

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 5, 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 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: Beigle, Brachbill, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman, Harvey, Spicer, Walker

Members Excused: Brown

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

Staff Present:

Guests: Emma Gosalvez; Joanne Tosti-Vasey

**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 September 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Spicer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **WRITTEN**

- An invitation from Sue Hannegan, Assistant Director, Centre County Planning and Community Development Office to a County-wide meeting for municipal officials to hear a presentation on the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS) on Thursday, October 29, at 4:00 p.m. at the Centre County Emergency Operations Center on the Ground Floor of the Willowbank Building.

- A letter from Bob DeArment, Capt. 1470, Howard Volunteer Fire Company #14, requesting Fire Police assistance for a special event on Saturday, October 17, from 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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

- An email from Cindy Hahn regarding the 2016 C-NET contribution. The proposed budget shows a modest increase for 2016 of approximately 1.2%, which amounts to \$185.00.

This will be turned over to the Finance Committee and Ms. Walker, the Finance Director.

- A response letter from Ron Wiser in regard to his bringing buses into Bellefonte. A letter was sent to Mr. Wiser previously requesting that he inform the Chamber when he is bringing buses into town. Mrs. Dunne reported that Gary Hoover did receive a schedule. Mrs. Brown is trying to talk to the tour company to get information more directly.

- Two letters at the table regarding interpretation of an ordinance regarding vegetation between a sidewalk and the curb in front of properties in Bellefonte.

Mr. Halderman turned the two letters over to the Street Committee for revising and reviewing the portion of the Ordinance in question.

Mr. DeCusati made a motion not to enforce any fines until the Streets Committee takes action within the next six months. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

#### **ORAL**

- None.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Draft Fire Protection Task Force minutes from the September 24, 2015, meeting.

Mrs. Dunne reported they are focusing on recruitment and retention of volunteer fire fighters from various angles. At the next meeting there will be discussion regarding changing the meeting day.

- Draft Fire Department Executive Committee minutes from the September 24, 2015, meeting.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Wilson reported October 17 is the Antique Fair and October 18 is the Antique Fair, Halloween Parade and Fall Festival in Talleyrand Park. The Fall Foliage Train Rides are this weekend also.

- Sergeant Holiday was at the meeting to answer any questions.

- Mayor Wilson made a brief report on the Pennsylvania Greenways and Trails Summit in Warren, PA, last week. There were approximately 300 participants at the summit from all over the state. Nearly all the secretaries in all the major departments that would have anything to do with Greenways and Trails were there, including PennDOT, DCNR and the Area Agency on Aging. Mayor Wilson gathered a lot of data and made a lot of connections with key people in trying to move the project forward. He met with Benner Township prior to this Council meeting. At the summit there was a map of Pennsylvania, and it showed a number of long, long connecting trails all over the state, except for Central Pennsylvania.

Mr. Halderman was at the Centre Region COG for a Safety Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 30, and listened to a discussion and presentation of 1 hour and 20 minutes on bike paths in State College. He mentioned that Mayor Wilson was interested in working on a trail between Bellefonte and State College and they are anxious to have it also.

## **OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

### **ZONING/PLANNING**

- Draft Planning Commission meeting minutes from September 28, 2015.

## **HARB**

### **CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS**

1) 133 South Allegheny Street - Replacement of the windows with the Sequel Manufacturing Custom Made Wood Windows with Brick Red paint; the arches will be

maintained; a windows evaluation form will be provided for them to fill out. A copy of the window shop drawing should be provided to the Borough for the file.

2) 390 East Linn Street - Replace the current limestone steps with wider concrete steps 6' wide; the concrete will be dyed to match the retaining wall as closely as possible.

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

- Mr. Stewart reported an amendment was approved to the Zoning Ordinance regarding plan reviews and the timeline. With that type of amendment the County needed to review it, which they did. Now the Ordinance Amendment will be advertised. At the next Council meeting there will be a Public Hearing before action is taken on the Ordinance Amendment.

- Draft HARB meeting minutes from September 22, 2015.

**BUILDING AND PROPERTY** - No report.

**FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE** - Mrs. Dunne reported there is a copy of a letter from Mr. Stewart to Tim Boyde, County Administrator, putting forth a proposal for increased County subsidization for CATA funding.

**PARK AND RECREATION** - No report.

**HUMAN RESOURCES** - No report.

**SAFETY** - Mr. Brachbill reported the Fire Executive Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22, at 7:00 p.m. immediately following the Fire Protection Task Force meeting.

**WATER AND SANITATION** - Mr. Beigle reported there was a record withdrawal of 3,086,248 gallons for one day.

- Leaf collection will begin mid-October. The collection route will be the same as refuse collection. Grass and brush pickup will continue until November 18.

- The October Authority meeting will be Wednesday, October 7.

**STREETS** - Mr. DeCusati reported there is a letter in the packet from Mr. Stewart to State Representative Kerry Benninghoff in support of Spring Township's letter requesting improvements to the I80/I99 interchange.

- There will be a Streets Committee meeting soon to discuss the plants in the right-of-way.

- Mr. Holderman reported the County Liquid Fuels Grant application was submitted. The application applied for funding to help assist the Borough with coordinated lights by the Undine Fire Station.

- Mayor Wilson and Chief Weaver discussed the Wiser buses parking in front of his business. There were three buses at the same time and they were parked out on the street. Chief Weaver talked with Mr. Wiser about it. The question was raised as to whether the buses could be parked on the Diamond where the spots are blocked off for the policemen rather than on the street. Mr. DeCusati will discuss this at a Streets Committee meeting.

**ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION** - Ms. Harvey reported the Energy and Environmental Conservation Committee will meet October 16 with the Sustainable Communities Collaborative Project from Penn State to discuss potential projects, including but not limited to compost collection, management and marketing; and stormwater management.

- Mrs. Dunne received an email from Ann Donovan regarding the removal of a dam at Masullo Park. There was a dam that formed because of amateur work from boys that was not good in a high-quality trout stream, so the Centre County Conservation District enlisted the help of the Centre County Correction Facility and got waivers and are able to remove the dam on Friday.

### **JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORT**

- There is not a Junior Council Person

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Tuesday evening, October 6th, there will be an Economic Development Summit meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Match Factory. At this meeting CBICC emphasizes the efforts that need to be made in trying to bring companies into this region. All Council members are requested to attend if they are able.

- The only information Mr. Stewart has received regarding PennDOT paving S.R.144 is that it must be completed sometime between now and November 4th.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Walker made a motion to approve a Flu Shot Clinic with the Borough paying the \$28.00 fee for each employee. Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion. A date will be established. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Stewart reported a legislator in Pennsylvania has proposed that Authorities would come under the jurisdiction of PUC. That is not something the Borough would want.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to send a letter stating the Borough opposes the action that the legislator is proposing. Mr. Spicer seconded the motion. Mr. Halderman will contact the PA Association of Boroughs to see if they are aware of that action. A voice vote was unanimous.

- The Bellefonte High School Homecoming Parade is Thursday, October 15.

- Mr. Beigle asked if there could be a rendition of the wall that is being built in the Waterfront District so people understand what is going on. Mr. Holderman reported in another month it should be approximately 80% completed. Mr. Stewart reported this can be explained at the next Council meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- With no other business to come before Council, Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of October 5, 2015, at 8:03 p.m. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.