

**COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2012**  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 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, Brown, Schneider, Beigle, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman, Confer

Members Excused: Provan, McCullough

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

Staff Present:

Guests:

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of March 5, 2012. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**WRITTEN**

- A letter from Clyde Holman, Deputy Secretary for Community Affairs and Development, Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development. Details from this letter will be forthcoming.
  
- A letter from Captain Charles Niedermyer and Captain Patricia Niedermyer, The Salvation Army, thanking the Borough for the \$360 contribution.

- A letter from Tom Ripka requesting permission to cut and remove dead fuel wood from the wet lands off of East Howard Street. The wood would be carried out via a wheelbarrow so the ground will not be damaged by a truck. Mr. Ripka is insured in case of an accident.

Mrs. Dunne feels more information is needed before this requested can be handled.

- A letter from Elise Gurgevich, Cub Master, Bellefonte Cub Scouts Pack 330, requesting permission to use the parking area in front of Talleyrand Park on the following dates for chicken barbeques:

Saturday, April 21

Saturday, May 19

Saturday, June 2

Saturday, June 30

Mrs. Brown made a motion to approve this request. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Emily Raymond, Skills, requesting permission to use Talleyrand Park for their annual Candlelight Vigil on Wednesday, May 23, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. They would need the use of electricity.

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

- Mr. Stewart put a note in the packet regarding the speed limit reduction request in Park View Heights Estates. There is a PennDOT standard for that. Chief Weaver is working on enforcing the speed limit.

- A report on the Cadillac Building is provided for Council members to review.

## **ORAL**

- None

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Ms. Dainty reported when she was at a Resolutions and Policy Steering Committee meeting in Harrisburg for the Borough's Association on Friday, March 16, one of the things that came up from one of the counties was a rate control type of thing and they kept saying they were talking about quality of life and inspections. Ms. Dainty stated she has come down quite hard on Russell about a few things. She was bragging about the Borough's system at the meeting and before she left someone asked her if she could email them the Borough codes.

- Mrs. Dunne announced the Spring Creek Watershed Commission meeting on Wednesday, March 21, will host a speaker from the USGS office in Pittsburgh, a hydrogeologist, who is going to speak about "A Simulated Water Budget of the Spring

Creek Nittany Creek Basins and Parts of the Spruce Creek Basin using GS Flow. It is a model that is based on the Spring Creek Watershed, which measures the interaction between the ground and the surface water and will help to identify recharge areas of good recharge capacity so more information can be obtained on how to handle the water in years hence.

- Mr. Beigle reported the University Park Airport now has a liquor license.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Goldman reminded residents to remove their garbage cans after the garbage is collected.

Mayor Goldman also reminded residents to watch their speed while driving throughout the community.

Catch and release fishing is open from the High Street Bridge downstream.

Mayor Goldman encouraged residents to view the website [www.bellefonte.net](http://www.bellefonte.net) to view dates of upcoming special events.

Mayor Goldman encouraged residents to enjoy the beautiful weather and to enjoy the first day of spring, March 20.

Mrs. Brown reported people should not park behind the Borough Building when they are fishing.

## **OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

### **ZONING/PLANNING**

- The solar energy model ordinance is still being discussed by the Planning Commission. When they are finished discussing it, a draft ordinance will come before Council.

### **CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS**

- None

### **COMMITTEES**

Building & Property – Mr. Schneider asked if the Authority was interested in the piece of property near the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Authority has no interest in the property unless it would be donated.

Finance and Government Performance – Mrs. Dunne made a motion to file for audit the February 2012 Vouchers in the amount of \$909,675.84. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

February 2012 Vouchers

General	19205, 19312 – 19442	\$ 307,886.86
Streetlighting	776 – 787	\$ 9,297.10
Bellefonte Fire Dept.	1272 – 1288	\$ 17,303.76
Fire Equipment	159 - 162	\$ 4,695.88
Parks & Recreation	1592 - 1596	\$ 248.53
Water	8231 - 8314	\$ 145,769.05
Sanitation	1, 112, 9490 - 9550	\$ 332,757.01
Refuse	2425 - 2466	\$ 84,484.03
Swimming Pool	499 - 501	\$ 642.59
CDBG	-	\$ 0.00
Special Projects	205	\$ 58.44
Highway Aid	225 – 228	\$ 847.84
Capital Projects	-	\$ 0.00
Bulk Water Sales	164 - 168	\$ 5,684.75
	Total:	<u>\$ 909,675.84</u>

Ms. Dainty made a motion to pay an invoice to McQuaide Blasko in the amount of \$633.35 with a courtesy fee of \$150 on the invoice. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Park & Recreation – Mrs. Brown reported there will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 21, at noon at the YMCA to continue discussion on a Pool Authority.

Mr. Holderman thanked the Centre County Conservation District for the financing of the wall at Talleyrand Park. The wall is complete. The Silk Mill wall work will begin in a few weeks.

Human Resources – Mr. Holderman informed Council that he will be attending the Public Employee Labor Relations Advisory Service conference on Wednesday, March 21 through Friday, March 23. He thanked Council for allowing him to attend that.

Safety – Mr. Wilson reminded residents to slow down when driving through town.

The Fire Services Task Force has not met since the ISO meeting, and they are trying to reorganize. They are in discussion with other townships regarding their interest in having a mediator come in and pay for that.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to provide the funds for the mediator. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Schneider reported the Logan Fire Company was the recipient of a state grant in the amount of \$12,200 that will be used to purchase hose and hose appliances for both the 114 and the 111.

Mr. Halderman reported there is a skunk in his area.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle reported if you are cleaning up your yard you can set the leaves and grass clippings out with your regular trash until April 11. After that time it will be picked up on a regular basis on Wednesdays if you have made prior arrangements. The fee for a grass clipping container is \$50 and that would get you on the list for the pickups beginning on April 11.

Mr. Stewart reported brush collection details including bundling the large brush together since it will not fit into the container.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati reported the Streets Committee met before the Council meeting and discussed several items. The residents from Linn Street will meet with the Fire Chief to discuss sign issues on Monday, March 26, at 6:00 p.m. They are still trying to meet with the owners of the convenience store on Wilson Street and High Street to discuss several details including the entrance.

Street sweeping will begin soon.

Mr. Holderman reported preliminary approval was received from PennDOT for the school zone sign on Allegheny Street. An engineer will begin the next process.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – There was no report.

Junior Council Report – Mr. Confer reported he and Ms. McCullough will be attending the United Nations Conference.

Mrs. Dunne reported five FFA students helped with the Edible Landscape Garden on Friday, March 16, at Talleyrand Park.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Mr. Schneider made a motion to have Ms. Dainty be the voting delegate for Bellefonte at the conference held the last weekend in April. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Holderman has information regarding the Ordinance Codification that he will email to Council members. He would like a small committee to do a review before it is sent out.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Beigle made a motion to name the roadway between Church Lane and Linn Street “Goldman Lane.” Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Schneider made a motion to endorse the Prevailing Wage Reform Resolution and include formal communication of the Borough’s position be made to both

the Representative and the Senator. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- The Easter egg hunts are listed on the Borough website. They are Sunday, April 1, and Saturday, April 7, at 2:00 p.m.

- Saturday, March 24, the landfill will be open on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon for Borough residents and Spring Township residents.

### **TICKET EXONERATIONS**

- None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- With no other business to come before Council Mr. Schneider made a motion to adjourn the meeting of March 19, 2012, at 8:05 p.m. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.