

COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 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, Dainty, Taylor, Schneider, Provan, Beigle, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman,

Members Excused: McCullough, Confer

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

Staff Present:

Guests: Ed Adams

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Dunne made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of December 5, 2011. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Jennifer R. Lulis, New York Life Insurance Company, soliciting life insurance payroll deductions.

- A letter from Joe Rocco, Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs, Comcast, Keystone Region, providing information regarding price rate changes that will become effective January 1, 2012.

- A letter from George D. Greig, Secretary, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Agriculture, inviting Council to attend the 9th Annual Pennsylvania Farm Show Public Officials Day on Thursday, January 12, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.

- A letter from Devin Alterio in regard to the use of the baseball field at Governor's Park. This will be turned over to the Park & Recreation Committee for review and recommendation.

- A letter from Mary Labert, President, PA Borough Councils Association, seeking nominations for "Outstanding Council Member of the Year." Please give Mr. Stewart any recommendations.

- A letter from Mary C. McMurtrie, Bellefonte Loyal Order of Moose & Family Fun Center, Bellefonte, requesting the use of Talleyrand Park, including the new area, to conduct the 3rd Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt for children 12 and under on Saturday, April 7, at 2:00 p.m. They would like use of the park at 11:00 a.m. for setup.

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

- A letter from Mark Rudloff, Bellefonte Little League Registration Coordinator, informing Council that they have decided not to use a "street banner" to advertise the leagues registration.

- A letter from Erin Hammerstedt, Field Representative, Preservation Pennsylvania and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, providing information regarding the Cadillac Building. There is a request for an extension of the January 1 deadline to either start repairs or to start proceedings to take the building down.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to remove the January 1, 2012, deadline and instill a deadline that states as long as progress moving forward from it is visible and frequent updates are provided there will not be a deadline date proposed; including a monthly update. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion.

- Letters from the following organizations thanking Bellefonte Borough for what they did in preparation and during the Jerry Sandusky hearing: Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts; Beard Law Company; Maxine O. Ishler, Centre County Court Administrator; Judge Kistler; David F. Crunick, President, Bellefonte Little League; Gary V. Hoover, Executive Director, Bellefonte and Intervalley Area Chamber of Commerce; Mike Argento, Daily Record/Sunday News; and Agent Randy P. Feathers, Regional Director, Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General.

ORAL

Ed Adams, 1010 East High Street, Bellefonte, is a board member of the Bellefonte Teener League and the Chairman of the Teener League Improvement Committee. Mr. Adams thanked Borough Council for their involvement in taking on the field improvement project at the

Teener League. He especially thanked Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Dunne and the Parks and Recreation Committee, as well as Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Goldman gave kudos to the Bellefonte teachers who walked their students through downtown Bellefonte through the Sandusky trial.

Mayor Goldman reported that courtesy parking will be terminated on January 3, 2012, at which time parking will go back to previous rules and rates.

Mayor Goldman wished everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Holderman read a copy of a proclamation regarding work of the following organizations during the Sandusky hearing: Bellefonte Borough Police Department; Centre County Court Administrator's Office; Centre County EMA; Seven Mountains EMS; Centre County GIS Office; Bellefonte EMS; Centre LifeLink; Pennsylvania State Police; Spring Township Police; Centre Sheriff Office; Centre County Police Tactical Response Team; State College Police; Patton Township Police; Ferguson Township Police; Penn State Police Services; Penn State Office of Physical Plant; Pennsylvania Department of Transportation; Salvation Army; Bellefonte Borough Crews and Office Personnel; Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts; Commonwealth Media Services; Logan Fire Company; Undine Fire Company; Bellefonte Area School District; St. John Catholic Church; American Legion Post 33; Trinity Investment Management Corp; and M&M Copies.

Mayor Goldman thanked all the organizations for their participation in this event.

Mr. Halderman, on behalf of Borough Council, thanked Chief Weaver, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Holderman for their preparations for the Sandusky hearing.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- CCMPO Membership Letter—emails are being exchanged with other townships regarding dates and times for a meeting to discuss how the representation will work.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 1) 108 North Allegheny Street/Install wood framed fire escape from third floor to grade. Stair will extend over the existing roof. A portion of the existing garage roof will be removed for the new stair. A stair is required by code for a second egress from 3rd floor apartments.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. There is concern regarding the safety of this egress so Mr. Schneider rescinded his second and Ms. Dainty removed her motion. This will be withdrawn until the next

Council meeting. Mr. Stewart reported the code officer sits on the HARB board, and they did recommend the plans for approval to Council.

The minutes from the December 15, 2011, HARB meeting were in the packet for review.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property—There was no report.

Finance & Government Performance—

Mr. Provan made a motion to pay an invoice to McQuaide Blasko in the amount of \$1,058.15 for services rendered and expenses incurred through November 30, 2011. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to file for audit the November 2011 vouchers in the amount of \$1,552,361.85. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

November 2011 Vouchers

General	18997 - 19096	\$ 182,632.56
Streetlighting	755 - 761	\$ 5,976.06
Bellefonte Fire Dept.	1220 - 1230	\$ 25,966.89
Fire Equipment	148 - 150, 1245	\$ 4,695.88
Parks & Recreation	1569 - 1581	\$ 6,865.63
Water	8026 - 8088	\$ 121,619.75
Sanitation	111, 9312 - 9367	\$ 847,119.61**
Refuse	2334 - 2367	\$ 168,491.28
Swimming Pool	493 - 494	\$ 116.30
CDBG	-	\$ 0.00
Special Projects	99 - 101, 126 - 127	\$ 15,024.09
Highway Aid	222	\$ 106,969.50
Capital Projects	-	\$ 0.00
Bulk Water Sales	152 - 154	\$ 66,884.30
	Total:	<u>\$ 1,552,361.85</u>

**Includes a transfer and the bond payment

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the budget for 2012 as submitted in the amount of \$11,006,185.00 with a tax increase of 1.53 mills and a \$5.00 per quarter sewer increase. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with Mr. Taylor and Mr. DeCusati voting no.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve Tax Levy Ordinance 12192011-01 as presented. Mr. Provan seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with Mr. Taylor and Mr. DeCusati voting no.

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to reappoint Young, Oakes, Brown & Company, P.C. as the auditors for the 2011 calendar year with the following fees: Borough of Bellefonte \$8,300; Bellefonte Borough Authority \$5,375; Additional services required for GASB Statement Number 34 format for the financial statements \$1,700; Earned Income Tax Collector \$1,425; Tax Collector Compliance \$625 for a total of \$17,425.00. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Park & Recreation—Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve payment of the final invoice from John Nastase Construction in the amount of \$12,829.77 for work on the Teener League field. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. All the grant work is complete. CPI is completing their work. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Dunne reported there was a meeting at the YMCA on Thursday, December 8, involving representatives from Spring Township, Walker Township, Bellefonte Borough, Howard Long and Ray Carol from the YMCA. The meeting was to discuss the Kepler Pool situation for the 2012 summer and continued support from the municipalities.

During that meeting there was a verbal agreement from all the townships to continue their contributions for 2012 under the same arrangement as in previous years. Everyone would like to have a definite plan for renovation and upgrade of the pool. To explore the opportunity for a regional authority for the pool, a meeting has been planned with all elected officials from all the municipalities involved at an unknown date in January 2012.

Human Resources—Mr. Provan reported the first negotiation session with the Public Works employees was held on Thursday, December 15. The Human Resources committee will keep Council apprised of the progress as negotiations proceed, as was done in the work session earlier this evening.

Safety—Mr. Wilson had a constituent call him regarding a letter being sent out by Home Services USA Repair Management (Home Services). The constituent thought the letter came from the Borough, but it is actually a solicitation for a service contract for water lines from the road to the house. If a resident receives a letter from the Borough it would be on official Borough letterhead.

Mr. Provan witnessed a young woman almost being struck by a car as she was walking on Beaver Farms Lane. She was crossing over, and the streetlight is out over Bishop Street where Beaver Farm Lane and Bishop Street intersect and it is very dark there.

When the High School did their renovation project several years ago they did extend their sidewalk up to Bishop Street. Mr. Schneider questioned whether it would be appropriate to paint a crosswalk there where it would cross over to the Weis parking lot. Mr. Stewart stated that would need to be approved by PennDOT.

Mr. Beigle would like to approach PennDOT again and request a signal light at the intersection of Parkview Boulevard and Bishop Street.

On January 25 the Fire Task Force will be having Larry Maynard from the Insurance Services Offices giving a three-hour presentation about what the Insurance Services Offices is and how that relates to Fire Service, Water Authority and County Communication. This is the meat and potatoes of the ISO rating and he will describe what is required, how it can be positively affected and what goes into that ISO rating. The location will be publicized for all to attend and it is requested that members of the Water Authority attend.

Water/Sanitation—The meeting minutes from December 14, 2011, were in the packet for review. The contract with Johnson Controls has been signed.

Mr. Halderman has received complaints about the new garbage cans being left in front of properties all week long. Mr. Stewart stated the Borough has deliberately been lenient with residents because quite a few of them are waiting for a smaller container. Once the smaller containers are in place, warnings will be issued. If the containers are too large, residents are encouraged to call the Borough office and get on the list for a smaller container.

Streets—Mr. DeCusati stated he is trying to organize a meeting for Thursday, January 5, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Goldman recommended residents use High Street and School Street to get out to the bank. Mr. Taylor would prefer they did not.

Energy & Environmental Conservation—There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. DeCusati made a motion to appoint Sam McGinley, Northwest Savings Bank, to the Library Board to complete the term of Vana Dainty. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Act 44 RFP Policy is a new policy that gives guidance on how to do an RFP. Anyone associated with the pension plans or professional services must abide by this policy. The policy the Borough received was a boiler plate from the Borough's Association. It was reviewed with the solicitor, and a few minor changes were made. It needs to be approved and then the RFP process would begin.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the Act 44 RFP Policy. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A special committee will be appointed in January to go through the criteria and the process. A voice vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the Cooperation Agreement between the Borough and the IDA as submitted. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve the Resolution (VALIC) 457 Plan as presented. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Beigle would like to develop a system to prevent residents from using the parking meters all day long rather than using the municipal parking lot. Residents from the Brockerhoff have parking designated and should be using those locations.

- Council presented Mr. Taylor with a plaque for his twelve years of serving on Borough Council and thanked him for his service. Mr. Taylor stated it was a great experience.

TICKET EXONERATIONS

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve the ticket exonerations. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council, Mr. Schneider made a motion to adjourn the meeting of December 19, 2011, at 8:55 p.m. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.