

COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 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. Members were asked to turn off their cell phones or put them on vibrate.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Wilson, Taylor, Schneider, Provan, McCullough, Beigle, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman, Confer

Members Excused: Dainty,

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

Staff Present:

Guests: JoAnn L. Knupp; Dick Knupp; Carl Miller; Nancy Miller;

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Provan made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of October 3, 2011. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Mrs. Dunne made the following correction to the Spring Creek Watershed Commission report—a spelling correction changing Aquaphor to Aquifer. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as corrected.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Richard Wardrop, Chairman, Water Resources Monitoring Committee, Spring Creek Watershed Association, requesting a pledge of \$2,859 for 2012. Mr. Beigle requested a copy of the budget to see where the money is used.

Mrs. Dunne made a motion to support with the pledge of \$2,859. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Mr. Provan would like a representative from the Watershed Commission to address Council. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Richard W. Knupp in regard to issues with the new trash policy.
- A note from Martha Hartle stating a resident called PennDOT requesting a lighted school zone be created at the Bellefonte Elementary School on Allegheny Street. Mr. Stewart stated the issue was explored several years ago and it would be difficult and costly to implement a lighted school zone in that area because it would require an overhead light.
This request was turned over to the Street Committee for review and recommendation.
- An invitation from Graymont to an open house on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 194 Match Factory Place.

ORAL

- JoAnn Knupp, 441 North Spring Street, addressed Council. She had received a telephone call from the Borough office complaining that she did not put her garbage in a plastic bag. Mrs. Knupp is an avid recycler and does not want to be forced to use plastic bags. She informed Council that the biodegradable plastic bags do not degrade in a landfill. She requested that the ordinance be amended to remove the requirement to use plastic bags.
- Mrs. Dunne reported that the Architecture and Design Gallery at the Bellefonte Museum will open on Sunday, November 6, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will be an Anna Keichline exhibit.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Goldman had nothing to report.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 1) 139 East High Street
- 2) 130 East High Street
- 3) 126/128 North Spring Street
- 4) 101A North Allegheny Street
- 5) 360 West Lamb Street

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve all five Certificates of Appropriateness. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

The meeting minutes from the October 11, 2011, HARB meeting were in the packet for review.

Mr. Holderman reported there have been issues with the email address for the HARB Coordinator so if you have not received a response back to an email, please contact the Borough office.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – There was no report.

Finance and Government Performance – Mr. Beigle made a motion to file for audit the September 2011 vouchers in the amount of \$875,316.23. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

September 2011 Vouchers

General	18802 - 18901	\$ 231,902.88
Streetlighting	742 - 746	\$ 6,069.94
Bellefonte Fire Dept.	1196 - 1213	\$ 18,283.84
Fire Equipment	140 - 143	\$ 4,695.88
Parks & Recreation	1526 - 1548	\$ 7,323.66
Water	7885 - 7947	\$ 99,690.03
Sanitation	9202 - 9262	\$ 359,926.06
Refuse	2253, 2284 - 2308	\$ 90,798.05
Swimming Pool	486 - 490	\$ 1,452.77
CDBG	-	\$ 0.00
Special Projects	98, 105, 121 - 123	\$ 48,786.87
Highway Aid	-	\$ 0.00
Capital Projects	-	\$ 0.00
Bulk Water Sales	145 - 147	\$ 6,386.25
	Total:	<u>\$ 875,316.23</u>

The September 2011 Budget vs. Actual and Treasurer's Report are in the packets for review.

There is a spreadsheet in the packet regarding the health insurance update. The spreadsheet shows seven months of data, and the Borough is approximately \$60,000 plus of what was paid in. There are estimated amounts for 2012 included also.

Park & Recreation – Mr. Taylor reported that things are progressing at the Parkview Heights Teener League field.

Mrs. Dunne reported that the Peace Pole at Talleyrand Park will be dedicated during the Fall Festival on Sunday, October 23.

Mr. Holderman provided photos from the October 6 Day of Caring. Four young ladies painted both bridges at Talleyrand Park and another group collected debris at Governors Park.

Mr. Holderman reported Centre County offered the Borough a grant to help extend the wall near the falls at Talleyrand Park and he showed a picture of the proposed work.

Human Resources – Mr. Provan reported there were resumes from three individuals interested in filling the two vacancies on the Industrial Development Authority.

Mr. Provan made a motion to appoint Greg Wendt and Matt Hill to fill the vacancies. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. Mr. Provan suggested the third person would consider other vacancies on various boards in the board. The gentlemen will be filling unexpired terms. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Provan reported negotiations between the street personnel and the Borough have begun by exchanging proposals.

Safety – Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the Eye Protection Policy. Mr. Provan seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

A letter was received from Maxine Ishler requesting a parking space for Judge Lunford that would be adjacent to a door that he uses to enter the Court House Annex because of a safety issue. The Safety Committee will review the matter and bring a recommendation to Council.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle reported the Authority is beginning work on the 2012 budget.

The daily water withdrawal report is in the packet for review.

The minutes from the October 11, 2011, Authority meeting were in the packet for review.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati is in the process of scheduling a Streets Committee meeting.

The paving contractor feels they will be able to do the paving at the end of October, but weather has not been cooperating.

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to change the refuse ordinance to state it is “recommended” that garbage be placed in plastic bags rather than “required.” The motion died due to lack of a second. This will be discussed at a work session. Mr. Wilson didn’t second the motion because he would like to even take out the word “recommend.”

Mr. Taylor reported the residents are diligently working on their sidewalk at the corner of McAlister and High Street. Mr. Holderman reported the sidewalk must be completed by the end of November.

Mr. DeCusati reported Council is working on options regarding the trash cans.

There is a letter in the packet from Thomas J. Zurat, Jr., P.E., Portfolio Manager, Engineering District 2-0, PennDOT, regarding a request for a waiver from all Ordinances, such as a Noise Ordinance, that would prevent the contractor from performing nighttime paving in order to lessen traffic congestion.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the request with a request that the signal lights be considered at the Parkview Boulevard intersection. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Stewart reported that three of the four agreements have been signed from the four companies regarding the bulk water facility at Penn Eagle Industrial Park. The fourth company has paid, but has not provided the agreement yet. Building may begin soon on the facility. Water is being loaded on the street until the facility is built.

- Allegheny Power needs to install a transformer to get power at the pump house at the new Weis Market location.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Beigle made a recommendation to apply for the Solar Energy Grant. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. A contract will be coming from Johnson Controls. There is still opportunity to amend the contract regarding solar energy panels. A roll-call vote was taken: Wilson-yes; Taylor-yes; Schneider-yes; Provan-no; Beigle-yes; DeCusati-no; Dunne-yes; Halderman-yes. The motion was approved. Mrs. Dunne would like more information such as not only the energy cost savings but the quality of energy as well.

- A draft Earned Income Tax Ordinance was placed in the packets for review. A uniform policy will be adopted across the County.

- There is not a program regarding decaying trees. The typical procedure is for the Shade Tree Commission to examine the situation and if necessary contact an arborist. When a letter is sent out to the resident it is recommended they plant a new tree.

- Northwest Savings Bank will be opening soon. They are still not permitted to enter via SR#550.

- Mr. Provan made a motion to accept the police exonerations as provided. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Mr. DeCusati made a motion to adjourn the meeting of October 17, 2011, at 9:10 p.m. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.