

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 3, 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.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Members Excused:

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

Staff Present: Vana Dainty, Keystone Community Coordinator

Guests: Walter Schneider, CRCA; Emma Gosalvez, Lock Haven Express;  
Heidi Suckar;

**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 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- Communications – Letter request from Howard Volunteer Fire Company re Fire Police
- Communications – Letter request from Girls Just Wanna Run

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the minutes removed. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Brachbill would like the minutes corrected in the sentence right before the Mayor's report it was Mr. Brachbill who made the motion rather than Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Brachbill made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

### **ORAL**

- Dan Bradley, CPA – Borough Audit – Mr. Bradley thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued confidence in their firm. He also thanked Mr. Stewart, Mr. Holderman and Ms. Walker and the remaining folks at Bellefonte Borough for their assistance in his audit. That assistance is very much appreciated by his audit team. He had a few comments on the December 31, 2015, audit. For that year, Bellefonte Borough earned a clean or unmodified opinion. That is the opinion that every organization wants to get. It says that there are no material misstatements contained in the financial statements. It's a tribute to Council and to Ms. Walker that the Borough earned that unmodified opinion. They also have to prepare various financial statements for the Borough. One is a full accrual balance sheet. On that full accrual balance sheet it said Bellefonte Borough had a net position of about \$4.8 million. Of that, \$3.2 million was invested in capital assets net of any related debt. There was also unrestricted net assets at the end of the year of about \$325,000.00. That number was greatly reduced from the year before because for the first time the Borough had to recognize a net pension liability as of December 31, 2015. It's an issue for a lot of school districts and municipalities. The Borough is very fortunate because they still have a positive unrestricted net position. That number was affected by a prior period adjustment because they had to go back to December 31, 2014 and recognize that net pension liability for the first time, and it had to be done as of the beginning of the year. As a result of that they had to do a prior period adjustment of about \$1,370,000.00. If you were to look at the unrestricted net position as of December 31, 2014 before that adjustment was made, the Borough would have had about \$1.7 million of unrestricted net position but because of the new requirements and because the Borough had to recognize that liability for the first time that number shrunk to \$325,000.00. The Borough is fortunate because it could have been a very, very large negative number.

At the end of the year on an accrual basis standpoint, which is when they talk about just the funds – the first set of statements he is talking about is full accrual, which means they are recognizing capital assets like the buildings and vehicles and things like that. The statements they have to do also has a fund financial statement, which means they just recognize the general funds, and there they only recognize current assets and current liabilities. If you look at the general fund for the Borough as of December 31, 2015, the fund balance is about \$1.2 million. Of that about \$1,146,000.00 is unassigned or unrestricted. That is the monies that are available for the current year. The first numbers he talked about were full accruals where they recognized the long-term liabilities like net pension liability or capital assets. The Borough is not in the business of selling their vehicles or they are not in the business of selling buildings, etc. so the more important statement is the second set where it shows the \$1,146,000.00 of unassigned or unrestricted position. If you look on page 21, you will see the total fund balance of \$1,146,000.00 for the general fund. That is the money available to cover any current year deficit there might be, which the Borough doesn't typically have any current year deficit.

If you turn to page 23, looking at the general fund one more time and looking at the revenues versus expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2015, there were actually revenues that exceeded the expenditures by about \$27,000.00. It's very typical for the Borough because the Borough doesn't typically run a deficit so that number should grow each year by some modest amount.

The Borough has very significant water and sewer funds. Those are on pages 25-27. For all the proprietary activities, which is refuse collection, water and sewer the net position in total is approximately \$18 million but a lot of that money is tied up in the plants. If you look at the invested in capital assets about \$14.4 million is tied up in the water plant, sewer plant, etc. The amount that is unrestricted is about \$3.7 million for the proprietary fund activities. There was no net pension liability recognized for those proprietary funds because initially the governmental accounting standard statement that said what you had to do said you could charge it all to the governmental activities. Since that time there has been an implementation act that says it really should be split up and charge some of that net pension liability to each of the proprietary funds. Next year they will work with Ms. Walker and try to allocate that to the three proprietary funds.

On page 26, the change in net position for the proprietary funds, if you look at the total column the overall change was a positive \$114,000.00. That is a nice increase for the proprietary activities. That is a nice number because the Borough had a significant amount of depreciation expense. For 2015, the Borough incurred about \$1,121,000.00 in depreciation expense. That is the eating away of the plants because as time goes by those assets become worth less because of depreciation.

On page 27, a very positive sign is the operating activities. The total column has a \$686,000.00 increase in operating activity cash for the proprietary funds. That money was used up in various ways. Some debt had to be paid down and new capital assets had to be acquired so overall the net increase was only about \$149,000.00.

Pages 30-60 are notes to the financial statements that talk about a lot of the things that happened this past year. There are about five or six notes that are just about the net pension liability. Those are all new notes that are required by the standard that requires you to talk about why you were where you were with your net pension liability.

With the audit normally what you have to do at the end of the year is to talk about your significant deficiencies and material weaknesses and after looking there was nothing they could address as being a significant deficiency or material weakness. That is a tribute to management and to Ms. Walker because of the great work they do on a day-to-day basis. It also comes from the leadership of the Mayor and Council. It is a very, very positive sign. It's not often that there are firm letters of support without comments about significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

Mrs. Dunne thanked Mr. Bradley for his presentation and for allowing Council time to focus on it.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **WRITTEN**

- An article for review from the Central Penn Business Journal
- An update on the Logan 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade as well as some emails for review.
- A parking request for two 15-minute spaces on South Allegheny Street in front of the Cadillac Building.  
Mrs. Dunne referred this request to the Streets Committee for review and recommendation.
- A press release was received from Mount Nittany Health regarding moving their corporate services offices to Bellefonte in the old Weis store location.  
Mrs. Dunne said there was also a press release in the Centre Daily Times and she is happy to welcome Mount Nittany Health to Bellefonte.
- A letter request re Mach One Kayak and Canoe Slalom at Waterfront Area between High Street and Lamb Street October 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Mr. Kurtz was in the audience to answer questions. Ms. Tosti-Vasey asked how high the wires would be in relation to the sidewalk. Mr. Kurtz said if it would be too high for tall people they would hang decorations to make them visible. They would be removed after the event. Mr. Kurtz would like to put the gates up a few days ahead of time because of time limitations. Mr. Kurtz said the event will probably be October 21<sup>st</sup>. They would like to highlight the waterfront area. The time will be between 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., which will be after the lights are turned on but before it gets too dark to see. They will enter the water where the fish commission has put their log structures and take out at the stairway. They are hoping there will be some rain before this event. The Fish Commission has assured Mr. Kurtz that there will be no conflicts at that time with the spawning of the trout. A voice vote was unanimous.

#### **ORAL**

- Pat Kennedy, North Thomas Street, is the spokesman for the protests of the reopening of the Uni-Mart. They are curious about how Bellefonte is getting around three separate zoning issues. They have many unanswered questions about the zoning and being a non-conforming structure since they were not able to talk to Jeff Stover, the Borough Solicitor. Their real contact person, who cannot be at the meeting tonight, has been in contact with a lawyer for this group. They want to be sure Jeff Stover is correct in what he told Council. If the Uni-Mart reopens it will affect the lives of the neighbors. They are also upset with the fact that Mr. Singh has roped off his property. They parked there for fourteen years and took care of that property and now they can't park there.

They can't afford to pay the permit cost he wants. If they build a garage at the back of their property in the alley the cost for a parking pad, from three different estimates, would be \$40,000.00. They were very excited that their property values were going to go up with the Waterfront District and now they have gone down because they are a house with no parking. The last time Ms. Kennedy was at the meeting someone on Council was going to contact Mr. Singh and ask him about the parking. Mrs. Dunne said that is on the agenda to be discussed later in the meeting.

- Ted Conklin from North Thomas Street addressed Council. He thanked Council for their fantastic work on the caution light on North Thomas. He commented on the parking situation. He has lived there for 45 years, which predates a lot of the inactivity of the commercial district. North Thomas Street is the separation between the Waterfront and the Residential District. He wanted to add that he feels the parking problem there is much greater than the spaces alongside the Uni-Mart. The old milk plant is for sale and that entire neighborhood has mostly unauthorized parking from one end of that Thomas Street block to the other. The milk plant services about nine apartments – five in the Hendricks unit – those people are students and some of them have three cars for the apartment. Two houses down there is a Victorian house that just sold on the market. It will be looking for parking because there isn't access behind that building for parking because there's another house behind that building. Beyond that building is two more apartments that also park in the milk plant lot. If that building is sold in the near future, there are approximately 12-15 cars that will have to be relocated. When the milk plant and the Uni-Mart people enforced their no parking areas, everybody parked on the residential side. When all those people left for the inactive properties, the state took the opportunity to move the road over and put a white line right down the middle where all those people used to park. At one point there were probably 8-12 cars parked the length of Thomas Street on the residential side. He requested that Council take a comprehensive look at the parking problems rather than just a couple spaces because there is a real problem there that is developing.

Mr. DeCusati asked if the parking spots could be recreated. Mr. Conklin said there is not room now since the state has put a white line through that area. Mr. Conklin said to change to parallel parking would cut off the access to the parking and would not be enough parking spaces. Mr. DeCusati said if you look at other streets in town the streets are narrow so people have parking.

- Evan Edwards, North Thomas Street, said they are just looking for something. He understands it is Mr. Singh's property, and he has the right to charge for parking. He feels Mr. Singh could have handled things a little bit better. Hanging up on people is not the best way to handle business. He has started looking into parking up in the alley, but currently it is a two-way street and one car can barely fit through. They have started parking on Lamb Street and somebody broke in to their car today. With plow trucks plowing in the winter it will be too close.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Wilson requested that Council hear from Officer Holliday so he can be dismissed to go out and patrol. Mr. Brachbill asked if Officer Holliday has had any calls or complaints about this parking problem. Officer Holliday said there have been no calls. He is familiar with the parking situation and with the area. It's one of the areas where there are a lot of houses and no place to park cars. He appreciates the commentary on the situation. He doesn't know what the immediate answer is but he can look in to it. He feels Scott Lane would be an issue in the winter time with the plow. It is one-way for half of it and then goes in to two-way. If the vehicles are moved onto West Lamb Street then it causes a hazardous intersection. He would like time to work on the situation with the Chief. Mr. Brachbill sees issues if parking is permitted along the road. Ms. Kennedy feels the traffic has slowed down because of the way they are parked parallel to the road.

- Mayor Wilson went to the soap box derby event on Sunday, October 2. In talking with those folks he learned there will be a soap box derby race in Bellefonte April 22 and 23.

## **PUBLIC HEARING: REZONING OF CENTRE CREST PROPERTY**

- The rezoning would go from R2 to R4. Alfred Jones, a member of the board of Centre Care Inc. addressed Council. Centre Care Inc. leases the Centre Crest facility from Centre County. They are near the end of the third year of a five-year lease and they have two five-year extensions available to them. As the lessee, they have responsibility for maintenance of the building. What they would like to do if the rezoning is done is a joint project between Centre Care and Centre County. It will improve the county property on a permanent basis with the creation of the parking and the storm water facility, but it is necessary in the short term for the betterment of the operation of Centre Crest.

Betsy Royer, the board chair of Centre Care Inc. addressed Council about what they are doing and why the parking is so critical. Betsy reiterated that the reason for the request is that since Centre Care has taken over Centre Crest they have added over 100 staff, the census is up, the volunteerism is up and it's very difficult. Going into this they were under-parked. They did not have the required parking spaces. There have been family members that couldn't find a place to park so they leave without visiting their relatives. The parking is crucial for everyone involved.

Barry Pierce, a property owner at 130 North Wilson Street spoke. He feels the issue is wondering why the zoning is being done and what doors it opens up. He asks why it was zoned the way it was to begin with and why the changes are being made. If changes are being made, they need to understand the legal responsibilities for the facility. He understands the need for the parking because he sees it; however, he is also a property owner and he knows the problems they have had with water. Water goes where water wants to go. When the zoning was done and the R2/R4 was done he

asked if it was done that way because of the sinkhole. That is why you can't go back to North Monroe. That is why they built a little house there because the land and the property can't handle it. Now Bellefonte is being asked to make a change. He can't stop the change but he asked that they understand the liability they are going to have. When you talk with insurance companies, they say it's an act of God. When the zoning is changed, it's not an Act of God, it's the Borough, so where is the liability? Mr. Jones talked about a coordination between the county and Centre Crest. Mr. Pierce feels it needs to be a three-way coordination because that culvert where all the water is going to run in to can't handle it. It has already been proven because many of the residents in that room have been flooded. If the Borough of Bellefonte fixes the culvert, it will cost \$300,000.00 to \$500,000.00 to fix it. He feels Council members need to look at the culvert and the bad shape it is in. He feels Council has to make a decision blind but he reminded them again to realize what the liabilities are. If it is the right thing to do with zoning, he is fine with it. He feels Bellefonte Borough needs to be the third party in the equation.

Mr. DeCusati said Mr. Jones was asked to contact the surrounding property owners and deal with issues that are bothering them. Mr. Pierce said the issue today is rezoning not the concerns that the property owners have.

Mr. Brachbill said there was a public meeting at Centre Crest and several Council members were there to hear the concerns of the residents. If conditions were met to keep the area and drainage improved, the residents didn't have concerns. Mr. Pierce recommended that the Borough's decision should be a sound decision, is it safe, and does it release the Borough of Bellefonte from any responsibility for water damages to the residents in that area? If that is true, vote yes.

John Seppe, Penn Terra Engineering, the engineering firm that has been working on the parking lot and drainage plant to date. The rezoning is the first step that needs taken. The next step is to design the parking lot and storage water system, which would be reviewed by the Borough Staff, Borough Engineer, County Conservation District and DEP. Then it would need to go before the Borough Planning Commission and Council for approval. They aren't anywhere near the point of giving Council plans. Then they will have to work out agreements with the neighbors. Mr. Seppe would never design a project that is not allowed by zoning. This is the first step of the project.

The question was raised what happens when they get approved for the zoning and plan the design and then work with the neighbors, and the neighbors don't feel it is going to protect their property and they don't agree with it. What happens then? Mr. Seppe said they could always bring the pipe down through Centre Crest property. From a storm water point it would give the same result.

Mr. Seppe feels there will be a lot of discussion between them and the Borough Engineer even before it gets to the Planning Commission.

Mr. DeCusati asked if there is still permeability so a fair amount of the water that falls there now just drains down naturally. Mr. Seppe said there are problems there now during severe storms. They are going to design to accommodate the parking lot and also design to take into account water from upstream that goes through there as

well. It's not only a matter of percolating; it's a matter of getting the water from grassy area through the housing area underground.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey asked where the water will go. It will all go into the water basin.

Mr. Jones wanted to address some comments that were made. He met with the Centre County Solicitor and talked about the practicalities of trying to craft agreements when it is unknown who the parties to the agreement will be. Mr. Seppe drew a sketch plan, and they met with Mr. Pierce and two other neighbors in December to show them what they were planning. They walked the property together and talked about location possibilities. The easement agreement will not say they guarantee the property values will stay the same or be better. He recommended to Mr. Pierce that he should get his own attorney. They are not going to say in any agreement that the basements will never get water in them. Mr. Jones told Council to think of this from land use, planning and zoning. In that property square—Wilson Street, Howard Street, Monroe Street, and Bishop Street—it is one of the largest properties being problematic. If the County said they wanted to build the facility, Council would say no, as it is today.

Mary Ann Vanchover is a past employee, current volunteer and has a family member in Centre Crest. Her concern with the parking shortage is from the volunteer and family aspect. It is important for them to be able to park when they get to Centre Crest. When she takes her 90-year old father to visit her brother, she has to get him into his wheelchair in the parking lot and hope he doesn't take the brake off while she parks. The volunteers give from their heart and want to be there to provide services.

Bobby Salvatere, Director of Therapeutic Recreation at Centre Crest. She also lives in the community. She is happy that Bellefonte has Centre Crest. One of her jobs is to run the programming for the residents (240 beds). It takes a lot of people to do that. She has a real problem when she can't run a program because the volunteers can't park. The 16-17 volunteers are at the meeting to let Council know how important the residents are.

Mrs. Dunne closed the public hearing.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the zoning map amendment for the Centre Crest property changing from R2 to R4. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. Mr. Brachbill felt at a meeting there was consensus from the residents and working together from the Centre Crest side. Mr. Brachbill said certain things have to be done to be sure that it is a secure area that can handle that type of load. There is already an open existing sinkhole and he feels there are probably more. Sinkholes don't go straight down. They go down at an angle. He feels the engineers need to do their job taking appropriate measures to keep it safe. Mr. Clark said there will have to be engineering studies and design calculations presented to the Planning Commission, the Borough Engineer and Council. There is a lot of work before they come back to Council. He feels there will be two further opportunities for the adjoining property owners to say if they are happy or not with what was worked out with the County. This is the first step



needed to move the design forward. The property owners will be able to apprise themselves of the situation. Mr. DeCusati said the Borough may be open for additional expense to allow them to tap into the storm water system. The system may need upgraded at that location. Mr. Brachbill said there was conversation before about looking at that pipe. Mr. Stewart said they didn't want to spend funds hiring an engineer until Council decided what they want to do and also, that expense should be taken care of by the applicant. Mrs. Brown said they haven't heard from the people at Centre Crest or Mr. Jones that they are willing to take on the cost. The motion passed with Ms. Tosti-Vasey reluctantly voting no.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Draft Fire Protection Task Force meeting minutes from September 22, 2016, are in the packet for review.

- Draft Fire Department Executive Committee meeting minutes from September 22, 2016, are in the packet for review.

- Civil Service Commission meeting minutes from September 27, 2016, are in the packet. They met to go over the rules again because there is activity with bringing on another officer.

- Mr. DeCusati and Mr. Johnson attended the CCMPO meeting that was held last week. There are funds left over from other projects. Two projects that are of interest to Bellefonte Borough are the Exit 161 safety improvements and the Phoenix Avenue intersection. Mr. DeCusati suggested that Council send a letter suggesting the earmarked funds be used for the Exit 161 safety improvements and the Phoenix Avenue intersection. Mr. Brachbill said a letter was sent to Nittany Valley several months ago supporting that intersection. Mr. Johnson feels you should talk to G. T. Thompson and others to get that funding going.

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to send a letter to the CCMPO suggesting the earmarked funds be used for the Exit 161 Safety Improvements project and the Phoenix Avenue intersection. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

## **OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

### **ZONING/PLANNING**

- Doug Johnson made a motion to approve Mark Edwards for appointment to the Planning Commission. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Draft Planning Commission meeting minutes from September 26, 2016, are in the packet for review.

## **HARB**

### **CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS**

- None.

**BUILDING AND PROPERTY** – Mr. DeCusati made a motion to go forward with advertising property with the Surplus Property Auction. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

**FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE** – Mrs. Brown made a motion to pay an invoice to Stover McGlaughlin in the amount of \$377.00. Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Brown made a motion to put out an RFP for Auditors for a three year period. Ms. Tosti-Vasey seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

**PARK AND RECREATION** – Ms. Hombosky said they met on September 28 with the Talleyrand Park Committee to discuss signage. Things are still moving forward with that. Ms. Tosti-Vasey said the designs are going to the sign maker to see a mock up before things can move forward. Ms. Hombosky is working on a logo for the sign. Mr. Beigle suggested getting prices from several sign makers.

The pollinator garden near the Big Spring Spirits has been started by staking out the area and putting cardboard and mulch on it so it can become an organic mush over the winter and planting will take place in the spring. Photographs of the pollinator garden are on the Edible Garden Facebook Page.

Mr. Holderman said the downspouts on the Train Station have been a safety issue for years. Last week the Borough crew was able to fix those down spouts. Some men from the Historical Railroad Society have volunteered to relay the bricks.

**HUMAN RESOURCES** – Ms. Tosti-Vasey reported there was a Human Resources meeting tonight regarding a personnel issue.

An offer was made and accepted and Steve Caldana will begin working in the Refuse Department on October 10, 2016.

A Police Contract negotiation will be held on Monday, October 10, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**SAFETY** – Mr. Brachbill would like Council to have a work session on the fire department and have Chief Schneider there. It would take approximately one-half hour.

The Logan Fire Company had an open house on Sunday, October 2. The Undines will be having an open house on Sunday, October 15.

**WATER/SANITATION** – With leaves beginning to fall, Mr. Beigle asked residents to please open up street drains.

Jerome Abbott sent a letter to the editor in the Lock Haven Express titled “Why?” If there are any questions, Council members should talk to Mr. Beigle. They had a hearing in Milesburg regarding the biosolids. In the article the man thought there was an open meeting, but Mr. Hanna would not open it up to the audience.

The next Authority meeting will be Tuesday, October 4.

Grass collection will continue until the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

**STREETS** – Mr. Johnson thanked Mr. DeCusati for reaching out to him to attend the CCMPO meeting. It was very informative.

There will be a meeting with Hawbaker on Tuesday, October 4, at 8:00 a.m. They will begin some paving in Bellefonte Saturday and Monday on portions of Blanchard Street, High Street, Shoemaker and Cherry.

Mrs. Brown reported Public Works dug up a huge space between Burnside and Logan and she asked if it would be paved. Mr. Holderman said when the Borough went out to bid, residents should be aware that part of Bishop Street between Blanchard Street and Logan Street will be done; High Street from the back of the old jail to Wilson Street; Cherry Lane will be from Spring Street back to the VFW; and a portion of Shoemaker will be done. The Borough crew will probably go back out and fix the area Mrs. Brown mentioned.

There is a memo in the packet regarding the ornamental traffic lights. The application has been filed, and Bellefonte is approved for all three. They are still evaluating the mast arm at the High and Water Street intersection. The project won't be done until 2017. The cost estimate for High and Water Street is approximately \$34,000.00.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to pass the Resolution 10032016-001. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to submit the application for a signal approval or flashing beacon. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Parking situation at convenience store/fuel station at Lamb and Thomas Streets – Mr. Stewart and Mr. Holderman had a meeting with the property owner. He felt he was threatened by some residents and that is why he has barred some of the residents from parking on his property. He does not want to deal with certain residents. Mr. Stewart contacted PennDOT about doing a traffic study to permit parallel parking along the road and that is in the works. When Mr. Stewart receives the study he will forward it to Council members. Mr. Stewart feels there is no room on the south bound side to

make parallel parking. Ms. Tosti-Vasey asked if it was possible to put parking on the residential side of the street. Mr. Stewart does not feel they are interested in moving the center line of the road or moving the road over.

Mr. Singh owns all the property back to the milk plant. A different owner owns the milk plant. Mr. Brachbill said whoever told the residents they could park in that area didn't have a legal right to say that. He stated rentals are to provide parking to their tenants. Mr. DeCusati said the older buildings weren't designed for modern day housing with two or three cars. An issue you have is in order for those properties to continue to go up in value, a parking solution needs to be found. Mr. Brachbill feels Council is doing everything they can. It's not a Borough road and PennDOT has gotten involved. Mr. DeCusati said you could purchase the milk plant and build a parking garage. Mr. Beigle agrees that you can go so far in getting parking. When you purchase a property you need to look at all areas and what your parking responsibilities are. It is not the responsibility of the Borough to work out the problem between the owner and the residents. Mr. Clark feels the Streets Department could look into some issues.

Mrs. Dunne recommends turning this over to the Streets Committee for review and recommendation.

Mrs. Brown reminded everyone when the residents came that wanted the street paved behind Bishop Street off of Blanchard Street, a survey was taken and there weren't enough people willing to contribute to the paving.

**ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION** – Mr. Clark reported he and Mr. DeCusati met with the second group of Penn State Students in their senior year. This is more the practical side of the composting study they are doing. They will provide some practical details on how the site can be improved as far as the composting operation. There should be more information in the next month or so.

Mrs. Dunne received a letter from the Clearwater Conservancy, and they are applying for accreditation renewal and there is now a public comment period. They are inviting public input and comments specifically focused on Clearwater Conservancy's Compliance with National Quality Standards. Comments can be submitted to them. There is a link in the letter that will be forwarded to Committee members.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Beigle made a motion to adopt the amended ordinance 10032016-01, Chapter 1 General Provisions. Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to adopt the amended ordinance 10032016-02, Chapter 330 Historic District. Ms. Tosti-Vasey seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey made a motion to change the word governed to guided under 330-10. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to adopt the amended ordinance 10032016-03, Chapter 62 Historical Architectural Review Board. Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Brachbill voting no.

The Solicitor, Jeff Stover, has given Mr. Holderman a verbal response regarding the Rapid Response Ad Hoc Committee and did they have the authority to do what was presented at the last Council meeting. He will provide something in writing by the end of the week. Mrs. Dunne recommends the Rapid Response Committee should meet and organize themselves so they are ready to respond to referrals.

There is a memo in the packet regarding the flu vaccine.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- The American Philatelic Society Library Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be Saturday, October 29, at 10:00 a.m.

- Mr. Brachbill received a phone call from a resident on Howard Street regarding purchasing un-ordained easements and taking care of trees. Mr. Brachbill was asked why a resident would purchase property and then spend more money to have trees taken down. Mr. Brachbill recommends taking care of the trees and then selling the property. Mr. Holderman said you need money in the budget to be able to do that.

- There is an automotive garage at 123 Thomas Street that has trees coming out onto the lines.

- Mrs. Brown said there is a severe skunk problem in the Borough again. She would like the residents to know the name of the person caught the skunks before.

- Mr. Johnson said Ms. Dainty did a very nice job with the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new businesses.

Mayor Wilson commended the Lock Haven Express for the nice pictures and coverage provided for that event.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- With no other business to come before Council Mr. Beigle made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting of October 3, 2016 at 9:50 p.m. Ms. Tosti-Vasey seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.