

COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2013
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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: Wilson, Dainty, Brown, Schneider, Provan, Beigle, DeCusati, Halderman,

Members Excused: Dunne, Ramish, Li

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

Staff Present: Officer Jason Brower,

Guests: Barry Spicer; Randy Brachbill;

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 November 4, 2013 minutes
- Communications - PennDOT Signal Improvement Upgrades Meeting Minutes
- Mayor - Police Report - October 2013
Police Exonerations - October 2013
- Finance - McQuaide Blasko Invoice
October 2013 Treasurer's Report
October 2013 Voucher Summary: \$1,827,588.98
- Streets - Resolution for Designation of Agent re FEMA and PEMA

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Provan seconded the motion.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- Various emails and letters regarding the Garman property.

ORAL

- None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Addis had Office Brower provide an update on the Prescription Drug Collection program. Officer Brower stated the program could be classed as a resounding success. The collection container has been dumped twice to Penn State University for incineration. The first time there was 35 pounds and 45 pounds the second time. The 80 pounds of drugs have been incinerated for a cost of less than \$20.00. It was emptied a third time, but has not yet been taken for incineration. The estimate of the third time was 45-50 pounds. The container is now nearly half full. People have come from as far as the Clinton County area to dispose of drugs. Flyers will be made for local drug stores to make people aware of the container. The program has only been running for approximately four months. Officer Brower was congratulated for getting the program going even when a grant was not obtained. He commended the postmaster for helping him get an old U. S. Mail box to use.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- CCMPO Tech Committee 11-13-13 - Complete Agenda Package
- CCMPO Tech Minutes 09-11-13 Draft
- Spring Township Letter to CCMPO

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- None.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – There will be an Executive Session following the meeting regarding real estate.

Finance and Government Performance – Ms. Dainty reported that work is progressing on the budget. There will be a meeting on Monday, November 25, to try to get it resolved.

- At the last meeting the Audit Bids were opened. There were two companies that bid - Iron Furnace and Young, Oaks, Brown & Co. Young, Oaks, Brown & Co. is who typically does the audits. Ms. Walker talked with them, and they agreed to lower their price by \$1,000 and they will continue to do the auditing for the Borough.

Park & Recreation – Mrs. Brown reported there was an End of Season Report for Kepler Pool 2013 in the packets. Attendance was lower this year, but in range with previous years. The Pool Authority is now working, and they will look into the recommendations that were provided on the report. The Borough only plans to support the pool financially for a few more years until they are established.

Human Resources –Mr. Provan made a motion to support the Bellefonte Area School District application for a grant for an additional Resource Officer. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Safety – Mr. Wilson reported the next regular meeting of the Fire Executive Board will be Thursday, December 19.

- There is a Fire Services Task Force draft being worked on and will be discussed at a future work session. Mr. Holderman reported it is only in its initial draft form for the Fire Task Force to review and make comments. The goal is to bring it to Council in a formal draft form by the December 16 meeting.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle reported the Daily Water Withdrawal/Instream Flow Requirement Report is in the packet for review.

The November 5, 2013 Draft Authority Meeting minutes are in the packet for review.

Streets – Mr. Holderman stated at the October 21, 2013 Council meeting when Robert Lingenfelter went over the proposal for the Streetscape project, they initially had in their proposal for the intersection of Allegheny and Bishop Street. Their proposal did not include the alternates, which was up to Cherry Lane and down to Perry. At that point Council agreed to go as far as the money would go. To complete the entire project it would cost an additional \$16,000.00.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to increase the contract for Weber, Murphy, Fox for additional services for the downtown Streetscape project next year in the amount of

\$16,000.00. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. Mr. Provan commented on the part of West Bishop Street from North Allegheny Street to Perry Street. He feels the property owners in that area have been working very hard and it looks good. He thanks the property owners in that part of West Bishop Street.

- The study from the state for the High Street and McAllister Street intersection was in the packet for review. The study was requested by a resident. The overall conclusions that the current 25 mph is appropriate for the traffic that is there. Suggested signage improvements were suggested. The study stated there are no notable safety deficiencies. There are no multi-way stop warrants at this intersection and street signs are properly placed.

Mr. Wilson commented on the increased traffic Monday - Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. because of school traffic and buses in that area. He has issues with the parking and turning at that intersection. He suggests the Borough make a temporary "No Parking" on all four corners of the street from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Mr. DeCusati reported the corners have been painted yellow. The property owner has nearly finished his project so most of the equipment is gone.

- Mr. Holderman reported there were only six responses of fifteen from residents regarding the East Logan Street Survey. Four responses stated they would be willing to assist in paving the road and two were adamantly opposed.

A Streets Committee meeting will be set up to discuss the results.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – No report.

Junior Council Report – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Bellefonte IDA is moving ahead with waterfront grading design options, making decisions regarding permit submission at the December meeting.

- The United Way sign was placed at the former Bush House property.

- Mr. Stewart requested feedback regarding the Consent Agenda. Mr. Schneider requested it be run through December and approve it at the organizational meeting in January.

- Mr. Stewart reported after going through interviews and a hiring process offered Vana Dainty the position of Keystone Development Coordinator. It involves the reorganization of the zoning administration. If she accepts she will begin her work in early December.

Ms. Dainty read a resignation letter from Borough Council effective December 1, 2013. She will begin the job of Keystone Community Coordinator for Bellefonte Borough on December 2, 2013. Ms. Dainty stated she and Mr. DeCusati have sat

beside each other for the eight years she served on Council, not always liking each other but maintaining a professional relationship no matter how upset they became with each other. Mr. Halderman thanked Ms. Dainty for her work on Council.

Council has thirty days to replace Ms. Dainty. Residents of the South Ward interested in serving on Council should submit their resume to Council. Resumes should be back to Borough Council by Wednesday, December 11, 2013, by the end of the business day. This will be advertised on the Borough web page and also advertised on C-NET.

- Mr. Halderman recognized Randy Brachbill and Barry Spicer, new Council members, who will begin their terms January 2014.

- Mrs. Brown questioned if someone from the Borough contacted Mish Mosh regarding the tree. Mr. Holderman reported he talked to all the business owners regarding that tree in regard to the Streetscape project. That tree will more than likely come down.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the Demolition Permit as requested for the property at 509 Willowbank Street. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mrs. Brown stated the Victorian Christmas Committee requested the Farmer's Market at the Courthouse be moved during the Victorian Christmas Celebration. The shuttle will stop there and it would be a safety issue. Mr. Stewart reported it will be moved near Dollar General.

- Mrs. Brown stated Santa Claus will arrive on the Diamond on Saturday, November 30, at 1:00 p.m.

- Mrs. Brown reported the Christmas train ride will be the weekend before Christmas and the BHRS asked if Dunlop Street could be closed during the train rides for parking. Each train ride is sold out and there are approximately 340 people per ride.

Mr. Schneider made a motion that during the train rides, December 20, 21 and 22, the traffic on High Street and the traffic on Dunlop Street be controlled by the fire police working the train rides.

- Council will go to Executive Session to discuss real estate.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Mr. Beigle made a motion to adjourn the meeting of November 18, 2013 at 8:10 p.m. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - REAL ESTATE