

COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 4, 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.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Wilson, Dainty, Brown, Schneider, Beigle, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman, McCullough, Confer

Members Excused: Provan,

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

Staff Present:

Guests: Fred Koch, VAF; Holly Wilson, HBI President;

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of May 21, 2012. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Richard Brown, Retired Superintendent, Bellefonte Borough. The letter was turned over to the Personnel Committee for review and recommendation.

- A letter from Fred Koch, Secretary, VAF (Veterans Assistance Fund) requesting permission to hold a 5m/5k run-walk.

Mr. Koch thanked Council for permission to hold the race in 2011 and the support provided.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the request as presented for the VAF to have a 5k run/walk race in Bellefonte on Sunday, October 28, 2012, beginning at 1:00 p.m. and be completed by 4:00 p.m. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Judy Patterson, CPI Head Start, Cen Clear Child Services, requesting the use of a pavilion at Governors Park to host an "End of the Year Celebration" for preschoolers and parents on Tuesday, July 10, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

- A letter from James F. Nowalk, President, the Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association State Headquarters, seeking nominations to recognize the Mayor of the Year.

- A letter from Robert L. Pierce, Manager, Certification and Education Section, Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, informing the Borough the Application for Certification Renewal of Workplace Safety Committee has been recertified, which means there will be a five percent savings on the Workmen's Compensation rates.

- A letter from Holly Wilson, President, HBI, thanking Borough Staff and Council for the support of the Big Spring Festival held Sunday, May 20, in Talleyrand Park.

ORAL

- Ms. Dainty reported the Arts & Crafts Fair Committee is working with Herbie's Hometown people to be part of the fair but yet be their own entity. They would like to see High Street closed between Allegheny Street and Spring Street on Saturday, August 17, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the beginning of their race.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the request as submitted. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. The question was raised whether the downtown merchants are consulted before streets are closed. Ms. Dainty will have people from the race notify the merchants. A voice vote was unanimous.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Goldman reported business in the downtown will go on as usual during the Sandusky trial and there is parking available so just go about your business as usual.

If you park downtown, do not park on private property or your car will be removed.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 1) 111 West Curtin Street/Install vinyl lattice over wood panels below existing rear deck. New doors for access to the area will be finished with similar vinyl lattice. Install new concrete apron from corner of the deck down to the existing sidewalk along the alley.
- 2) 342 East Linn Street/Install new privacy fence along front yard, side property line. The new fence will match the existing adjacent white fence. The new fence will be painted white, and will be six feet high.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve both Certificates of Appropriateness as presented.

Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

The May 29, 2012, HARB meeting minutes are in the packet for review.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – There was no report.

Finance and Government Performance – Ms. Dainty made a motion to continue the insurance with the Hartman Agency (General Liability, Vehicle, Workers Compensation). Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Park & Recreation – There was no report.

Human Resources – The Human Resources Committee met to discuss personnel issues before the work session.

Safety – The application for a fire chief has been posted in both fire departments and interested candidates have two weeks to submit an application. The current fire chief is done the end of June and the company chiefs will rotate the responsibilities back and forth if the position is not filled.

Water/Sanitation – There was no report.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati reported the heavy rains caused issues with the storm water drains. The rain was very heavy and the storm water drains overflowed. The Borough crew is working on repairs.

Mr. Wilson reported there are other areas in the Borough where the drainage is not adequate for a storm of the magnitude that has been happening. He would like the Streets Committee to explore the run-off situations in Bellefonte. There are many areas where there is not curbing to retain the storm water. He encouraged citizens to inform the Borough if there are areas that need attention.

Mr. Schneider reported there are storm boxes that need to be cleaned out.

Mr. Halderman reported there are trees being removed from Borough Streets and the ordinance states the homeowner has 30 days to replace the tree.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – Mrs. Dunne feels the Borough needs to maintain the canopy (trees) because they offer climate moderation.

Junior Council Report –Ms. McCullough reported the school year is quickly coming to an end. Graduation will be held on Friday, June 8.

OLD BUSINESS

- A Kepler Pool Authority Parameter Letter is in the packets for review. Mrs. Dunne made a motion to approve this set of guidelines to establish the Kepler Pool Authority. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. Mr. Halderman questioned if #4 means selling the amenities of the pool or the land to the Authority for \$1.00. Mrs. Dunne amended her motion to include “this is for the amenities and not the land”. Ms. Dainty seconded the amendment. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Holderman reported the Ordinance Portfolio was sent to General Code last week. For the editorial review he thanked Mrs. Dunne. It will take a few months before it is returned.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council, Ms. Dainty made a motion to adjourn the meeting of June 4, 2012, at 7:55 p.m. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.