson Controls as submitted. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Mrs. Dunne had a question, but I could not hear what it was. A voice vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Holderman reported that there were two grants submitted under the Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative (PCTI). One grant was for Phoenix Avenue and one was for High/Water Street. The Phoenix Avenue grant is to help with the agreement with the

American Philatelic Society and the other one is to help subsidize the RACP Grant which is the redevelopment assistance capital project grant. Unfortunately, the PCTI grants statewide, there were 240 applications submitted requesting \$175 million. The State of PA had \$24 million available. Centre County is receiving \$100,000.00 which is going to CATA. Mr. Stewart and Mr. Holderman will attend the Centre County MPO meeting Wednesday evening, January 26th, to put a proposal together for funding. The Counting MPO has a Transportation Enhancement program that the Borough is trying to receive funding for to help with the matching portion of the RACP Grant.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the dates for the Community Yard Sale as May 14th and 15th; with Riff-Raff being May 16th – 20th. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Ms. Dunne made a motion to set Monday, October 31st, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM as trick or treat. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. Surrounding townships will be notified of this date.

POLICE REPORT

- There was no police report.

TICKET EXONERATIONS

- There were no ticket exonerations.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Mr. DeCusati made a motion to adjourn the meeting of January 17, 2011 at 8:55 PM. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.