

COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 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, Schneider, Provan, Beigle, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman, McCullough, Confer

Members Excused: Brown,

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

Staff Present: Robert Keal, HARB Consultant;

Guests:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of July 16, 2012. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from David Cassatt, Representative, Bellefonte Youth Football & Cheer Field Boosters, informing Council a new football field for young football players and Cheerleaders will be located in the Walker Township Parks and Recreational development. Since Bellefonte Youth Football & Cheer consists of the entire Bellefonte area, they are asking all municipalities to help sponsor the field. They are requesting a donation of \$5,000 from Bellefonte Borough and other municipalities.

This request will be given to the Parks & Recreation Committee and the Finance Committee for review and recommendation.

- An email from Richard Knupp with a solution regarding parking. The solution is from Pottstown, PA. The information is in the packet for review.

- A letter from Don Amoriello CMAA, Co-Director of Athletics, Bellefonte Area School District, requesting the use of Governors Park as an alternative training site for the Bellefonte Area High School Cross Country team during the months of September and October. The request also includes permission to use Governors Park to host a home cross country meet on August 23; September 11 and September 18; from 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

Mrs. Dunne made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. Mr. Stewart would like to request a Certificate of Insurance. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Russell D. Shuey, Building Code Official, to Henry & Judy Haranin regarding the Cadillac Building.

- Information regarding the PSAB Fall Leadership Conference, which will be held at The Nittany Lion Inn, October 12–14, 2012. Interested Council members should inform Mr. Stewart.

- A letter from Kathleen D. Macon, Editor, General Code, informing the Borough of Bellefonte that the project is nearing completion.

Mr. Provan thanked Mr. Holderman for his work on this project.

- A letter from Mary C. McMurtrie, Bill Walk, Deanna Kochick and the Bellefonte EEH Committee requesting the use of Talleyrand Park, including the new area, to conduct the 4th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt in conjunction with HBI, on Saturday, March 13 at 2:00 p.m.

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

- A letter from William Carey, 707 West Lamb Street, requesting permission to have a portion of the 700 block of West Lamb Street from the intersection of West Lamb Street and Brown Avenue west to the intersection of West Lamb Street and Hickory Street closed to thru traffic on Saturday, September 1, 2012, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a neighborhood party.

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

- A letter from Carol A. Loveland, Energy Development/Special Projects, Penn State Extension/Lycoming County, providing information regarding a Webinar entitled "A Blow to Act 13?: The Impact of the Commonwealth Court's Decision on Local Zoning

and Natural Gas Development in Pennsylvania.” The webinar will be held on Thursday, August 9, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- A memo from Russell Shuey, Building Code Official, regarding property updates.

- A letter from Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority (SBWJA) regarding Johnson Controls, Inc. Mr. Stewart responded to the letter and included a copy in the packets for review.

- An email from Devin Kos, Bellefonte High School, requesting permission to waive the \$45 rental fee for the largest pavilion at Governor's Park. The Bellefonte Area High School Girls' Soccer Team will be having a picnic there on Friday, August 10, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

ORAL

- None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Beigle reported there was a presentation given at the University Park Airport by the Solar Project. There is a possibility that the project may move forward.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Goldman thanked the residents of Bellefonte Borough for the fine job they are doing to keep their businesses and houses in good repair.

Mr. Halderman received many positive comments on the flowers in the downtown area.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- None.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – There was no report.

Finance and Government Performance – Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve an invoice to McQuaide Blasko in the amount of \$574.25 for services rendered through June 30, 2012. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Stewart reported Council members were provided a copy of the Borough's Annual Audit for review.

Park & Recreation – Mr. Holderman reported all municipalities are in agreement with the subdivision of land surrounding the pool. The Borough solicitor will draft the document for the establishment of a Pool Authority.

Human Resources – There was no report.

Safety – Mr. Wilson reported deadlines regarding the Cadillac Building have not been met and the property owner has been notified.

Mr. Provan observed an unhooked ground wire that goes to a street light on the corner of Bishop Street and the alley that goes by the Undine Fire Company, on the corner of the church parking lot.

A citizen asked if the Borough could explore the option of trimming a tree away from a street light on Stoney Batter. Mr. Stewart will have the Borough crews examine the situation.

Mr. Wilson reported whoever took care of the brush along Lamb Street up from Wilson Street did a good job.

Mr. Schneider reported a grant through the Federal AFG, which is the Assistance for Firefighter Grant Program, has been written for \$199,000 in order to sprinker both fire stations. This is a competitive grant that the Federal Government puts out in several major categories. Some of the categories are apparatus; improvements to facilities; and purchase of safety equipment. Both fire departments have pledged to do the matching sum, which is a 5% match.

Mayor Goldman heard on the radio that there were grants for towns under a population of 10,000 for equipment.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle reported the Authority meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 7.

Water usage was up a little because of the dry weather.

The project on SR#550 to widen the road will begin this week.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati reported the lowest bid for street paving was received from and awarded to HRI.

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to add a new "no parking from here to corner sign" on West Linn Street on the corner near the crosswalk on both ends. Mr. Provan seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. DeCusati reported the CCMPO dropped the repair work for Phoenix Avenue from their project list. Mr. Schneider suggested doing the same thing as Patton

Township and pay for the design work so when the Federal and State money comes across the table, the project will be "shovel ready."

Ms. Dainty feels the option to make Badger Lane one-way should be explored. A little girl was hit on the corner of Badger Lane and Cherry Lane. She was not hurt, but children play there all the time. She feels Cherry Lane needs to be completed as one-way as well. The accident was reported to the Police Department. Mr. Stewart stated on a 90-day trial basis a one-way sign could be installed on Badger Lane. An ordinance could be prepared and advertised as well.

Mrs. Dunne made a motion to install a one-way sign on Badger Lane from Bishop Street to Cherry Lane on a 90-day trial basis. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. It was requested that this situation be examined in a systematic way to show where it makes sense. A voice vote was unanimous.

Across from Restore, Centre Street, there are some signs that are very close together making it difficult to pull in or out if a car is parked there.

Mr. Halderman would like the Shade Tree Ordinance modified to state if a tree is taken down the stump should be removed also.

A questionnaire has been sent out regarding Potter Street. Several responses have been sent back and the questionnaire is due back by August 17. Mr. Schneider feels the problem is a speed problem.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – There was no report.

Junior Council Report – Sports activities are beginning. Football will begin before the end of August. Band Camp is this week.

OLD BUSINESS

- Parking Suggestions - The Committee explored the parallel parking option. There was not total agreement on this, but it was suggested perhaps the idea could be tested on one of the Borough streets.

- The resolution has a typo in the third paragraph and should state "in excess of \$1,500."

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to approve Resolution #08062012-001 to sell properties that include 387 East Beaver Street (Parcel #32-104-006-0000) and 401 East Beaver Street (Parcel #32-104-202-0000) with the correction in the third paragraph to remove the word "not." Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. Mr. Schneider abstained from voting.

- Mr. Wilson thanked Council and the Borough crews for repairing the drainage problem at the corner of Hamilton Street and East Logan Street. He feels the next project should be where Tom Burger lives.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Schneider made a motion to waive the parking meter fee on the parking meters in the downtown Friday, August 17, and Saturday, August 18, for the Arts & Crafts Fair. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. Ms. Dainty abstained from voting because of a conflict of interest.

- Mr. Stewart reminded property owners to cut brush and weeds at the back of their property along lanes. It was also requested that low hanging branches be trimmed.

- The August 20 Council meeting will be cancelled.

- Ms. Dainty invited everyone to attend the Bellefonte Arts & Crafts Fair at Talleyrand Park on August 17 and 18.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council, Mrs. Dunne made a motion to adjourn the meeting of August 6, 2012, at 8:47 p.m. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.