

COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 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. It was requested that cell phones either be placed on vibrate or turned off.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Excused: Schneider, Confer,

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

Staff Present:

Guests: Richard Knupp; Kent Addis; Robert Krebs; Michael Miller; Karen Howe, Buddy Johnson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- Information for Council to review entitled *Park Privatization Aims for Revenue Sharing*. Mr. Stewart felt this could possibly provide options for Governor's Park.

- A letter from Kristina V. Tice, Principal, Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School, requesting permission for the students to sing Christmas carols to local businesses and shoppers on Thursday, December 20, beginning at 12:15 p.m.

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

ORAL

- Karen Howe, 216 South Allegheny Street, addressed Council regarding parking for the apartment building she lives in, which is located on the corner of South Allegheny Street and Logan Street. She stated effective November 15 of each year the parking goes from two sides of the street to one side and parking is always an issue. She approached Council to see if there would be any plans to make that a regular two-sided parking. She stated there are 35 parking spaces from South Allegheny Street to Ridge Street and there are 52 residences. She is a nurse at Mount Nittany and works night shift. When she comes home in the morning there is nowhere to park. She received three parking tickets last year and she feels that is an issue for a resident.

Mr. Halderman stated she is not the first person to raise this issue. The alternate street parking is done for snow removal in the winter and that provides the only time to clean out the spaces for the residents.

Ms. Howe suggested that it would make more sense to enforce the parking when there is snow. Mr. Halderman stated it would be very hard to anticipate when it is going to snow. He will request the Streets Committee to review why both East and West sides of Logan Street do not have the alternate parking enforced.

- Mrs. Brown invited the Victorian Christmas Decorating Committee to attend the Council meeting so everyone can get to know who they are. She stated the committee chair people have been doing it for fourteen years and she feels it is very notable for them to do so.

Sally Houser, Victorian Christmas Chair, informed Council that a new Santa House was installed on the Diamond. CPI students in carpentry, electric, graphics, design and heavy equipment built the Santa House. CPI donated leftover items and area businesses donated items. Triangle Building donated shingles for the roof; HBI is going to donate to pay for the rest of the roof; and Downtown Businesses and Professional People also contributed financially. Bellefonte Victorian Christmas items will be stored in this after Christmas at CPI. Sally thanked everyone publically for their participation and their financial aid in the project. She invited Council members to one of the Victorian Christmas events.

Victorian Christmas will be celebrated Friday, December 7, through Sunday, December 9. There will be a gala on Thursday, December 6.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The selection for mayor was conducted at this time. Robert Krebs name was drawn but there was no nomination for him.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to nominate Kent Addis for Mayor.
 Mr. DeCusati made a motion to nominate Richard Knupp for Mayor.
 The name Buddy Johnson was drawn but there was no nomination for him.
 Mr. Provan made a motion to nominate Tom Wilson for Mayor.
 Mr. Beigle made a motion to nominate Michael Miller for Mayor.
 A roll-call vote was taken for Kent Addis for Mayor. The results were: Wilson-no; Dainty-yes; Brown-yes; Provan-yes; Beigle-no; DeCusati-yes; Dunne-yes; Halderman-no. Mr. Addis is the new mayor with a majority vote.
 All candidates were thanked for their interest in this position. Mr. Addis will be sworn in as mayor on December 1, 2012.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- Minutes from the CCMPO (Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization) Technical Committee meeting from Wednesday, September 12, 2012, are in the packet for review.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- None.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve Resolution No. 111912.001 for a Facade Grant in the amount of \$50,000 to structure a Facade Improvement Program for Bellefonte Downtown District and Waterfront District building owners to visibly enhance the exterior condition and appearance of Bellefonte's downtown historic buildings. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Draft minutes from the November 14, 2012, Industrial Development Authority meeting are in the packets for review.

Finance and Government Performance – Mr. Provan made a motion to file for audit the October 2012 vouchers in the amount of \$1,238,968.15. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the vouchers as submitted.

October 2012 Vouchers

General	20202–20330, 56465	\$ 571,814.73
Streetlighting	849–853	\$ 6,007.40
Bellefonte Fire Dept.	1405–1423	\$ 17,810.35
Fire Equipment	188–190	\$ 4,052.37

Parks & Recreation	1723-1742	\$ 17,484.56
Water	8803-8879	\$ 210,389.55
Sanitation	9950-10027	\$ 320,121.07
Refuse	2665-2695	\$ 79,027.83
Swimming Pool	530-532	\$ 412.76
CDBG	-	\$ 0.00
Special Projects	-	\$ 0.00
Highway Aid	-	\$ 0.00
Capital Projects	-	\$ 0.00
Bulk Water Sales	202-206	\$ 11,847.53
Total:		<u>\$ 1,238,968.15</u>

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve payment of the invoice to McQuaide Blasko for services rendered through October 31, 2012, in the amount of \$1,909.00. Mr. Provan seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Ms. Dainty reminded Council members that the budget will be approved in December and any questions should be directed to her, Mr. Stewart or Ms. Walker.

- Ms. Dainty congratulated Mr. DeCusati.

Park & Recreation – Mrs. Brown informed Council that two volunteers from Bellefonte Borough are still being sought to serve on the Recreation Authority. The terms would be staggered with one candidate serving five years and the second candidate serving two years.

Human Resources – Mr. Provan reported the Human Resources Negotiations Team met with the Streets Union for a negotiating session. Things are still being worked out.

Tuesday, November 20, at 5:00 p.m. there will be a pre-negotiations committee meeting for the Police Department.

Safety – Mr. Wilson reported the draft minutes from the October 30, 2012, Fire Protection Task Force Meeting are in the packet for review. Mrs. Dunne is available to answer any questions from the first meeting of the Fire Protection Task Force. The next meeting will be Thursday, December 6, at 5:00 p.m. At the next meeting Mrs. Dunne invites the public to attend. Discussion will include various elements of fire protection as well as discussion on how to include public input.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle reported Mrs. Dunne attended the Authority Meeting on November 6, 2012. One item discussed is the water pressure in the downtown.

- Mr. Beigle expressed concern over residents being aware of refuse pickup dates as a result of a holiday.

The November 22 refuse pickup will be on Tuesday, November 20, and the November 23 refuse pickup will be on Wednesday, November 21.

Mr. Holderman reported the schedule is on Channel 7 (C-NET) and is on the Borough website.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati commended the Borough crews for doing a fine job with leaf cleanup. The crews have also done the seam tarring. He is pleased with how they are keeping up with the work.

- Mr. Wilson thanked Mr. Stewart for having the Borough crews clean out some storm drains on Halfmoon Hill. There were bushes growing out of the drain.

- Mr. DeCusati stated before the storm the crews were trying to get as many leaves collected as possible.

- The landfill will be open Saturday, November 24, and that will be the last time this season.

- Mrs. Brown would like the Borough to send a thank-you letter to the Elks Lodge and the Moose Lodge for providing breakfast and lunch for the Victorian Christmas Decorating Committee. She would like a letter sent to the Christmas Decorating Committee as well informing them that their work is appreciated.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – There was no report.

Junior Council Report – Mr. Holderman reported in the November issue of The Borough News our Junior Council members are acknowledged.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve up to, but not to exceed, \$400 and also offer help to the Union Cemetery Association. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

- The tentative Bellefonte Borough 2013 Holiday Schedule and the tentative Bellefonte Borough 2013 Meeting Schedule is in the packets for review.

- Mrs. Brown feels there is an ordinance for blighted properties and there are restrictions for rental properties, but there are no restrictions for residential properties. Mr. Stewart stated there is a Property Maintenance Code that applies to all properties on the outside. Mrs. Brown would like to explore to see if something can be incorporated into what currently exists to make it easier for the Code Enforcement Officer to have residential properties cleaned up faster than the current process.

POLICE EXONERATIONS

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Ms. Dainty made a motion to adjourn the meeting of November 19, 2012, at 8:25 p.m. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.