

COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 1, 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. It was requested that cell phones either be turned off or put on vibrate.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Wilson, Brown, Schneider, Provan, Halderman,

Members Excused: Dainty, Beigle, DeCusati, Dunne,

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

Staff Present:

Guests: Robert Lingenfelter, Weber Murphy Fox;

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of June 17, 2013. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Dawn Hissner, Chief, Operations Section, Operations and Monitoring Division, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, regarding Stage 2 Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts Rule Monitoring Plan Requirements the water system will be under. The letter has been forwarded to the Water/Sewer Authority.

- A letter from Deborah C. Flavin, Executive Director, Centre County Republican Party, requesting permission to hold their annual family picnic in Talleyrand Park on

Sunday, July 28, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with setup beginning at 12:00 Noon. They would like to use the new portion of Talleyrand Park.

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

- A letter from Kimberly Weigand, Grant Manager, Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development, regarding the CDBG-R Program, which the paperwork was reviewed. Mr. Holderman headed the project and the reviewer complimented him on his work and all the paperwork that was there. Council members thanked Mr. Holderman.

- A letter from Nancy Brassington, 375 Reynolds Avenue, in regard to some requests associated with Masullo Dog Park. The requested included some garbage cans and a few more picnic tables.

This was turned over to the Parks & Recreation Committee for review and recommendation.

- A request from Elise Gurgevich, Boy Scout Troop 34, to hold a chicken barbecue at Talleyrand Park on Saturday, August 10. This date would not conflict with the barbecues that the Cub Scouts do.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Mary C. McMurtrie, Bill Walk, Deanna Kochick, and the Bellefonte EEH Committee requesting the use of Talleyrand Park, in conjunction with Historic Bellefonte Incorporated, for the 5th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. The request includes access to the park at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. Mr. Stewart suggested the fire police are requested for traffic control. He also requested a Certificate of Insurance for the bounce house. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Rob Pacella, 805 East High Street, requesting a traffic study on McAllister Street in the North and South Side of East High Street as well as McAllister Street between Bishop and Howard Street in order to determine if there is a need for a 4-way stop sign. He requests that the study be conducted so that it includes data when school is in session.

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

- A letter from Gail Miller, Event Chair, Bellefonte Relay for Life, American Cancer Society, thanking the Borough for the use of Governor's Park in June for Relay for Life.

- A letter from Stacey Hoffman and Angela Rayhorn requesting permission to hold the 2nd Annual Burnside Block Party on Saturday, August 10, from

Noon - 8:00 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, August 11. The request is to block off Burnside Street between Blanchard Street to Hepburn Street.

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

- A letter from Vickie and Dale Gates, 106 North McAllister Street, expressing complaints about a property at the corner of East High Street and North McAllister Street.

- A letter from Jodie Dawson, Event Coordinator, Watermarke Church, requesting the use of the Gazebo at Talleyrand Park on Sunday, September 22, for a special fall concert/outreach event. The event begins at 5:00 p.m. and would run approximately two hours. The request includes arriving at 3:30 p.m. for set-up.

Mr. Provan made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. This is the second year for this event. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Keith G. Koch, Corresponding Secretary, Bellefonte Historical Railroad Society, providing information for the October Train Rides.

Mr. Schneider made a recommendation to have staff meet with them and HBI to outline the concerns and the additional parties that need contacted. Mr. Provan suggested the local scouts may be available for help with the trash.

ORAL

- None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- No report.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- Mr. Provan made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission for a lot consolidation at 245 West Beaver Street. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Doug Stanfield has resigned from the Planning Commission. A letter will be sent to him thanking him for his many years of service. A replacement has been suggested and it will be referred to the Personnel Committee for review and recommendation.

- The Planning Commission wrote a support letter for the PennWorks Grant.
- The Draft Minutes and Agenda from their June 24, 2013 meeting were in the packet for review.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 1) 122 North Allegheny Street/Women's Resource Center - Install new signs on existing entry door.
 - 2) 431 East Curtin Street/Paint exterior of existing house and garage.
 - 3) 370 East Curtin Street/Install new red asphalt roof shingles.
- Mr. Provan made a motion to approve the Certificates of Appropriateness as stated. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- The April June 11, 2013 HARB meeting minutes are in the packet for review.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – The Fire Chief's 1999 Ford Expedition was decommissioned because of the cost of extensive repairs to pass inspection. The repairs would cost \$3,000, which is more than the value of the vehicle. A Borough employee has expressed interest in purchasing the vehicle. Under the Borough Code, if something has a value of \$1,500 or less, the Borough has options on how to dispose of it. A replacement vehicle has been purchased.

The Building & Property Committee will meet for review and recommendation.

Finance and Government Performance – Mr. Schneider made a motion to pay an invoice to McQuaide Blasko in the amount of \$2,300.00 for services rendered through May 31, 2013. Mr. Provan seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Provan made a motion to accept the proposal from the Hartman Group in the amount of \$239,150.00 for general Workmen's Compensation policy. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Park & Recreation – Mrs. Brown made a motion to approve the amendment to the Swimming Pool Management Agreement to extend through 2013. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Human Resources – Mr. Provan informed Council that an offer was accepted to fill the vacant refuse position. The new employee will begin July 8.

Safety – No report.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Holderman reported a grant/loan was submitted to PennWorks last week in the amount of \$1.7 million.

Streets – Mr. Wilson reported there is an issue on the street at 622 Burnside Street, at the corner of Burnside and Hamilton Street. There were issues pointed out such as the curbing installed to negate some of the water from running down through the yards. The major issue is on Humes Street; there should be a drain near where Berger's house is. The water accumulates there, runs down through the back yards into a ditch and then goes into other residents' backyards and basements. This problem has been ongoing for several years.

He also stated at 129 Adams Court the water comes down the street but where the driveway is located there is no lip and the water diverts into their driveway and into their garage, which is under the house. It was suggested a lip be installed to prevent the water from going into their driveway.

- Mr. Stewart reported the lane behind Bishop Street where Jim Kerschner lives has washout. It was suggested that the owners be contacted to see if they would be willing to help pay to have the alley paved.

- Mr. Holderman reported during the work session Weber Murphy Fox attended to discuss the pending street improvement project on Bishop Street and Allegheny Street. Robert will bring some design options to the August or September meeting. There will be advertisement for public input when he attends the meeting with design options.

- The Lamb Street repair is a result of the storm water. Some water got underneath the road at the Spring Street intersection and lifted up the road a little bit.

- Mr. Holderman reported there is a street light out at the corner of East Curtin Street and North Allegheny Street. He reported there are several locations where residents need to trim trees and bushes near the sidewalk.

- The lighting change has not been completed on Spring Street. The globes have been sent out to be refurbished.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – No report.

Junior Council Report – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Shuey and Mr. Stewart attended a security camera demonstration. Many products were displayed. They are gathering information.

- The liquid fuels (Highway Aid) auditor came in last week. A written report will be forthcoming, but everything was fine.

- A source water protection plan is nearing completion. Options will be discussed at the Water/Sewer Authority meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Act 13 Natural Gas money received by the Borough is \$4,860.29.

- Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the revisions for the Police Pension Policy. Mr. Provan seconded the motion. An ordinance will be prepared, advertised, and brought back with a formal approval. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Wilson was approached by a remaining WWII Veteran in town requesting that Council consider when events are held in front of the Courthouse (i.e. Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, etc.) that Allegheny Street be temporarily closed because of the noise at those events. Mr. Wilson explained that it is a PennDOT issue. Mr. Stewart stated it is a doable option, but it limits the parking for people attending the events.

- Mayor Addis reported regarding the Civil Service Commission there will be a resignation because one of the approved members is moving out of the state so a new Civil Service Commissioner will need to be found. They need to be tenured for a two-year, four-year, or six-year term. Mr. DeCusati was contacted to see if he is interested in the position.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council, Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting of July 1, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.