

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 21, 2014
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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 Vice-President Paul DeCusati 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: Beigle, Brachbill, Brown, DeCusati, Dunne, Harvey, Schneider, Spicer

Members Excused: Halderman, Li, Ramish

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

Staff Present:

Guests: Sue Hannegan, Bob Jacobs, Eric Haupt

CONSENT AGENDA

(The following items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of Council request specific items to be removed for separate action.)

- Minutes - Approval of April 7, 2014 meeting minutes.
- Communications - Letter Request from YMCA re Summer Camp Program at Governor's Park
- Communications - Letter Request from American Cancer Society re Relay for Life
- Communications - E-mail Request from Bellefonte Relay for Life
- Finance - March 2014 Treasurer's Report
- Finance - March 2014 Voucher Summary - \$1,317,395.18
- McQuaide Blasko Invoice

- Old Business - Approval of Proposed Amendment to Chapter 410 Peddling and Soliciting
 - New Business - Resolution No. 04212014-01 re Relay for Life Banner
- The Peddling and Solicitation item, the YMCA Summer Camp Program, the March 2014 Treasurer's report and the March 2014 Voucher Summary will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Dunne made a motion to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda, which are the April 7, 2014 meeting minutes; the request from the American Cancer Society; the email communication from the Bellefonte Relay for Life; the McQuaide Blasko invoice; and Resolution No. 04212014-01, Relay for Life Banner. Mr. Spicer seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Letter Request from YMCA regarding the Summer Camp Program at Governor's Park. They request the use of three pavilions and move if one is being used. They use the park weekday's Monday-Friday and it is very rare that there are conflicts because there are rarely reservations through the week. If there were a reservation, the YMCA would be contacted ahead of time.

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

- March 2014 Treasurer's Report and March 2014 Voucher Summary - Mr. Brachbill abstained from the vote because of a conflict of interest.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the March 2014 Treasurer's Report and March 2014 Voucher Summary. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Chapter 410 Peddling and Soliciting Amendment - Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve this amendment. Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion. Mrs. Dunne stated the Ordinance amendment should follow the changes made in the ordinance and there is a discrepancy in Amendment 410.17. There is reference there to the Borough secretary; however, when changes were made in the text of the ordinance there was no mention of the Borough secretary. Mr. Stewart stated that can be corrected because it should be under the Police Chief rather than the Borough Secretary. Mr. Stewart stated Council will approve an ordinance that amends the existing ordinance.

Mr. Brachbill withdrew his second and Mr. Beigle withdrew his motion.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the Peddling and Soliciting Ordinance Chapter 410 with the changes that have been recommended tonight. Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Steven G. Dershem, Chair; C. Chris Exarchos; and Michael Pipe; Centre County Board of Commissioners regarding the County of Centre's waiver

request for a replacement-in-kind comprising building additions to the existing structures called the Courthouse Annex and the Temple Court Building in Bellefonte Borough.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve the waiver request for the building specifically on waiving the requirement of going through land development. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. Mr. Brachbill feels this will be shown twice in the minutes and feels the original motion from a previous meeting should be rescinded. Mr. Schneider amended his motion to (1) rescind the earlier denial by Council on the waiver and (2) to grant the waiver for land development on the building. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. The reason for the waiver is because of time restraints in order to get their project done so another project can continue. A voice vote was unanimous. The reason Council rescinded the motion is because more information was presented that made it clear that there were time constraints for the project and they were trying to work within the time constraints. Mr. Stewart stated the motion only included land development. The piece in the right-of-way is up for further consideration. Mr. Schneider stated that is why he was very specific to the building.

Mr. Stewart will get in touch with Ms. Hannegan regarding right-of-way issues.

- A letter from Mrs. Jacqueline Wynkoop, 6th - 12th Grade Language Arts Coach, Bellefonte Area School District, requesting permission to place a Little Free Library in Talleyrand Park. There was concern that Talleyrand Park would be the best location for this. Mr. Stewart will invite them to a future work session.

- A letter from Spring Township Board of Supervisors regarding S. R. 322 New Limited Access Highway. Information has been received from CCMPO also. It was felt that before there are any improvements to 322, the I80 interchange should be considered first. Spring Township encourages the Borough not to support the LRTP Project Request until the I80 Interchange is completed.

Bob Jacobs appreciated the comments because he and Sue Hannegan are staff of the CCMPO. The coordinating committee is made up of elected officials, and there is the concern that the I80/I99 interchange should be reviewed equally with the 322 improvements. It is their recommendation to the coordinating committee that both projects be put back on the list for consideration and reviewed equally until funding is made available.

Mr. DeCusati informed the public that on the website called PA On Track at www.paontrack.com you can give your opinion.

- The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and Historic Bellefonte, Inc. cordially invite you to the dedication of an official State Historical Marker commemorating James A. "Billboard" Jackson (1878 - 1960) Sunday, May 18, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at 207 East High Street, Bellefonte, in front of his boyhood home. That will be in conjunction with the Big Spring Festival.

- An On-Line Auction sale of surplus vehicles and equipment of the Borough of Bellefonte will be conducted by Municibid. The on-line auction will begin on Thursday, April 17, 2014 and be open until May 8, 2014.

ORAL

- Eric Haupt, the Parking Enforcement Officer, requested several meter rotations. He would like to take the two meters that are currently located on North Spring Street in front of where the state store was and replace them with two hour meters and move those two meters up in front of the Bellefonte Twist on High Street because he has difficulty enforcing the 15-minute parking there. He has one 15-minute meter already. He would remove the sign that says 15-minute parking with flashers.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve this request as presented. Mr. Spicer seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Beigle made a motion to televise the Logan Parade on C-NET. Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion. The parade is July 5, 2014, beginning at 5:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous. Mr. Schneider abstained from voting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Industrial Development Authority April 9, 2014, draft meeting minutes are in the packet for review. Ms. Harvey asked if there were any plans to replace trees that were cut in the Waterfront District. The plan is the wall will be installed and there will be backfill placed on the whole property and there will be landscaping done at that point. Land Development will dictate what is placed there.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Wilson thanked and congratulated Mary McMurtrie and her staff comprised of HBI, Inc.; the Elks; the Moose; the VFW; the Eagles Club and approximately 50 merchants around town who got together and combined to create a wonderful Easter egg hunt event for the children. It was very well attended and the weather was beautiful. The park was utilized and left in good shape when it was over.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- The Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission minutes from the November 21, 2013 meeting were in the packets for review.

HARB

- 1) 206 West High Street
- 2) 121 East Curtin Street

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve the Certificates of Appropriateness for 206 West High Street and 121 East Curtin Street as recommended by HARB. Ms. Harvey seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- HARB Draft meeting minutes from the April 8, 2014 meeting are in the packet for review.

BUILDING AND PROPERTY - No report.

FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE - Mrs. Dunne reported she and Mr. Brachbill attended the PSAB conference. There were a number of very interesting presentations. One of them was called "Internal Control Basics and Understanding Audits". It was inspiring and she would like to become more familiar with that. She also attended a presentation on "Healthcare Reform"; "Duties and Responsibilities of the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board"; and "Accessibility for All".

PARK AND RECREATION - Mrs. Brown reported there is a new walking trail at Governor's Park. There was no cost to the Borough for it. The chips came from the landfill, and a park employee did all the brush removal and mulching. The park employees distributed the chips. The trail is at the back of the park and loops around across the top.

- Mrs. Brown feels if a kiosk is going to be placed somewhere, the Park and Recreation Committee should discuss the placement of it.

- A meeting was held at Reynold's Park. A resident requested a fence be constructed because of the dogs running toward a resident when she would leave her yard to go to a vehicle, and the dogs come into her yard. The Park and Recreation Committee met and decided to install a construction fence to see if it deters the dogs into the park area. Ms. Harvey suggested the sign be changed to state your dog must be leashed. Also a request is going to be made for the dog enforcement officer to visit the park more often.

HUMAN RESOURCES - Mr. Spicer reported there was a Human Resources meeting earlier this evening to go over the requested proposals for third party inspections. There were seven proposals sent in. Those seven have been narrowed down to three. There will be meetings scheduled with them next week.

- There were two letters of interest received for the Library Board. Mr. Spicer made a motion to appoint Justin Miller to the Library Board. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- After the work session an Executive Session was held for a Personnel Issue.

SAFETY - Mr. Brachbill reported the January 23, 2014 Fire Executive Committee minutes; the draft March 27, 2014 Fire Executive Committee minutes; and the April 9, 2014 draft Safety Committee minutes are in the packets for review.

There will be a Fire Executive meeting on Tuesday, April 22.

WATER AND SANITATION - Mr. Beigle reported the draft April 1, 2014 Authority Meeting minutes are in the packets for review. He reminded Council that they have the best water in Pennsylvania.

STREETS - Mr. DeCusati reported there was a suggestion from the Chamber regarding potentially having another tier structure for parking permits in the municipal lots where a business owner and one employee could get a permit for \$30 rather than \$40. This would encourage them to park in the municipal lot rather than in front of their business. The Streets Committee will evaluate this further. Mayor Wilson questioned if Gary has gotten any input from merchants regarding their suggestions. Mayor Wilson is willing to meet with the Streets Committee.

- Mr. Schneider requested the Borough contact a few of the private lot owners to determine if they have any available parking and to also determine what they are charging per parking space. He stated there are several lots in addition to the municipal lots that have empty spaces and perhaps it could be conveyed to the businesses that there are other options.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION - No report.

JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORT - No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- East Lamb Street property letter - Mr. Stewart got in touch with the financing mortgage holder. The name has changed since what is recorded in some of the deeds. They forwarded his letter to their legal department. He is waiting to hear back from them. Mr. Stewart recommends trying to get it resolved before the attorneys get involved.

- Mr. Holderman has the documents for the closing on the Armory property for signature. The closing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23. Mr. DeCusati will sign the documents.

NEW BUSINESS

- Baker & Wiley Introduce a Bill to Reward and Recruit Volunteer Firefighters/SB1342 - This has been a hard fought fight for quite a few years. In the last ten years approximately 20,000 volunteer fire fighters have dropped. There are only approximately 50,000. The cost would be unfathomable if the Borough could not provide volunteer fire service.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to send a letter of support to the Legislators supporting SB1342. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. There is a suggestion to give local tax relief to the volunteers. A voice vote was unanimous.

- An email from Shelley Houk (PSAB)

- PSAB Voting Delegate Resolution Packet (PSAB)
- Parliamentary Procedure Council Meeting Guide (PSAB)

- A letter from Gary V. Hoover, Executive Director, Bellefonte Intervalley Area Chamber of Commerce, requesting permission to reserve the brick walkway that runs parallel to the Train Station in Talleyrand Park and the areas around it on June 28, 2014 to accommodate the Clinton County Train Excursion. The Chamber has arranged for the Community Band to welcome the excursion at 10:45 AM. The passengers will be in town for several hours. Flyers will be presented to the ticket purchasers offering discounts by participating Bellefonte merchants and restaurants. There will also be several vendors set up on the walkway and/or around the Train Station. The excursion train will have 300-400 passengers, and the event will generate significant business as well as allow Bellefonte to be marketed for future visits by individual excursion passengers.

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

- Mr. Schneider thanked Borough staff and Council for working with the Logan Fire Station and for providing labor and materials to repave the street side of a retaining wall that needed repair.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Mrs. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting of April 21, 2014 at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Spicer seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.