

COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2011

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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order at 8:00 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 all cell phones be turned off or to vibrate.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Wilson, Dainty, Taylor, Schneider, Provan, Beigle, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman

Members Excused:

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

Staff Present:

Guests: Cynthia Hahn, Randy Brown

C-NET

Cynthia Hahn, C-NET, addressed Council. She is the Executive Director of C-NET. On behalf of the staff and the board of directors it was her sincere pleasure to welcome Bellefonte Borough as the newest member of C-NET. With the membership of the Borough there are 14 organizations that are members of C-NET. C-NET was founded 23 years ago. There is a full-time staff of four (4) people with a few part-time producers and numerous interns and volunteers every semester from Penn State's College of Communications.

Introduced were Justin Baker, C-NET's Production Manager and Samantha, audio and part-time producer.

Ms. Hahn requested that Council keep papers and other materials off the microphones. She also requested when residents present oral communications that they be reminded to come to the podium to address Council.

A copy of the 2009 Annual Report as well as a schedule of when the meetings will air on Channel 7 was provided to Council members. The meetings will be web streamed on www.cnet1.org. The online meetings are indexed by agenda item.

Mr. Halderman thanked Ms. Hahn for coming to the meeting. Council meetings will be aired on Wednesday at 10:00 PM following the regular meeting; Thursday at 7:00 AM; Friday at 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM; and Saturday at 1:00 PM.

The C-NET office telephone number is 238-5031.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of December 20, 2010. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A correction needs to be made under written communications to state JazzPA requested use portions of High Street and Talleyrand Park on July 23, 2011 rather than July 3, 2001. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as corrected.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Joe Rocco, Government Affairs Manager, Comcast, providing notification of cable changes.

- The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs 100th Annual Conference & Exhibition will be held at the Hershey Lodge April 10th – 13th, 2011. Registration needs to be completed as soon as possible.

- A letter from Russell C. Redding, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Agriculture, regarding the Farmers Market license as well as information regarding new food safety inspections and regulations that become effective January 22, 2011.

Mr. Stewart will see if there is anything the Borough will be required to do regarding the new regulations.

- A letter from Steve Miller, Chair, Spring Creek Watershed Commission requesting a contribution in 2011 in the amount of \$207.50.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the 2011 contribution request of \$207.50 for the Spring Creek Watershed Commission. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. There is an amount budgeted. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Lori Jones, Program Assistant, Penn State Young Lungs at Play, thanking Bellefonte Borough for being the first Centre County community to join the program. In the spring they would like to hold a kick-off event to recognize the efforts of the Borough in this area.

- A letter from Darlene M. Harris, President of council, City of Pittsburgh, District 1, regarding the city of Pittsburgh's banning of any type of fracking gas well drilling inside the city limits. They are requesting the Borough choose one of three options: 1) pass a similar ordinance for Bellefonte Borough; 2) pass a resolution in support of what Pittsburgh is doing; 3) pass a resolution supporting Pittsburgh and also stating the Borough would be a Friend of the Court for

the city of Pittsburgh in any type of situation or civil suit. There will be no cost to the Borough if that option three is chosen.

Pittsburgh is trying to get support for cities and boroughs to be able to make their own decisions versus the state mandating or taking the authority away from boroughs and cities. There is no deadline for a decision to be made. Council members would like an opportunity to review the information. This will be discussed at the work session before the Council meeting of January 17, 2011.

ORAL

- None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Goldman hopes everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and came back to Council ready to work.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- None

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- None.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – There was no report.

Finance and Government Performance – Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve an invoice to McQuaide Blasko in the amount of \$321.58 upon the (IDA) Industrial Development Authority approving their portion of the invoice. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Mr. Stewart reported that most of the telephone conversations were with him or Mr. Holderman for the IDA. A voice vote was unanimous.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to make a contribution of \$500.00 to the American Cancer Society in the name of the Benninghoff family. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Park & Recreation – Mr. Taylor reported the Park & Recreation Committee will schedule a meeting with the Peace Memorial for Talleyrand Park to gather more information on what they want and what the Borough can offer.

Mr. Holderman reported Howard Long has received approval from Walker Township, Benner Township and Spring Township for their portion of money for Kepler Pool, which is \$1.00 per resident.

Human Resources – Mr. Provan reported that the window for applications for the receptionist/personal secretary position has closed. Approximately 103 applications were received. They are being reviewed by Mr. Stewart and Mr. Holderman. The Human Resources Committee will review the applications as they become available. The goal is to have the position filled by February.

Safety – Mr. Wilson reported the next Fire Task Force meeting will be held at the Logan Fire Hall on Wednesday, January 26th, at 7:00 PM with tours beginning at 6:30 PM. The task force will be touring each fire station and learning more about each one at various times.

An Executive Fire Safety meeting will be scheduled.

J. R. Toner is the new Undine Fire Department Chief.

Water/Sanitation – There was no report.

Streets – The Street Committee and staff met before the Council meeting and went to North Thomas Street to investigate a request from a resident to have a street light added. Two things were noticed: 1) there is a light on the corner that is blocked by a pine tree. It is requested that Mr. Stewart contact PenElec and request that the pine tree be trimmed so the full illumination of the street light can be obtained; 2) the street is somewhat lit if residents have their porch lights turned on otherwise the block is dark. When the tree is trimmed the issue will be revisited if necessary.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the Boards and Committees member appointments. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The appointments are as follows:
 - Shade Tree Commission - Wade Renninger, January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2013
 - Zoning Hearing Board - Kay Zinsner, January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2015 (reinstate)
Solicitor, William G. Tressler
 - Planning Commission – Kevin Clark, January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2014
Doug Stanfield, January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2014
 - Bellefonte Borough Authority – Greg Brown, January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2015
 - Airport Authority – Chip Aikens, January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2013

A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Schneider made a motion to appoint Don Franson for storm water engineering on an as needed basis for Bellefonte Borough. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mayor Goldman reported the 100 block of South and North Allegheny Street are very dark. He would like the Streets Committee to check into it.

- Mr. Schneider would like an updated list of who serves on the Appeals Board for building code and their expiration dates. Mr. Stewart reported when the new building code came into effect the County review board is used and there is not a local review board. Mr. Schneider would like the County to be reminded to meet at least annually.

Mr. Schneider was approached by Candy Covey and she would like to know who the Borough Representative is for ABCD.

Mr. Halderman appointed Vana Dainty as the Borough Representative for ABCD.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Provan made a motion to nominate Vana Dainty as the Borough representative for the voting delegate to the PSAB conference at Hershey. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Ms. Dainty nominated Mr. Beigle to serve as an alternate voting delegate representing the Borough at the PSAB Conference. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- PSAB Outstanding Council Member award nominations are due by March 1, 2011.

- Ms. Dainty was asked to serve on the Resolution Committee for PSAB and sent in her acceptance.

- Mr. Halderman would like a letter sent to Richard Knupp and Keith Koch to recognize their contributions in getting the Bellefonte History out to the public.

POLICE REPORT

- There was no police report.

TICKET EXONERATIONS

- There were no ticket exonerations.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Mrs. Dunne made a motion to

adjourn the meeting of January 4, 2011 at 8:41 PM. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.