

^ COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2012
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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. Members were asked to turn off their cell phones or put them on vibrate.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Wilson, Dainty, Brown, Schneider, Provan, Dunne, Halderman, McCullough, Confer

Members Excused: Beigle, DeCusati,

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

Staff Present:

Guests: Lorin Spangler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of February 6, 2012. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. In the Junior Council Report Ms. McCullough specified it was referring to the District Band and Chorus Festivals. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as corrected.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- An invitation from Bellefonte Emergency Medical Services to their annual recognition dinner. The dinner will be held Saturday, March 3, 2012, at the Moose located at 125 North Spring Street. Social hour begins at 5:00 p.m. with the dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 22.

- An email from Wendy Roe informing Council that she is in favor of continuing the skunk trapping program. She also noted she finds it difficult to walk the entire length of

Logan/West Logan Street because trash containers are left on the sidewalks. The small containers have not addressed this problem.

- A letter from Robert E. Lamb, Bellefonte Children's Fair, requesting permission to hold the fair on Saturday, June 2, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the intersection of East Curtin and Armor Streets, with the rain date being Sunday, June 3. The request is to close this location from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and also a request for special trash pickup at the conclusion of the fair. The request also includes permission to hang the Children's Fair banner across Allegheny Street for a couple of weeks before the fair.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Provan seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- An email from Joshua Cone, C.S.C.S., Head Trainer, Wellness Department, YMCA of Centre County, requesting permission to hold a Sprint Triathlon at the Kepler pool at Governor's Park on Saturday, June 9, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The roads needed for the bike route are from the park entrance down Governor's Park Road; turning right onto Airport Road; continue to a turn-around ¼ mile before it joins Route 26; bikers will retrace their route back to Kepler Pool. The run will start out in the same direction until right before the overpass on Airport Road where it will then turn around and retrace the route back. Insurance and medical services will be covered by the YMCA of Centre County. It is noted that part of the course is in Spring Township.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. The pool is open when school is over, but it will be ready by that time. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Senator Jake Corman regarding the Marcellus Shale legislation and the impacts of drilling. In a bi-partisan effort the state Senate and House of Representatives voted to approve a conference committee report on House Bill 1950. The letter includes detail of what was included in the bill.

- The Bellefonte Intervalley Area Chamber of Commerce will hold Bellefonte's 2nd Annual Volunteer Fair on Saturday, March 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Lambert Hall.

- A memo from Mr. Stewart informing Council that Penn State has two George Barnard sculptures they would like to donate to a worthy organization.

Mr. Wilson made a motion that the Borough should make an effort to obtain the two sculptures available. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter to Chief Shawn Weaver from Gene Lauri, Director, Centre County Criminal Justice Planning Department in regard to the Central Booking Center. There are no contributions needed for 2012 at this time.

- A letter from Dennis Hameister, President, Spring Creek Watershed Commission, in regard to C-NET coverage of their Commission meetings. They are requesting the Borough sponsor two meetings of coverage over the next twelve to fourteen month period.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve this request. Ms. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Rick Wardrop, Chair, Water Resources Monitoring Committee, Spring Creek Watershed Community, thanking Bellefonte Borough Council for the donation of \$2,859 in support of the Water Resources Monitoring Project.

- A letter from Hugh A. Mose, General Manager, CATA, inviting Council to a ceremony celebrating the arrival of eleven new clean natural gas-powered transit buses. There will be a celebration and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday, March 5, at 10:00 a.m. at CATA, located at 2081 West Whitehall Road, State College. RSVP by Monday, February 27.

ORAL

- Mrs. Brown reminded everyone that the new Weis Market will open on Sunday, February 26. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be at 6:45 a.m., and they would like as many Council members present as possible.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Ms. Dainty attended the CATA information session. Afterwards Bellefonte, Benner Township and Spring Township met with them briefly regarding the Weis Market because they are trying to figure out how to put a stop at that location. Ms. Dainty reported there is now a monitoring system on the buses so Council will know how many people get on and off at each stop in Bellefonte.

- Ms. Dainty reported Thursday, April 26, will be the next Centre/Clearfield dinner at Grampian. She encourages as many Council members as possible to attend the dinner. Grampian will have a speaker from the Marcellus Shale area, and there will be a reception for Bud George to honor him for all his years of service to Clearfield County since he is retiring. Two local people will be sponsoring and paying for the reception.

- Mrs. Dunne reported the Spring Creek Watershed Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, February 15. That meeting began a series of speakers for each of the meetings this coming year. The first speaker's topic related to Source Water Protection in addition to talking about the services of the Pennsylvania Rural Water Association available to members. He also spoke about encouraging the small community water systems to create source water protection plans for public safety.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Goldman reported the light globes downtown have been cleaned and the lights are brighter. They have added some new lights in the crosswalk areas, and it is a very nice job.

Mayor Goldman informed residents' garbage containers are put out too early. They cannot be placed out before 6:00 p.m. the evening before your scheduled refuse collection, and they must be off the street by 7:00 p.m. the day of your refuse collection. There is an ordinance stating you can be fined \$50 the first time; \$100 the second time; and \$300 the third time. Warnings will be issued at first.

Mr. Stewart received a call regarding speeding on South Pine Street and South Spring Street from the Axemann area. The caller was concerned with the rate of speed. Mr. Stewart will share this comment with Chief Weaver. Mayor Goldman reported people are going too fast on half the streets in Bellefonte, and he is going to have a meeting with Chief Weaver.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 1) 218 West High Street/Sign Application. Translucent signs on interior face of front windows.
- 2) 245.5 North Spring Street/Remove historic windows, install vinyl replacement windows and metal covering for wood trim.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve both Certificates of Appropriateness as presented. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. Mrs. Dunne questioned the sign information proposed for 218 West High Street. She feels the information on the placement of the signs is not clear. The motion passed with Mrs. Dunn voting no.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – Mr. Schneider reported the committee examined the property that was offered to the Borough next to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. They request staff convey to the Authority to see if there is any particular interest or want of the property because the Committee feels the property is not worth purchasing.

Finance and Government Performance – Mr. Provan made a motion to file for audit the January 2012 Vouchers in the amount of \$518,030.68. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

January 2012 Vouchers

General	19223 - 19311	\$ 188,234.26
Streetlighting	775	\$ 102.55
Bellefonte Fire Dept.	1250 - 1271	\$ 13,647.18
Fire Equipment	155 - 158	\$ 4,695.88
Parks & Recreation	1588 - 1590	\$ 3,455.40
Water	8180 - 8230	\$ 118,536.91
Sanitation	100, 9449 - 9489	\$ 113,246.93
Refuse	2405 - 2424	\$ 24,177.74
Swimming Pool	498	\$ 78.70
CDBG	-	\$ 0.00
Special Projects	104, 111, 134	\$ 31,922.44

Highway Aid	224	\$ 10,125.36
Capital Projects	-	\$ 0.00
Bulk Water Sales	159, 163	<u>\$ 9,807.33</u>
	Total:	<u>\$ 518,030.68</u>

Mr. Schneider made a motion to pay an invoice to McQuaide Blasko in the amount of \$1,303.43 for services rendered through January 31, 2012. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Mr. Stewart reported there was a courtesy discount on the bill. A voice vote was unanimous.

Park & Recreation – Mrs. Brown reported the Park & Recreation Committee had a follow-up meeting to the January 31 meeting that was held at CPI regarding forming a Municipal Pool Authority.

Mrs. Brown made a motion for the Borough to pursue the forming of a Municipal Pool Authority. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Human Resources – Mr. Provan informed Council there will be a PELRAS (Public Employer Labor Relations Advisory Service) 30th Annual Training Conference March 21–23, 2012, at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel.

A copy of the Borough Council Personal Code of Conduct guideline is in the packet for Council members to review to have effective meetings.

Safety – Mr. Schneider made a motion to continue the Skunk Removal Program for one more year in the Borough. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wilson reported there is an issue on Pine Street with vehicles hitting trash cans with their mirrors. This will be explored to see if the problem can be alleviated. Mr. Holderman would like residents reminded that the refuse containers need to be moved out of sight of the thoroughfare that fronts the property from which the refuse has been placed by 7:00 p.m. on the day the refuse is collected. There are smaller cans available, and the Borough will work with residents in difficult situations.

Water/Sanitation – The meeting minutes from the February 8, 2012, Authority meeting are in the packets for review.

On February 6 and 7 Mr. Stewart was part of a team of board and staff members who went to Washington, DC, to speak to legislators regarding water and wastewater system challenges—unfunded mandates, aging infrastructure, increased training requirements, and cuts in funding/grants. Twenty-one appointments were squeezed in between Monday afternoon and the end of the day on Tuesday. Besides meeting with staff members, they were able to meet with two congressmen, one being “GT” Thompson. They appreciated hearing real-life stories of how legislation helps or hurts a system.

Mr. Stewart thanked Council for allowing him to take part and to represent the Borough’s water and wastewater systems.

Streets – In an email Mr. DeCusati suggested the Streets Committee try to establish regular meetings once or twice a month, possibly on the same meeting night as a Council meeting or on alternate Mondays. He stated the visibility issue on Wilson Street is being looked at. Mr. DeCusati also mentioned the trash cans not being put away.

Mr. Schneider looked at the intersection on Wilson Street and stated there is no tree blocking the view. He suggested the possibility of the bank being cut back, but also stated that will play havoc with the egress of the apartments and the store. Mayor Goldman suggested a mirror located at that intersection may help. Mr. Schneider suggested cutting the rise and making the slope of the street longer. Ms. Dainty stated the road got worse after it was resurfaced.

Mr. Schneider would like the Streets Committee to be reminded there was to be a meeting last year with an interested party on West Linn Street regarding the crosswalk signs and a meeting with the fire department. He would like to have the meeting before the signs go up in the spring.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – There was no report.

Junior Council Report – Ms. McCullough reported there will be a Band Gala, which is all the bands from the elementary schools and the middle school, performing Wednesday, February 29.

Mr. Confer reported the Mock Trial team will be moving on to District Rounds.

Mr. Halderman reminded the Junior Council members that they are welcome to participate in discussions.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the Ordinance for the Intergovernmental Agreement for Police Records Management System. Mr. Provan seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Ms. Dainty thanked Mr. Stewart for providing a letter in the packet from him in reference to the 2012 Council Reorganization/Elections.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Schneider made a motion to donate \$360 that was collected in special parking permit fees from the media on Thursday, February 9, and Friday, February 10, to the Salvation Army as a thank you for them feeding all of the people who helped with the first Sandusky hearing in December 2011. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- The Concrete Contractor bids were opened. The bids were:
M&E Construction, Lewistown - \$7.75 a square foot and \$9.50 a square foot in the Historic District.

Leitzell Concrete and Masonry, Bellefonte - \$9.75 a square foot and an additional \$37.80 per yard in the Historic District.

John Spearly Construction, Bellefonte - \$9.50 per square foot and \$10.00 a square foot in the Historic District.

Doug Decker Masonry, \$10.50 per square foot.

Glen O. Hawbaker - \$35.00 for 20 square feet and \$40.00 for 20 square feet for colored.

BCS Construction, Altoona - \$8.00 per square foot and \$9.00 per square foot for the Historic District.

Ameron - \$14.00 per square foot plus \$.60 per square foot for color.

The bids were turned over to the Streets Committee to review and make a recommendation at the next Council meeting.

TICKET EXONERATIONS

- Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve the ticket exonerations as presented. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council, Ms. Dainty made a motion to adjourn the meeting of February 20, 2012, at 8:20 p.m. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.