

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
May 16, 2016
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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order by Council President Gay Dunne 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.

SWEARING IN NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS – CLARK & HOMBOSKY

Mayor Wilson conducted the swearing in of the new Council members, Ms. Hombosky and Kevin Clark. He thanked the new Council members for serving the community with their dedication of time and service.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Beigle, Brachbill, Clark, Dunne, Hombosky, Johnson, Tosti-Vasey

Members Excused: Brown, DeCusati,

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

Staff Present: Vana Dainty

Guests: Sara Small, WJAC; Dan Vilello, PA DEP; Mark Stephens, PA DEP;
Thomas Eby; Melinda Conrad; Brandy Urbanik; Allison Smalstig;
Kevin Aslove; Wesley Astarr; Ty Smalsty; Emma Gosalvez, Lock
Haven Express; John Kostas; Cate Hansbern, Centre Daily Times;
Tom Songer, Torron Group, Jim Buntoft; Greg Jeffries;

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Tom Songer owns rental property at 215 South Spring Street that joins another property he owns where the former Academy was located. The property recently went through a code inspection and the property had quite a few code deficiencies. They

evaluated and feel it would cost too much to repair the property. He discussed his options with Walt Schneider, the code officer. Walt gave Mr. Songer until the end of the year to have the property vacated. The tenants have been notified that their leases will not be renewed at the end of the year. His thought is to leave the property vacant until they have a plan for the redevelopment of this property as well as the Academy property. The reason for buying this property was that one day a project would be brought to Council for review that would include both properties. This property is located adjacent to the NAPA store. The property is an old frame house, but unfortunately it was compromised by previous owners by converting it into three apartments. It is a financial investment, but you can only afford to put so much into a property. This property would require approximately \$15,000.00 - \$20,000.00 to bring it up to reasonable standards and he doesn't feel that type of investment is warranted; especially since one day the vision is to redevelop the whole site. The property is available for sale so someone else could redevelop the property also. His initial thought was to raze the property. He went before the HARB board last week and understands their concern about preserving historic properties. He is a history buff and understands that but he feels you also have to recognize that everything has a useful life and in the case of a frame structure it starts sagging and the foundations are old so it would just really take a lot to bring up to a reasonable standard. He is looking for kindness from Council with knowing the facts about what they would expect him to do or think that he could do relative to this issue. Once people vacate they would not rent it out to anyone else. Mr. Songer is helping his tenants find other places to live.

Mr. Brachbill asked if there were any structural issues when code examined it. Mr. Songer said it is minor structural stuff. There is old wiring, old plumbing, old heating systems, and suspended ceilings. All the safety issues have been addressed such as the smoke detectors working and installed in the proper locations. An electrician would not give a price, just estimated it would be more than \$10,000.00. A few years ago the structure was painted, but it is a recurring expense. He stated publically if someone wanted to purchase the property to rehab it and live there he would be willing to sell it. There is a need for senior housing ages 55 and up. He talked with the administrator of Centre Crest about a four or five story building with assisted living on the bottom.

Mr. Beigle said he would not like to see the building torn down because it is a historical building that lends itself to the fact that it is located. He is backing HARB up to keep the building intact. He recommended someone purchase the building and refurbish it. He can't see tearing the building down and leaving an empty space between an old building and a new building. He paid \$115,000.00 for the property ten years ago and would be reasonable in selling it if someone was interested. The building sits on its own property.

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 May 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes

- Communications – Letter request from YMCA re Summer Camp Program at Governor’s Park
- Mayor – Police Exonerations
- Mayor – Police Report
- Finance – Treasurer’s Report April 2016
- Finance – Voucher Summary April 2016: \$982,901.20

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Patrick “Rick” F. Sacbbit, P.E., Branch Chief, engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency related to the Waterfront Project – CLOMR, Conditional Letter of Map Revision. It is a major milestone in getting this letter. The actual letter will come in a few months. At the next Council meeting the map will be put on the screen and the changes will be shown.

- An email from Catherine Dupuis regarding JazzPA 2016 informing Council that they will not be having their Jazz festival this year.

- Information from Jack J. Lawver, President, Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, regarding an amendment to their constitution. It will be reviewed and voted on at the Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday, June 8th, at the conference.

- A letter from Alexis Costo requesting the use of Talleyrand Park for a fundraising event for “The Flatline Crew” on Sunday, June 5th. They are requesting that the fee be waived since they are associated with Alex’s Lemonade Stand. They have agreed to donate 40% of their profit to Alex’s Lemonade Stand and 60% will be kept to maintain the member’s bikes and equipment. They are requesting just the Gazebo side from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Mr. Stewart would check on the necessary documents.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey said the date conflicts with the Croquet Tournament, but Mayor Wilson said the tournament is on the other side of the park so that would not be a conflict.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey made a motion to approve the request if they can show they have a 501 C3 status or affiliation with a non-profit organization that does. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. Mr. Brachbill asked what type of fundraiser they are going to do and do they have insurance and if the park would be the appropriate place for their event.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey amended her amendment to include they must provide liability insurance and name Bellefonte Borough as a second insured. Mr. Beigle seconded the amendment. A voice vote of the amendment was unanimous.

A voice vote was taken on the main motion. It passed with Mr. Brachbill and Mrs. Dunne voting no.

- There is an article in the packet regarding Tactical Urbanism (short Term Action/Long Term Change). It provides ideas about downtown economic development ideas of using the space differently.

- An email from Paul DeCusati with information related to the SBWJA discussions.

- An email from Garrett Beaver, Store Manager, Sheetz, Inc. requesting the use of Governor's Park on Tuesday, May 31st, for a softball game against another Sheetz, Inc. store as a team building event followed by a picnic.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The YMCA summer programs do not start until June 6th. A voice vote was unanimous.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey asked if there is a calendar available that lists the different events at Governor's Park. At the present time there is not and she recommended that be considered in the future.

ORAL

- Dan Vilello, local government liaison Department of Environmental Protection out of the North Central region office in Williamsport, PA was invited to the meeting to talk about water source protection. Their licensed professional geologist, Mark Stephens, who is a guru of water source protection plans throughout the fourteen counties that they cover, attended the meeting. They rely on Mark extensively in the Safewater Drinking Program. Their top professional will be speaking. Mr. Vilello said he had involvement with Mr. Stewart and Mr. Holderman on the Bellefonte Waterfront Project and he wanted to say publicly that they work in a lot of brown fields and the Department's Environmental Clean-Up Program and Waterways and Wetlands Programs had nothing but outstanding cooperation from Bellefonte Borough and their consultants. It has been a long project with a lot of roadblocks. He thanked them for the dedication in letting them help get to where things are today.

Mark Stephens is a registered professional geologist. He is talking about the Safe Drinking Water Program, which Bellefonte's was approved several years ago. It reached department approval after a lengthy review by the board and by citizens. The Source Water Protection Program is a preventative proactive strategy for protecting water sources. There are different zones for groundwater recharge areas. For springs it is a little different than wells, but the zones are designed to provide the water system with an advanced notice of a pollution threat. The department has been trying to coordinate approved Source Water Protection Zones from approved programs. There are 234 water systems in the North Central region. There are 85 that have approved programs and 20 that are in development. There are a lot of water systems that are in the process of developing protection plans.

Mr. Stewart said there is a room full of people that are concerned about Biosolids. There are over 900 potential threats or potential sources of contamination listed in Bellefonte's Source Water Plan and Biosolids is one of those. He asked Mr. Stephens what he could tell about the program, the regulations, or the threat.

Mr. Stephens said the Biosolids program is a regulated program. It is a means to find a beneficial use for a waste. Municipal wastewater treatment systems take municipal sewage and refine it into compost that is designed to enrich the soil and at the same time provide a ways to recycle waste material. He has worked in the Biosolids program reviewing permits for applicants. The waste goes through several different checks and samplings so it is a process with regulated waste. There are regulations that require the characterization of sites. The soil needs to be characterized sufficiently for the waste to be consumed by the plants. It is applied in what is called agronomic rates sufficient for the plants to take the nutrients up. It requires regular soil testing. It requires regular sampling of the waste. It is much more regulated than agriculture. The nutria management plans are something the farmers have to do. As far as when it comes to water suppliers responsibility for protecting the water sources, ground water has a definite time for which contaminants travel from one place to another and source water protection plans are designed to take into consideration geology, soils, topography and vegetation such that the time frame can be predicted to the water systems to determine how quickly the contaminant can make it from one place to another. Contaminants that are usually modeled through the American Modeling Program are very conservative. They are some of the most toxic materials there are, for instance benzene or tetracycline. They are designed to predict a long term of protection. Land Management Activities are an important step in protecting water sources because what is done on the land pretty much predicts the water quality of the future.

Mr. Stewart asked how the regulations associated with Biosolids are reviewed or if they are updated. Mr. Stephens said originally the Biosolids program was designed to try to rehabilitate sites that were so depleted with nutrients to try to build up the soil. The Biosolids act as an amendment to boost the soil to provide the plants not only something to grow in but something to be fed by and it gets maintained through long periods of time. The Biosolids site doesn't go unmaintained. They go through rigorous sampling and testing. He doesn't have the exact information on when the regulations were developed, but it was quite a while ago. There is a regulatory review board that looks at regulations on a regular basis. Occasionally he does get involved with drinking water and waste regulations.

They are working to try to coordinate all the protection plans that are computer generated. They develop shape files, computerized programming lines that are drawn on a map. They are currently attempting to get those computerized zones into their in-house computer system so they can use those zones as a tool for future permitting activities so that in the future if a facility wants to be built or developed they can turn on the computer and see where those protection zones are so that they can avoid possible conflicts with water systems. They have been working on that for over a year. He encouraged Bellefonte as well as water systems to encourage the department to push towards that end so the protection zones can be readily available to the staff.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey commented that he said they don't currently have this information available so when someone comes in that says they have a farm they want to put it on how is that decision made? Mr. Stephens said usually someone comes to him. The Source Water Protection Plan is a guarded document that belongs to the water system. The Source Water Protection Program is made possible through the USEPA. The EPA provides funding and they in turn solicit water systems to participate in the Source Water Protection Technical Assistance Program, which is a totally funded program and doesn't cost the water system anything to develop a protection plan. That plan belongs to the water system, not the department. They place that document in their files, but it cannot be reviewed by the general public because of security reasons. They are not currently up to speed with their computer system. Departments are seeing cuts year after year after year so their computer system is not up to the style it should be. They simply don't have the capacity to store the terabytes of data necessary for every reviewer to be able to click on a button and see a Source Water Protection Zone. Also, the Source Water Protection Program is a fairly new program. It has only been developed since 1995-1996 and only got involved with it in 2005. As a professional geologist for 25 years he has seen a lot of contamination issues destroy water systems and has become very compassionate about protecting water. The reviewer must go down to the file room and pull it out of the file cabinet or they come and see him. They are working hard to get the process working smoother.

Mrs. Dunne asked if they are issuing a permit do they look at the Source Water Protection Plan? Mr. Stephens said currently there is no policy for every reviewer to check in their files to see if there is a Source Water Protection Plan in that area. Mr. Stephens said Bellefonte has a protection plan, but there is no policy to review it. They advocate the water systems to engage in the E-Notice, which is a computerized notification. That is something that is being worked on.

Mr. Stewart suggested Mr. Stephens attended a Benner Township Authority meeting or possibly a SBWJA meeting and made some comments about the application of Biosolids. Mr. Stephens said SBWJA Grove Park and Hampton Hill facilities are in the process of developing a protection plan. Biosolids are one of the lists of potential sources of contamination right along with brown hill storage tanks, lawn and gardening chemicals. It is something he thought about and it is a regulated entity. There are checks and balances and there are regulations to back the disposal, distribution and application of that waste material. With that in mind the Biosolids are a processed waste and as he pointed out to them when you have the ability to look over an operation...every activity has a risk...the trick is that you live with that risk. He pointed out to them that it is in every water system's best interest to make sure they know what is going on in the community and to make sure they speak up when it comes to an activity. It's just like every other activity, whether it is a parking lot, a heat pump well, or an uncased water supply well; those are all sources of contamination that he takes very seriously. Part of his job is to teach water systems about hydrogeology and to understand risk management. The trick is to make sure that the land is managed with the best possible intentions. The Biosolids program is something that gets reviewed, gets checked on, gets sampled, gets measured and checked.

Mr. Brachbill asked if a Water Protection Plan isn't in place why a permit would be given for the placement of Biosolids without the plan in place first. The Source

Water Protection Program is a voluntary program. Mr. Stephens puts no excessive pressure on any water system to complete the plan. When they complete it and feel comfortable is when he recommends the department write an approval letter and sign it. At that point it is draft and is in the hands of the steering committee. He also takes into consideration the desire of the community water system to keep their business their own business. If they would like to review that plan within their own committee, that is up to them. Sometimes developing a protection plan happens in a vacuum. Sometimes the managing body of the Authority, Borough, Township or whoever it is that wants to develop this plan may choose to take it home and read it and when they are happy with it they entertain a vote to accept it, but until then it is not public knowledge.

Ms. Hombosky said he mentioned his department had budget cuts and they are continuing and not getting better any time soon, so how can you be sure the testing quality will continue to be fine if the department is suffering with budget cuts. Mr. Stephens said with every permit the responsibility of characterizing the site and providing sufficient data to ensure that the sampling parameters are done is done by the applicant. Their job is to partially review the permit application. The permitting staff is there. They will still go out and investigate the site and do the reviews. He doesn't believe the department will ever be negligent in its duties. They are trying to streamline the whole process so they are as efficient as possible and everybody that can know does know about Source Water Protection.

Mayor Wilson passed out some information on Biosolids. There is also information at the table from a member of the audience who has an opinion on this. She will not speak, it will just be read.

- Greg Jeffries, 174 Aster Avenue, Bellefonte, in the Grove Park neighborhood. He felt Mr. Stephens gave a great presentation on Source Water Protection at the Benner Township Building a few months ago. They are excited about having him in Benner Township. Mr. Jeffries said there was a report that came out in November 2015 from the EPA. The EPA and DEP work very closely together and in that report under data accuracy from a score of 0 to 29 was the range you could score for accurate these tests are entered Bellefonte got a 0. Of the ones they sampled 14 out of 30 had accurate information. Among the programs that were most impacted by that were the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System). An NPDES permit is generally required in many of the Biosolids applications to make sure there isn't runoff onto neighboring property. That was one of the key areas that failed. DEP is failing to report these actions. When they do take an action on a violation the action isn't reported or what action is required. The programs are getting better, but it isn't there yet. The oversight isn't there. They aren't watching. That is what they are concerned about. The Pennsylvania Constitution Article 1, Section 27 says the people have the right to clean air, pure water and to the preservation of the natural scenic, historic and aesthetic values of the environment. PA's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. He has a petition with 127 signatures on it.

- Jim Burtoft, 146 Chicory Avenue, Grove Park, did not come with prepared remarks, but after listening to Mr. Stephens he has a few things to point out.

Mr. Stephens mentioned that there were a lot more tests around Biosolids than there were around agriculture and Mr. Burtoft believes that is because there is a lot more danger and a lot more threats possible with the Biosolids. They were sampled for some of the contaminants before they are deployed. Mr. Burtoft's research shows they are sampled for about 10 while there are approximately 300 or more that could contaminate. Mr. Stephens said as a matter of policy the DEP does not take Source Water Protection Plans into consideration before they issue a permit. Please do not rely on the DEP handing out the permit to indicate that it is safe for this water. They didn't take the Source Water Protection into consideration. Since then it has come to public knowledge that the area is covered by the Bellefonte Source Water Protection Plan, the Milesburg, and also the draft from Spring/Benner Township. There are three different Source Water Protection Plans that should have been taken into consideration that were probably not. They are bringing this information so they can take this into consideration where the DEP may not have. Mr. Burtoft also pointed out that they don't do the sampling or the overview. It is dependent on the Bellefonte Authority to continue to do that. There is zero oversight from the DEP. Mr. Stephens said there could be split sampling. If they thought there was a contamination issue they would launch their own investigation and do their own sampling. Mr. Stephens knows of quite a few water sources that have been contaminated by manure but not by Biosolids. He is not aware of any that have been contaminated by Biosolids. The incidents of cow manure contaminating water supplies are very high. The regulations were established in the 70's, which is the time when people thought using DDT was a good idea. There is research that shows they should be updated.

Mr. Brachbill asked if the farmers or agriculture protected in what they put on the ground. Is there a law that protect them? Mr. Stewart stated at the Benner Township Water Authority meeting will have some law professors at their meeting tomorrow night that will be talking about what Mr. Brachbill is asking. Mr. Stephens said they encourage farmers to have a manure management plan in place and adhere to that plan.

Mr. (? from the audience) said there are no farms in Benner Township that have a sewage treatment facility. Mr. Stewart recommended going to the meeting at Benner Township to hear what they have to say.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The draft IDA meeting minutes from May 11, 2016 are in the packet for review.
- The draft Safety Committee meeting minutes from May 11, 2016 are in the packet for review. Mayor Wilson questioned why the light at the Undines is taking so long, but Mr. Stewart stated it is a permitting process. Mr. Holderman will be having a meeting with the people at St. John's to be sure they approve the placement. Currently he is working with the engineer on finalizing the drawings.
- The first Ad-Hoc website committee meeting was held to get started. It was a good initial meeting. There will be information later.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Wilson mentioned the Big Spring Festival took place on Sunday, May 15, and the weather did not cooperate very well. A huge tree fell down outside the Borough line that would have crushed any car if it landed on it. The officers were tied up with that for quite a bit of time. All traffic was blocked.

Sergeant Holiday is in training and Chief Weaver is tied up so there are no officers in the audience to address questions. If there are any questions Mayor Wilson will take them and get answers. Ms. Tosti-Vasey had someone send her an email and someone else mentioned to her about tires being slashed on Allegheny Street. Mr. Holderman said there were approximately 12-13 incidents around Beaver Street, Linn Street, Wilson Street and Curtin Street.

There was a question about the hypodermic needles issue that happened in Talleyrand Park. Mayor Wilson said Bellefonte is not unlike any other small town around the country. There are drug problems everywhere. Along with that come the needles that find their way into public places. The issue bloomed on social media to the point that the police are very aware of what is going on there. He has talked with some citizens that have asked for additional lighting in the park. He feels that isn't a bad idea, but no matter how much lighting you place there some place will not be well lit and that type of activity will take place. He had a conversation with the chief several hours ago about that incident and asked that there be more foot patrol in the park after dark. The other way to handle that is for the public to be diligent. If you see suspicious activity, call the police department and ask them to check it out. The park is to be closed at dusk. She encouraged Mayor Wilson to take the drug problem more seriously. She will not come to Talleyrand Park before without her husband because there have been people there doing drug deals and using drugs. If Bellefonte is trying to increase their tourism they need to educate the community better on drug use. She doesn't feel Bellefonte should have reduced their police force.

Mr. Brachbill addressed this comment because Bellefonte has not reduced the police force. It is upsetting to be accused of not being interested in preventing a drug issue. As a resident of Bellefonte he takes offense to it. Mayor Wilson said the police force has not been reduced. Bellefonte has a higher level of police force that is deserved in a small town. There are very incredible officers who work drugs much better than almost any place. He is thankful that Bellefonte can afford to have a police force. He would take his child to the park. There is danger everywhere. Mrs. Dunne stated there are school resource officers that help prevent the drugs from being a problem there. The police force is willing to meet with her personally and address her concerns if she calls them. Mr. Beigle said it is disturbing when you hear that Bellefonte has cut the police force. He asked people to put on their social media that Bellefonte has the best police force around. Ms. Hombosky said where her family lives in Eastern PA they have a raging meth, bath salt, and heroin problem and they have one cop that works and they just put him down to part-time. Reading the budget reports we are completely blessed to live in a town with this department. She has had to call the cops multiple times when they lived next to the Do-De and every cop has actually cared, which is not the case in other places.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

HARB

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 1) 440 Armor Street – Replace roof over the porch and change it from a flat roof to a pitch roof, which is what the house would have originally been designed to have.
- 2) 302 E. Curtin Street – Place a two-rail 36” high fence on the edge of the property. The color to match the light green of the house.
- 3) Talleyrand Park and Centre County Library – Place one artwork bench in Talleyrand Park and one at the Centre County Library.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve Certificates of Appropriateness for 440 Armor Street and 302 East Curtin Street. Ms. Tosti-Vasey seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mrs. Dunne requested the art benches be discussed separately because they are public art and even though they have been approved by HARB she would like the Talleyrand Park Committee to review the one bench before it is voted on. She would like Joanne Tosti-Vasey as the current Chair of the Park Committee speak to representatives from the Talleyrand Park Committee regarding the bench and where it could be placed. Ms. Dainty can give the details for the woman that presented the benches to Ms. Tosti-Vasey so she can provide all the details at the meeting.

- There were two denials – demolish the building at 215 South Spring Street and the signage request for Mish Mosh.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey made a motion to table the Mish Mosh issue since there is not enough information and to deny demolition of 215 South Spring Street. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Draft meeting minutes from the May 10, 2016 HARB meeting are in the packet for review.

BUILDING AND PROPERTY – Mr. Stewart stated the Borough is coordinating with the contractor for First National Bank regarding the sink hole. The Borough will run the storm drain from Allegheny Street to the driveway. They will meet on site to determine where the Borough stops and where they will tie in and go in to the apron of the bank to the ATM machine. They are determining whether they will put a larger catch basin in. If so they will need to order that. The Borough will do their work in relation to the bank work in approximately two to three weeks.

FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE – There will be a quarterly Budget Meeting on Wednesday, May 25, at 5:00 p.m.

PARK AND RECREATION – Ms. Tosti-Vasey reported Sunday, May 22, at 1:00 p.m. the new fountain in the Talleyrand Park Extension will be dedicated to Gino Fornicola. Rich Fornicola and his family, including family from out of town will be there. Council members are encouraged to attend the dedication.

- Since the Railroad Freight House is securely resting on its foundation the playground will be open.

HUMAN RESOURCES – No report.

SAFETY – Mr. Brachbill attended a Centre County Workshop Session discussing funding fire and EMS services on Wednesday, May 11. It was a good course. The first half is we are there now and the second half is how can you make that grow. When you look at the Centre Region and how their Borough and townships come together under one fire department we have opportunity with three or four fire departments. That will be discussed at the Bellefonte Fire Task Force on Thursday, May 26, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers if anyone is interested in attending. The fire department in Bellefonte serves all the townships around Bellefonte as well as Pleasant Gap and Walker Township.

WATER/SANITATION – Mr. Beigle reported according to the Water Withdrawal Report the Authority is running average where it should be.

- Draft Authority meeting minutes from the May 3, 2016, meeting are in the packet for review. There will be a bid opening on June 1, 2016, for the Big Spring Cover Replacement. The Big Spring is covered because of DEP regulations. If you don't cover the water you have to build a filtration plant, which would cost approximately \$10 million. The Authority wanted to put a fountain on top of the cover, but there are too many DEP regulations to permit that. The old fountain next to the Big Spring needs a liner put in it before it would can work, which will be done.

Mrs. Dunne asked Borough Council if there is any opinion on whether another forum should be arranged regarding the Biosolids. Mr. Clark said the Authority is now in litigation and cannot comment on that and he does not know how that involves Council. Mr. Johnson said you need to determine how to have a conversation without going into litigation. He understands from both sides.

- The SBWJA meeting minutes from March 14, 2016, are in the packet for review. They were highlighted to indicate the reason they were highlighted.

- Riff-raff will be the week of May 23. Please do not put electronics, tires, or railroad ties out. If you have a refrigerator, the Borough will pick it up for a fee if you make arrangements. Ms. Tosti-Vasey said she put her electronics out the day before riff-raff and people took it. At the Solid Waste Authority they do take electronics for free.

- Bellefonte Borough Community Yard Sale will be held May 20 and 21.

STREETS – Mr. Johnson reported S. R. 144 paving has been completed. The entire street was milled and the Borough was not advised to raise any manholes. There are deficiencies in the job, which that is one of them. Matt Auman from the Public Works Department is setting up a meeting with PennDOT to discuss the deficiencies. Hopefully the contractor will correct those.

They are putting the crosswalks back in with what is required, which is one stripe across the road. Bellefonte had the box, which is not required, so it wasn't written into the specs for the contractor. They are not planning to put the blocks back in. Over the year there has been concern about slipperiness of those blocks by pedestrians and motorcycles. Mr. Stewart suggested for the summer trying just the lines to see how it works.

- The storm drain project is out to bid. There will be a pre-bid meeting on Monday, May 23. There has been a fair amount of interest in getting the bid materials.

- The street sweeper will get on a schedule after they are done with painting. They do downtown regularly, but not as often in the neighborhoods. Sometimes it is weather related.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION – Mr. Stewart reported there are plans to meet with energy management vendors. They will be at the conference at Hershey.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Brachbill and Mr. Schneider attended the Centre Region COG Safety Meeting regarding the Centre Region Code Changes. Council members received an email with those changes highlighted. Mr. Schneider will be attending the June 9 meeting to discuss the code changes.

- Ornament Traffic Light Poles - There are two vendors that the state uses. Mr. Stewart has been in touch with the second vendor who is very interested. Mr. Stewart provided a picture of the style that the Borough is interested in. He is putting material together that Mr. Stewart will then provide to Council members. They provide lighting in Pittsburgh and Erie.

- The next Council meeting will be Thursday, June 9, at 7:30 p.m. to accommodate the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs meeting.

- Mr. Brachbill made a motion to appoint Gay Dunne as Bellefonte's representative and Joe Beigle as alternate representative to the Cable Consortium. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- The post office landscaping has not yet been done. They are a federal institution and they do not have to abide by the Borough ordinances. You need to go through your senators to get anything done. Mr. Holderman feels you need to give them a chance to get it done.

- Mr. Brooks who worked on landscaping around town took a full-time job. Mr. Stewart will check with him to see if he will be able to work part-time.

NEW BUSINESS

- Consider Eliminating Standing Committees of Council – If Council has any comments or opinions on this they should forward those to Mr. Holderman and Mr. Stewart, who can then address comments from Council on how they think it should or would work. Mrs. Dunne has a committee reassignment scheme to use until a decision is made on this.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- There was a meeting at Toftrees with approximately 40 people there and they discussed Biosolids. They would love it if Council could attend a meeting like this. They would like to discuss it reasonably and rationally.

- There has not been anything back from PennDOT regarding the Railroad/Thomas Street intersection. Mr. Stewart will do a follow-up letter. Mr. Holderman feels it would be more important to hear from Graymont.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Mr. Brachbill made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting of May 16, 2016, at 9:20 p.m. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.