

COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 18, 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, Provan, Beigle, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman

Members Excused:

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

Staff Present:

Guests: Holly Wilson; Keith G. Koch; Tom McKee; Patti Hillard;
Dr. Cheryl Pottinger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Provan made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of July 5, 2011. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. A spelling correction needs to be made in the first Certificate of Appropriateness—a change from sing to sign. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as corrected.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- An email from Pamela Jo Royer thanking the Borough for the use of Governor's Park for the Relay for Life.

- An invitation from the Centre County Farm Bureau to their Legislative Picnic on August 10, 2011, from 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM at the Wasson Farm, 2545 Shingletown Road, State College. Interested persons must RSVP by August 1, 2011.

- An email from Pat Kennedy in regard to a light that she would like to have located in the middle of the block on North Thomas Street. Mr. Halderman would like the Streets Committee and the Safety Committee to review the situation and bring a recommendation to Council at the meeting of August 1, 2011. Mr. Stewart will contact the police department to see if there are a lot of incidents happening in that area.

- Two letters from Nadine E. Ibberson, Director, Audits and Compliance Division, Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development informing the Borough that contract #C000023324 and contract #C000027110 are officially closed. Mr. Stewart thanked Mr. Halderman for taking care of the grants and providing the letters to Council.

- A letter from Patti Hillard, Director of Transportation, Bellefonte Area School District, requesting Council to consider an on-street parking restriction on North Spring Street beginning at the intersection of West Burrows and North Spring Street to the intersection of North Spring Street and West Lamb Street for a period of approximately 10-15 minutes from 2:25 PM until approximately 2:35 PM. This would include six parking spaces. The restriction would only be required in the afternoon. This would allow for three full size buses to load students. The request is based solely on the safety and well-being of the children at Bellefonte Elementary School.

Mr. Halderman asked the Street Committee to review this request and bring a recommendation to Council at the meeting of August 1, 2011.

Patti Hillard informed Council that the new High School Administration under the tutelage of Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Pottinger will open more students parking on campus, which will relieve the congestion on McAllister Street and High Street.

Patti Hillard introduced Dr. Cheryl Pottinger to Council. She is the first female superintendent that Bellefonte Area School District has invited to be the team leader. Dr. Pottinger is excited to be working in Bellefonte.

ORAL

- Keith Koch, Spring Township, addressed Council representing the Bellefonte Historical Railroad Society. The Borough owns a snowplow and a caboos and he requested that the ownership of both items be returned to the Bellefonte Historical Railroad Society for the following reason:

- 1) They are collapsing where they are. The Railroad Society has obtained a sizeable grant from Pennsylvania to restore those units. They realize they will need to take over the insurance on the units.

Mr. Koch requested the two units remain on Bellefonte property where they are currently located. When they are restored they will be open with memorabilia inside.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to transfer ownership of the snowplow and caboos August 1, 2011, to the Bellefonte Historical Railroad Society; and to allow them to remain at the current location for the requested five years with one year notice if they will be requested to move the units; after five years the stay will be renegotiated. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The work will be done on the units where they are located. A voice vote was unanimous.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Beigle reported work has been done and there is more parking for the general public at the University Park Airport and it is a credit card parking lot. An energy project is being done at the airport and will be completed by September. The facilities will be geo-thermal. The airport is in good shape. They are seeking another airline to fly out of the airport.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Goldman reported on the Police Department. He feels the Police Department is doing a good job. Mayor Goldman is very serious about the speeding on Wilson Street. He would like a sign installed to remind drivers to slow down when going up the hill. Mr. Schneider suggested a long-term solution would be to remove the crown off the hill. Mr. Provan also feels the intersection of Howard Street and Wilson Street when headed toward Bishop Street is difficult to see oncoming cars.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- None.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 1) Talleyrand Park – install two signs for Edible Landscape Garden.
- 2) 338 East Curtin Street – construct wood pergola in back yard.
- 3) 211 East High Street – replace existing aluminum siding with vinyl siding. Replace existing vinyl aluminum and wood windows with new vinyl windows. Replace existing asphalt shingle roof with new 30-year architectural asphalt shingle roof.
- 4) 147 East Linn Street – construct exterior wood stairway from third floor apartment as required by code.
- 5) 111 South Allegheny Street – construct temporary airlock vestibule for entry to Bellefonte Wok to be used only during winter months.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve all five Certificates of Appropriateness. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. Mrs. Dunne showed the sign for the Edible Garden. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Meeting minutes from the July 12, 2011, HARB meeting were included for review.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – There was no report.

Finance and Government Performance – Mr. DeCusati made a motion to file for audit the June 2011 vouchers in the amount of \$696,151.41. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

June 2011 Vouchers

General	18500 - 18597	\$ 220,261.52
Streetlighting	710 - 718	\$ 6,217.26
Bellefonte Fire Dept.	1162 - 1172	\$ 11,290.77
Fire Equipment	125 - 129	\$ 13,794.88
Parks & Recreation	1458 - 1478	\$ 8,960.89
Water	7711 - 7767	\$ 127,675.59
Sanitation	9043 - 9098	\$ 163,456.01
Refuse	2206 - 2234	\$ 105,363.50
Swimming Pool	470 - 473	\$ 1,695.47
CDBG	-	\$ 0.00
Special Projects	103, 114 – 116, 164	\$ 26,345.27
Highway Aid	220	\$ 3,826.31
Capital Projects	-	\$ 0.00
Bulk Water Sales	134 - 137	<u>\$ 7,263.94</u>
	Total:	<u>\$ 696,151.41</u>

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to pay an invoice to McQuaide Blasko in the amount of \$322.00 Mr. Provan seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A copy of the completed audit was provided for Council members to review. Email Ms. Walker with any questions to be answered at the August 1, 2011, Council meeting.

Park & Recreation – Mr. Taylor reported there was a meeting with the Teener League Improvement Committee. Of the \$154,000.00, of which there is matching grants, everything is in order up to the point that there is a \$6,100.00 grant that could be obtained with matching funds. It appears that it would be covered, but in the worst case scenario the Borough could be asked to come up with \$3,000.00. The County received \$26,100.00 that they were going to distribute \$20,000.00 to the Borough. The County had a Tourism Grant to match the \$20,000.00. That went into the Parkview Heights project. The \$6,100.00 was initially targeted for a bank erosion project at Talleyrand Park, but they could not get DEP to handle a portion of the grant. The County does not want to send the funds back so they are asking the Borough to take the additional funds and include them in the Parkview Heights project.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to accept the \$6,100.00 and to pay up to not more than \$3,000.00 and for every dollar the Borough contributes the Teener League shares the cost. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Human Resources – An announcement has been placed on the Borough website for a HARB consultant.

Safety – Mr. Wilson would like the Safety Committee to review the proposal made by the Borough employees' Safety Committee to have the employees wear safety glasses and bring a recommendation to Council at the meeting of August 1, 2011.

- Mr. Wilson implored the citizens of Bellefonte to try to set a standard in being mindful to drive the speed limits in town.

- The Fire Services Task Force meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 20, at Walker Township.

- The first of four informational meetings was held this evening by the sub-committee of the Executive Board to inform the Bellefonte Fire Department members of the requirements for physicals. The physicals will begin within thirty days and will be completed prior to the end of 2011. Ms. Dainty is glad this is happening.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. DeCusati made a motion to approve to advertise the Refuse Ordinance. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holderman reported that containers will be purchased by the Borough for residents. Tentatively they will be delivered during the first week of September. A newsletter will be published in August. Mr. DeCusati has noticed several areas that use this type of trash pickup.

- At the August 2, 2011, Authority meeting they will examine the projects that Johnson Controls will be doing as a result of their energy audit.

Streets – A request was made to move some benches in the Dairy Queen location. The bench on the side of Dairy Queen will be moved to a different location.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – Mr. Stewart reported there was a phone conversation with Stacey Richards who works with SEDA-COG's Energy Resource Center. Ms. Richards is working on a grant program and would like to use it in association with the Borough to explore locations for placing solar panels, the best way to finance a program like that, and how to tie into Allegheny Power. The estimate for a consultant meeting for the project is approximately \$2,000.00. This money would be due late fall 2011 or early 2012. Mr. Provan is not impressed with solar energy or wind power because of all the cloudy days in this area. Mr. DeCusati feels like all options should be explored before any decisions are made.

OLD BUSINESS

- The downtown lighting study/information will be presented at the next work session.

- Ordinance Codification Chapters 235 – 441 (Parts I and II) have some minor changes. Mr. Holderman wanted to be sure everyone is aware of what is being done with the Ordinance Codification.

- Mr. Stewart received an email from Tom Zilla. The subcommittee of the CCMPO selected Option A.

NEW BUSINESS

- Governor Corbett signed HB373 into law, which allows Boroughs to sell assets via online auctions.

- Mr. Halderman reported the Executive Director of the Borough's Association submitted his retirement letter. A search committee is looking for a replacement.

- Mr. Halderman requested an Executive Session.

- Friday, July 22, and Saturday, July 23, is JazzPA in downtown Bellefonte.

- Sunday is Bellefonte Day at the Spikes game. Mayor Goldman is throwing out the first pitch.

- Ms. Dainty proposed that during Bellefonte Arts & Crafts Fair, August 19 and 20, meter enforcement is dispensed.

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to dispense meter enforcement August 19 and 20. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. Ms. Dainty abstained from voting since she is co-chair of the event.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council, Ms. Dainty made a motion to adjourn the meeting of July 18, 2011 at 9:45 PM. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.