

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 6, 2015**  
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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, Spicer, Walker,

Members Excused: Dunne, Halderman, Harvey,  
Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager

Officials Present: Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager  
Mayor Wilson

Staff Present:

Guests:

**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 June 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- Communications - Letter request from R. Halderman re Block Party Street Closing
- Finance - McQuaide Blasko Invoice

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Spicer seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **WRITTEN**

- A thank you letter from Gail Miller, Chair, Bellefonte Relay for Life, American Cancer Society. The 21st Anniversary of the Bellefonte Relay for Life was May 29th - 30th, 2015. The Relay raised over \$81,000.00 for cancer research.

- A letter from Steven C. Dershem, C. Chris Exarchos, and Michael Pipe, Centre County Commissioners, will sponsor the taping of the Fourth (4th) of July Logan Fire Company Parade and the Dedication of Veteran's Bridge.  
They will be sent a thank you letter for doing this.

- A letter from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board informing that on June 24, 2015 they approved the Petition for Exemption of the Borough of Bellefonte in Resolution No. 04202015-02, Case No. 15-NE-04.

All the licensed establishments in the Borough will not fall under the LCB code regarding amplified noise, but will fall under the Borough Noise Ordinance. The exemption will last for one year. Next year a longer exemption will be asked for.

- An email from SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority informing the Borough that they are rebuilding 330 feet of track at the Bellefonte Station.

Mrs. Brown would like to know what the delay is since work has not been done for several weeks.

- An email from Bill Donley, Account Executive, The Centre County Gazette, expressing his appreciation to the employees of Bellefonte Borough for all their help with the cruise.

- A letter from Louwana S. Oliva, General Manager, CATA, regarding possible service cuts that would reduce Bellefonte's miles to a level equal to the local share authorized on June 15th. There will be a public input meeting in mid- to late-July for passengers of the XB and XG routes to gain their input on two scenarios.

Mr. Stewart will invite Louwana to attend the July 20, 2015 work session.

#### **ORAL**

- None.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- None.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Wilson extended thanked the Centre County Commissioners for their willingness to have the Fourth (4th) of July Logan Fire Company Parade and the Dedication of Veteran's Bridge taped so it can be aired on C-NET. He also thanked Deb Smith Burger for her efforts in initiating the name change of the High Street Bridge to the Veteran's Bridge and Representative Benninghoff for his legislation regarding this. He also thanked sponsors that sponsored the bridge dedication and signage. He also thanked the Borough for their help in all the community events where they use extra man hours to be sure things are set up, as well as the officers. His observation of community turn-out for the parade and dedication ceremony was very good. Many people turned out. He appreciated the respect people showed to the veterans.

- Summer Sounds in the park every Sunday through August at 7:00 p.m.

- JazzPA will be held July 24th - 25th, 2015.

## **OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

### **ZONING/PLANNING**

- Mr. Spicer made a motion to approve the preliminary/final lot consolidation for the Centre Crest properties with the condition that all comments from the County Planning Office be incorporated. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed with two no votes.

- Draft Planning Commission meeting minutes from June 22, 2015 are in the packet for review.

### **HARB**

### **CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS**

1) 316 East Curtin Street - removal of the aluminum cladding as much as possible; address the structural issues; paint using either the Maui Mist or Bakery Moss; remove and replace the handrail; remove and replace the gutter with what is there currently, half-rounds; reconstruct the beams with wood cladding and paint in the same color; the final beam should be a square box style beam; the final design to be administratively approved.

2) 117 South Thomas Street - paint the trim on the house: White cotton will be used on the light colored trim; Woodland Strawberry will be used on the darker trim.

Mr. Brachbill made a motion to approve both Certificates of Appropriateness. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Draft HARB meeting minutes from June 23, 2015 are in the packet for review.

**BUILDING AND PROPERTY** - The Waterfront Development Project Job Conference No. 1 Minutes are in the packet for review.

**FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE** - No report.

**PARK AND RECREATION** - Mr. Stewart reported there was a request to have the hours of the restrooms extended until dusk. There is an automatic timer on them that locks the restrooms at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Stewart reported the time has been extended until 8:30 p.m. As the season changes the time will be adjusted.

**HUMAN RESOURCES** - Mr. Spicer reported there will be an Executive Session after the Council meeting to discuss Union Contracts.

- There is a letter of resignation from Fire Chief Schreffler effective July 1, 2015 because of increased work responsibilities. The job has been posted in both fire stations.

Mr. Brachbill made a motion to have Chief Schreffler continue in that position until a new Chief is found for that position. Mr. Spicer seconded the motion. Mayor Wilson and Council expressed their thankfulness for having Chief Schreffler in that position. Mr. Stewart will send a letter to Chief Schreffler thanking for his dedication to the Borough. A voice vote was unanimous.

**SAFETY** - Mr. Brachbill reported that they have not been able to have meetings to work on the 1998 Fire Prevention Plan due to emergencies and other issues.

**WATER AND SANITATION** - Mr. Beigle reminded Council that the Authority meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7th, at 6:00 p.m.

- The draft Authority meeting minutes from June 16, 2015 are in the packet for review.

- The daily water withdrawal/instream flow requirement report from June 2015 is in the packet for review.

- Mr. Beigle reported he received a reminder phone call regarding having his brush/grass clippings picked up. He appreciated the reminder.

**STREETS** - Mr. DeCusati reported the Streets Committee met and went over several items. One was the water drainage on Beaver Street. The Borough made significant changes to the drainage there.

They are planning to get potholes filled on Parkwood Drive. Currently the street personnel are busy with other projects.

They discussed about the letter regarding Wireless Made Simple and the committee recommends leaving it as it is.

- The High Street project has been updated. The Committee will be doing some work regarding that. PennDOT has a project to improve transportation along Water and High Streets and want to make some improvements to the lights.

- Mr. Spicer made a motion to pay the invoice for the Lamb Street Project. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. The project is slightly behind due to the rain. It should be completed by the end of July. There were some unknowns that have been encountered so there will be additional charges for the project. A voice vote was unanimous.

**ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION** - Mr. Stewart reported they are in the process of contacting energy companies to purchase energy.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 20th.

- The Police Department Budget Committee will have a phone call to Hollidaysburg Borough on July 20th.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- PSAB Update July 2015 - This is in the packet for review. There are upcoming webinars with various information.

- A plaque was received from the Bellefonte Car Cruise.

- The Veteran's Banner Project is in full swing. It is banners that hang on the poles to honor veterans. There is a \$200.00 charge for a banner and it stays on the pole for two years. HBI has forms and there are forms available at the Train Station. A citizen submits a request and a picture for the banner, along with the fee. Event banners will still be put up. All the details have not yet been worked out.

- Ms. Brown thanked Mr. Stewart for putting the flags up for the Veteran's Parade on Friday. It was very much appreciated.

- Some Council members would like to discuss the preliminary/final plan procedure at a work session.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- With no other business to come before Council, a motion was made by Mr. Brachbill to adjourn the regular meeting of July 6, 2015 at 8:15 p.m. and go into Executive Session. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.