

COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 6, 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 Chair 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, Provan, Beigle, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman

Members Excused:

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

Staff Present:

Guests: Mike Gensemer; Ken Martin; Becca; Taylor; Lakeisha; Taylor R.; Kaylee; Lina; Shia M.; Karen Grubb; Caitlyn; Jenn Grubb; Zelda Klinefelter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of May 16, 2011. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A memo from Amy Schirf, Education Coordinator, Centre County Solid Waste Authority, requesting Council members to consider donating a portion of the recycling rebate money towards building the Education Coordinator Endowment Fund.

- A letter from Mark Stauffer, Bellefonte Mennonite Church, requesting the use of Talleyrand Park on Sunday evening, August 28th, for a hymn sing.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve this request. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. The request is for the gazebo area of the park. The summer concerts in the park will be done

before August 28th. The new area of Talleyrand Park is considered the annex. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A request from Eric P. Ebeling, requesting permission to close the 400 block of East Beaver Street from Armor Street to Wilson Street on Saturday, June 25th from 4:00 PM to 8:30 PM for a block party. Mr. Ebeling will be responsible for getting the signs, putting them up and taking them down when the event is over.

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

- Two letters from Pat McCool, chairperson, Bellefonte Cruise, requesting the following:

Closure of Allegheny Street from Bishop Street to Howard Street from 7:45 PM to 1:30 PM and closure of High Street from Allegheny Street to Spring Street from 5:00 PM to 11:30 PM on Friday, June 17th, for a sock hop preceded by a public cruise from 6:00 PM to 7:45 PM.

Saturday, June 18th, closure of Allegheny Street from Linn Street to Bishop Street; West High Street from Allegheny Street, including the 100, 200 and 300 blocks of West High Street; West Howard Street from 6:00 AM to 7:30 PM for the Car Show.

The show will be followed by an exclusive cruise for just the participants from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, which will require Allegheny Street from Howard Street to Bishop Street and East High Street to be closed until 7:30 PM.

Permission to use the municipal parking lot directly behind First National Bank from 12:00 Noon Friday until 7:30 PM Saturday night for the food court.

Fire police on duty from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the corner of Bishop and Allegheny Streets; the corner of Water and High Streets; and the corner of Spring and High Streets.

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. The request for the fire police will be reviewed by Chief Bruno. A voice vote was unanimous. Dave Provan abstained from voting.

- A letter from Walter G. M. Schneider III and Robert B. Jacobs, C. C. Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals regarding the Bellefonte Area High School Solar Project.

- A letter from Joe Rocco, Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs, Comcast providing revised dates for relocation of the Comcast Payment Center in State College. The final day of operation at 1155 Benner Pike will be 3:00 PM on June 3, 2011, and the first day of operation at 60 Decibel Road will be June 6, 2011.

- A letter from Janice Stramara, Fiscal & Office Support Services, informing Bellefonte Borough that the municipality has been awarded a Certified Local Government matching grant in the amount of \$15,000 through the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission.

The ongoing project is updating the electronic database for the state's PHMC. Valerie Magolan will complete approximately 30% of the project this year. It will take approximately two more years to complete the project.

- Information regarding a Garden Gala that will be held on Sunday, June 12, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Centre Furnace Mansion.

- Information was provided from the ISO, BCEGS Building Codes Department, ISO, regarding Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule, Bellefonte, Centre County, PA.

A grading scale of 1 (best) to 10 (worst) and Bellefonte received a four (4) for one- and two-family residential property and a three (3) for commercial and industrial property. This rating could dictate homeowner insurance costs.

ORAL

- None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Goldman encouraged residents to take advantage of the parks in Bellefonte Borough. Talleyrand Park has a great playground area and is a very spacious, gorgeous park. Governor's Park is a great place to practice soccer, swim, picnic and watch a baseball game. Whatever summer fun you desire, Bellefonte has a park to accommodate that desire.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- At the Zoning Hearing Board meeting of May 25, 2011, a variance request was heard from the applicant, Ingram Oil, Inc., for the property located at 1086 Zion Road. The setback variances were granted for the remodeling of the existing building into a convenience store with fuel sales.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 1) Match Factory Place: Replace approximately 115 windows of Buildings 3, 4 and 5. (Former window openings will be returned to original configurations. New windows will match those approved for the rest of the Match Factory Complex.) Paint existing boiler and some areas of exposed (white) brick red—same color red that was approved for the larger complex.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mrs. Dunne mentioned the HARB minutes included a query regarding a historic plaque. She mentioned there is a brass plaque on her house. She mentioned that the property

owner paid for the plaque. Mayor Goldman has information regarding plaques. The plaques do not have to be made out of brass.

- Ms. Dainty thanked Ken and the APS for being good caretakers of the Match Factory and all the things they have done to add to Bellefonte.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – Mrs. Dunne reported that the Building & Property Committee, along with Mr. Stewart, Mr. Holderman and Y2M2 Entity, met on May 31 and offered a proposal to Y2M2 that was equitable in terms of cost sharing and responsibility based on research cost estimates. Y2M2 will contact the Borough if they would like to have another meeting.

Finance and Government Performance – There was no report.

Park & Recreation – Mr. Taylor provided an update on the Teener League field at Parkview Heights. The mulch for the playground section was installed by Borough staff. The electrical pole and power lines have been moved away from the field. A motion was made and seconded to accept by amendment and additional \$20,000 to help improve the bleachers and structures. Mr. Holderman stated the matching funds will be coming from another grant the Teener League received. CPI will help with the dugouts and possibly a new press box. There will possibly be an upgrade of the infield.

Mr. Long unofficially informed Mr. Stewart that the Y of Centre County is not interested in taking over Governor's Park, but there is no written notification.

Human Resources – There was no report.

Safety – Mr. Wilson reported the safety inspector from Selective Insurance was doing inspections at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, but did not make it to Kepler Pool.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle reported people are welcome to see a demonstration of the Pipeline Camera & Pointe Repair Equipment at a repair being done on Allegheny Street in front of Pike Lane on June 15.

Mr. Stewart reported that the Borough was a recipient of an EPA Federal Grant to be used to purchase the Pipeline Camera & Pointe Repair Equipment. A trailer-mounted camera system was purchased. A demonstration project was required to have experience with the camera system in order to be eligible to receive the grant money.

The other part of the grant project is to install thirty (30) stainless steel metal sleeves by using the camera in a special packer over a joint in the water pipes. The sleeves must be installed before the deadline of the grant paperwork, which is June 30. The project should be completed within eight hours. DEP and EPA officials will be invited to the installation on June 15. There will only be one break in the street. The camera will travel 500 feet. The minimum diameter is eight inches

The daily water withdrawal is down to 2.3 million gallons.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati reported the Street Committee met immediately before the Council meeting. The list of road repairs and fire hydrant repairs for this year was finalized. The paving list includes:

S. Monroe Street from Humes Road to East Bishop Street
Deiter Lane from East Bishop Street to Cherry Lane
Church Lane from Wilson Street to Armor Street
Ardell Lane from Armor Street to Allegheny Street
E. Beaver Street from Allegheny Street to Wilson Street
E. High Street from Wilson Street to Monroe Street.
North Spring Street from Curtin Street to Fifth Street.

Mr. DeCusati reported they will be contacting a department at PSU for help with examining the lighting issues in the downtown area.

Dairy Queen requested some parking stalls so their customers could enter the store quickly and get their ice cream. The Streets Committee is going to explore the options.

It was suggested the curb be painted yellow on Linn Street so cars could not park close to the intersection. That would make it easier for the trucks to turn on the street.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Army National Guard property along Bishop Street will be put on the market around July of 2011. The asking price is \$915,000 with a 20% discount (price of \$732,000) if the property sells within seven months. Council needs to discuss options in a work session.

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the CATA FY 2011/2012 Agreement for Bus Service Resolution in the amount of \$15,848 as a local operating share and a capital contribution in the amount of \$2,137. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Holderman invited Council Members to a joint IDA/Council Executive Session on Wednesday evening, June 8. The three developers for the Waterfront Project will be providing presentations. The session will begin at 6:00 PM and each developer will provide a 45-minute presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Holderman reported the April Edition of the *Borough News* includes an article by Mr. Stewart.

- Mr. Stewart finished up Leadership Centre County this week.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Ms. Dainty made a motion to adjourn the meeting of June 6, 2011, at 8:55 PM. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.