

COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 4, 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.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Excused: Provan, Beigle,

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

Staff Present:

Guests: Patrick Powers, Steve Barber, Joanne Shafer, Cynthia Hahn

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of March 21, 2011. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- An email from Karen Krisch, Principal, Bellefonte Area Middle School, writing in support of the ban on tobacco use by kids under eighteen years of age.

- An email from Pam Royer, Event Chair, Relay For Life of Bellefonte, requesting permission to have a promotion for the Relay for Life event including themed store fronts and purple ribbons around town the week of May 9th. On Saturday, May 14th, a group of people will judge the storefront windows and award a winner.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A carbon copy of a letter from David Koll, Chair, COG Public Safety Committee to Senator Jake Corman and Representative Kerry Benninghoff requesting they support any action to amend House Bill 377 to give local governments the flexibility to require sprinklers if they choose to do so.

The letter sent by Bellefonte Borough supported the code as written in support of sprinklers. Mr. Halderman would like a letter sent to Mr. Koll informing him of the position of Bellefonte Borough and inform him that a letter has been sent.

ORAL

- None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mr. DeCusati reported he received a comment from a resident stating with good weather they hoped driving rules would be enforced. Mayor Goldman reported the police department has been out and about and have been using speed traps.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- None.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

1) 100 Match Factory Place: Install new business sign for Graymont. New sign will match style, materials, and placement of previously approved at Match Factory complex.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 100 Match Factory Place as submitted. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – Mrs. Dunne reported there will be a Committee Meeting in the near future.

Finance and Government Performance – In regard to the CATA email, Ms. Dainty would like to know what type of increase can be expected from CATA. Mr. Stewart reported there either would be a price increase or a reduction in the number of bus trips. Mr. Stewart will contact Hugh Mose and invite him to a meeting and request that he is prepared to show ridership figures.

Park & Recreation – Mr. Taylor requested that Mr. Holderman conduct the bid opening. The bids include a base bid for general trades; a bid for earth and landscaping; a bid for the chain link fence. The bids were as follows:

T. M. Perryman – Earthwork and Landscaping - \$86,917.90; Alternate #1 - \$9,000.00; Alternate #2 - \$11,340.72.

Replacement Fence Company - Chain Link Fence - \$42,203.00; Alternate #3 - \$1,400.00; Alternate #4 - \$1,722.00; Alternate #5 - \$8,750.00; Alternate #7 - \$2,600.00.

Haas Building Solutions – General Trades - \$49,150.00; Alternate #6 – delete \$49,150.00.

BCS Construction – General Trades - \$58,380.00; Alternate #6 – delete \$58,380.00.

Sponaugle Construction Services – General Trades - \$79,412.00.

Ameron Construction – Earthwork and Landscaping - \$88,780.00; Alternate #1 – deduct \$7,900.00; Alternate #2 – deduct \$7,450.00; Alternate #6 – deduct \$2,500.00.

Glen O. Hawbaker – General Trades - \$191,498.00; Alternate #1 – deduct \$37,500.00; Alternate #2 – deduct \$5,600.00; Alternate #6 – deduct \$2,750.00.

John Nastase Construction – General Trades - \$15,185.00; Earthwork and Landscaping - \$36,751.00; Chain Link Fence - \$43,896.00; Alternate #1 – delete \$9,296.00; Alternate #2 – delete \$12,950.00; Alternate #3 – deduct \$1,950.00; Alternate #4 – deduct \$1,788.00; Alternate #5 – delete \$3,200.00; Alternate #6 – deduct \$12,000.00; Alternate #7 – deduct \$1,000.00.

John Nastase Construction – Chain Link Fence - \$41,050.00.

Deduct Alternate #1 is improvements to delete the outfield and infield earthwork. Deduct Alternate #2 is to delete a 10' warning track. Deduct Alternate #3 is to delete yellow fence guards. Deduct Alternate #4 is to delete the 6' fence in its entirety. Deduct Alternate #5 is to delete the replacement of the 10' chain link fence fabric and the 20' chain link fabric at the backstop. Deduct Alternate #6 is to delete the dugouts and other items in their entirety. Deduct Alternate #7 is to delete the foul posts.

The bids were turned over to the Parks & Recreation Committee and the Teener League Committee for review and recommendation. The work from these bids will commence at the end of the season, approximately August 1, 2011.

Approximately \$20,000.00 budgeted for playground equipment for the Parkview Heights Park. The equipment was ordered through Play World in the same color scheme as what is at Talleyrand Park. The equipment was on sale through April 13th providing the Borough with a 20% discount.

Human Resources – Mr. Holderman met with Mr. Fitzgerald regarding the Junior Council Member Program. Mr. Fitzgerald will coordinate the program from the High School end. To begin the program a resolution will need to be passed. Interested students will prepare paperwork that will be reviewed by the Personnel Committee and then to Council. Someone will be selected at the end of May and the student would then begin serving on Council in September. The student must be a Borough resident. They can debate issues with Council, but will not be permitted to vote. The student cannot attend Executive Sessions of Council.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve Resolution #040411-01, which authorizes participation in The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Junior Council Person Program. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. The student would serve from September through May. A

Council member suggested the student serve for a semester. Another suggestion was for the student to only attend the first Council meeting of each month. A voice vote was unanimous.

Safety – Mr. Wilson presented a Draft Refuse Ordinance for Council members to review.

Mr. Wilson reported the Fire Services meeting at Pleasant Gap had less than 50% participation of people involved. The next meeting will be at the Howard Fire Department on Wednesday, April 27th.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. DeCusati reported there is a strong odor coming from the Wastewater Treatment Plant on many days and he is receiving complaints from residents.

Mr. Schneider received two different complaints from folks concerned about water shut-off caps missing or broken off in front yards. There is concern that someone will step or trip on the shut-off. Mr. Stewart will have the Borough Crew examine the shut-offs when they are out cleaning up stones. If there is a specific address Mr. Stewart will have the crew go and fix the cap.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati reviewed the Draft Sidewalk Ordinance. In Section 1022.01 Sidewalk Inspections and Repair Program, (b) the wording “unpaved grass” was removed because it leaves too much for interpretation. Another change in Section 1022.08, (a) was rewritten for clarity. Mr. Stewart requested that the wording “block face” be included in the first sentence. Mr. Schneider feels it needs to be determined how you decide which side of the street the sidewalk is required to be on. In Section 1022.10, Specifications, (a) means it would be PennDOT’s specification.

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to adopt Sidewalk Ordinance 040411-01 after the following changes are made: adding block face into Section 1022.08, paragraph (a); Section 1022.10, paragraph (a) would state PennDOT grade 2RC. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. DeCusati thanked Mr. Holderman for his work with the ordinance.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- An email from Jason Detar, Pennsylvania Fishing and Boating Commission, to Mr. Holderman states if Council changes their mind it is possible to close the area that is being opened for fishing.

Council would like Borough Staff to develop a memorandum stating some of the specifics related to where the fishing will be permitted.

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to adopt Ordinance #040411-01, an Ordinance of the Borough of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania Prohibiting the Possession & Use of Tobacco by Minors. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Walt Schneider nominated Randy Brachbill to serve as the Citizen representative to

the C-NET Board. There was no second so the motion died.

Ms. Dainty nominated Candace Dannaker as the Citizen representative to the C-NET Board. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. With no other nominations the nominating was closed.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to appoint Candace Dannaker as the Citizen representative to the C-NET Board. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to appoint Randy Brachbill as an alternate to the C-NET Board. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Schneider made a motion to adopt the Resolution authorizing adoption of the Premium. Only Plan for health insurance. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Wilson received questions regarding the status of condemned building along Water Street as well as the Cadillac Building and Potter Street.

The owner is making efforts to hire a contractor to remove the building along Water Street.

Mr. Stewart requested an Executive Session to discuss details of a meeting he had with Hank Haranin, Sr., the owner of the Cadillac Building.

A meeting is being set up regarding Potter Street.

NEW BUSINESS

- Council members need to determine whether they would like emails forwarded to them or rather just wait and have the information in the packets. There were various opinions on the subject. Council members need to inform Mr. Stewart if they would like to opt out of emails.

- Building Code Enforcement Proposal (Tape turned here.)

POLICE REPORT

- There was no police report.

TICKET EXONERATIONS

- There were no ticket exonerations.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting of April 4, 2011 at 8:55 PM and Council went into Executive Session. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.