

COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2013
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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. Those in attendance were asked to either turn their cell phones off or put them on vibrate.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Excused: Brown, Provan, Confer

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

Staff Present: Chief Weaver

Guests:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Dunne made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of December 17, 2012. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- Ryan Lowe, a property owner on East Pike Street, requested that Council consider changing Pike Street from a two-way street to a one-way street. This will be turned over to the Streets Committee for review.

- A thank you letter from the Red Cross for supporting them and the fire victims from the Hotel Do-De fire.

- A letter from Betty Ann Moyer, PSAB President, in regard to the Annual Certification Form, which must be completed by Board Members for attendance at the May 4, 2013 board meeting. Mr. Halderman is the PSAB Representative.

- A letter from Donald M. Franson, P.E., P.L.S., Franson Engineering and Surveying requesting reappointment.

- A letter from Mike Wilson, Bellefonte Area High School, requesting contributions for a Driver's Education Program for both adults and students waiting to drive.

- An email from Aaron Barto PRSBO, Director of Physical Plant, Bellefonte Area School District, requesting permission to reserve three parking spaces on East Linn Street beginning at the intersection with Allegheny Street (near the administration building).

This will be turned over to the Streets Committee for review and recommendation.

ORAL

- None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mrs. Dunne reported the Fire Protection Task Force met for their third meeting on January 3, 2013. Things are progressing. It was decided to pursue recommendations of the 2007 Task Force that have not been implemented, particularly in regard to public education. Age appropriate education will be developed for all. There are plans to have a resource fair to exhibit and demonstrate fire protection and fire suppression equipment as well as provide additional materials for the public. There will be more information regarding this at a later time. Also the Task Force worked on exploring incentives for installing sprinkler systems in various ways and are beginning to involve the Authority in these efforts. The minutes will be forthcoming.

The next Task Force meeting will be February 7, 2013 in Council Chambers. All Council members are invited to attend the meeting as well as members of the Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Addis reported he will be attending a luncheon sponsored by Leadership Centre County on Wednesday, January 9, 2013. One of the sessions will be "Community Ethics."

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

None.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

None.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – Mr. Schneider reported the packets include an advertisement that has been sent to PA Firemen for the sale of the Undine's tanker. The bids are due March 15, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. prevailing time. It is out of service and is being sold "as is." The bids will be opened at the Council Meeting of March 18, 2013.

Finance and Government Performance – There was no report.

Park & Recreation – There was no report.

Human Resources – There was no report.

Safety – Mr. Wilson reported the Fire Executive Committee meeting will be Thursday, January 24, 2013 in Council Chambers.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle reported the draft Authority meeting minutes from the January 2, 2013 meeting are in the packets for review.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati reported the crews did a good job with snow removal, particularly since this happened between Christmas and New Years.

Mr. Beigle requested residents clean the snow from hydrants if they are located near their property.

Mr. Wilson would like property owners to make paths through their piles of snow so residents can get to the curb easily to cross the street.

Mr. Schneider requested residents be considerate of where they throw their snow when shoveling vehicles out. It may cause an accident if it is thrown out onto a plowed street.

Mr. DeCusati reported a staff member indicated that alternate side parking is very helpful in the winter for plowing snow and they would like to see it more enforced throughout the town.

Mr. Halderman received a complaint regarding the downtown sidewalk area. There was snow between the curb and parking meter making it difficult for people to get to their cars.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – Mrs. Dunne reported the next speaker on the Spring Creek Watershed Commission will be Rodney or Chris Maney, the Maintenance Supervisor for Centre County roads. He will be talking about road treatments, substances, alternative substances, and the equipment. The meeting will be Wednesday, January 16, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spring Township Municipal Building. The program is subsequently aired on C-NET. She also asked for tips for municipalities.

Junior Council Report – There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve all the appointments/reappointments for the various Boards and Authorities. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Greg Thal (Borough Authority)
Pat Long and Robert Lingenfelter (HARB)
Randy Brachbill (Housing Board of Appeals)
Gregory Wendt (IDA)
James Mills (Planning Commission)
Karen Bjalme (Zoning Hearing Board)
Don Franson (Stormwater Engineer)

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority Ordinance #010713-01, Ordinance for the Establishment of the Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority and includes the articles of incorporation. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

POLICE EXONERATIONS

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Ms. Dainty made a motion to adjourn the meeting of January 7, 2013 at 7:47 p.m. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.