

## **COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2010**

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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.

### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Wilson, Dainty, Taylor, Novak, Beigle, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman

Members Excused: Hay,  
Mayor Stanley Goldman  
Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager

Officials Present: Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager

Staff Present:

Guests: Dave Kurtz, Scott Rhoat, Jeff Johnson, Robert Lingenfelter, Meredith Miller

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of February 18, 2010. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **WRITTEN**

- A letter from Joe Rocco, Government Affairs Manager, Comcast, providing a Channel Change Notice and the possibility of a digital converter box for a second and third television set.

- A letter from William C. Seigel, Chief, Community Development Program, SEDA COG, written to Ms. Kimberly Weigand, Grant Manager, DCED (Department of Community and Economic Development, regarding using CDBG funds for sprinkler systems in downtown buildings.

## **ORAL**

- Mrs. Dunne requested permission to post her personal website on the Bellefonte Borough's website to enhance communication with ward constituents. The website was developed when she was campaigning for the Council position. There was concern expressed that the website would be a political tool. Another concern expressed was that each Council member has personal opinions about issues and they should not be on the Borough website. Council feels the website is a good idea, but that it should not be linked to the Borough website.

Mrs. Dunne requested permission to provide a link from the Community pages to the BHCA website, which is [www.bellefontearts.org](http://www.bellefontearts.org).

Mr. Novak would like the Council agenda placed on the opening page of the Borough website immediately before the meeting.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Ms. Dainty reported on the ABCD meeting that was held. There was discussion regarding kayaking and the financial impact it has on Bellefonte. Both kayaking and fly fishing have a significant financial and tourist impact on Bellefonte.

- Ms. Dainty reported that she and Mrs. Walker attended the Bellefonte EMS dinner. The dinner was very nice. Kenneth I. Greene, Sr. was given an award for being a 60-year member. The food was delicious. Fred Smith did a presentation on "Then and Now" and showed pictures. When the EMS first began it was not about patient care but rather about speed and how fast you could get a person to the hospital.

- The Planning Commission Meeting draft minutes from the February 22, 2010 meeting was in the packet for Council members to review.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Ms. Dainty reported that Mayor Goldman would like the Police Department commended for their outstanding help with an incident last week. Mayor Goldman was hospitalized for several days.

## **OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

## **CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS**

- 1) 307 East Linn Street/Timothy and Janet Roberts – replace screen/storm doors.
  - 2) 133 North Allegheny Street/Bellefonte Museum for Centre county – exterior egress stair from rear porch; replacement of one window with new door.
  - 3) 102 West Bishop Street/Henry and Judy Haranin – put new roof trusses on building and replace roof in kind; replace missing windows on third floor.
- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve all three Certificates of Appropriateness. Mr.

Beigle seconded the motion. The Haranin's immediate concern is to get the roof replaced and the windows in so the building can be closed up. A voice vote was unanimous.

- The HARB Awards Ceremony was held on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Mike Immel was awarded the William Rumberger Award.

## **COMMITTEES**

Building & Property – Mrs. Dunne reported that Mr. Halderman will open the bids for the Talleyrand Park Expansion. Base bid #1 is the walkway and the landscaping. Alternate #1 is the pavers. Alternate #2 is the parking lot. Base bid #2 is for installation of the bridge. The bids were as follows:

HRI, Inc. – Base bid #1 - \$258,700.00; Alternate #1 - \$47,100.00; Alternate #2 - \$34,000.00; Base bid #2 - \$330,000.00.

Glenn O. Hawbaker – Base bid #1 - \$238,710.00; Alternate #1 - \$53,770.00; Alternate #2 - \$41,280.00; Base bid #2 - \$243,400.00.

Haranin Construction – Base bid #1 - \$418,000.00; Alternate #1 - \$35,800.00; Alternate #2 - \$45,900.00; Base bid #2 - \$69,000.00.

G. M. McCrossin, Inc. – Base bid #1 - \$184,850.00; Alternate #1 - \$47,700.00; Alternate #2 - \$52,500.00; Base bid #2 - \$390,400.00.

W. G. Land Company – Base bid #1 - \$298,000.00; Alternate #1 - \$96,000.00; Alternate #2 - \$70,000.00; Base bid #2 - \$181,000.00.

Mid-State Paving – Base bid #1 - \$259,175.00; Alternate #1 - \$41,950.00; Alternate #2 - \$44,375.00; Base bid #2 - \$259,745.00.

Ameron – Base bid #1 - \$222,915.00; Alternate #1 - \$56,515.00; Alternate #2 - \$42,130.00; Base bid #2 - \$244,000.

The bids were turned over to WMF to perform bid qualification and provide a recommendation for the March 15, 2010 Council meeting.

Finance and Government Performance – Ms. Dainty requested that Council review the report of overtime for the Police Department. Some of the overtime was for coverage during training and also for illness. Council will notify Mayor Goldman and Chief Weaver that they are monitoring the overtime.

Park & Recreation – The Park & Recreation Committee met on Monday, February 22, 2010, along with Mr. Holderman, Howard Long and citizens from the community regarding Kepler Pool. Mr. Long requested that Council extend the deadline to April 20, 2010 for municipalities to pay their share for the pool. Mr. Wilson made a motion to extend the deadline to the surrounding townships to pay their share for Kepler Pool until April 20, 2010. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. Ms. Dainty would like a commitment for the 2010 expenses to be covered also. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the WMF Task Order Addendum in the amount of \$7,922.00 for design services for the Parking Lot. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Human Resources – Mr. Holderman stated there was a memorandum in the packet regarding Mr. Stewart’s nomination for Leadership Centre County. Ms. Dainty reported that Leadership Centre County is a great program that the Borough would benefit from. The program is a 12-month program that explains the various types of human services in Centre County. She feels it would be very advantageous for Mr. Stewart to be part of the program. A large benefit of the program is the ability to develop networking.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve using money from the Bulk Water Fund to have Mr. Stewart participate in the program. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. The fee is approximately \$1,700.00. A voice vote was unanimous.

Safety – Mr. Wilson reported that the Fire Service Meeting Minutes from January 27, 2010 are in the packets for review. Mr. Wilson has had discussions with the various fire chiefs and they have informed him of various things within their departments and their needs.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the Fire Service Meeting Minutes from January 27, 2010. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wilson would like the Council members living on the edge of the Borough to become more proactive this year with the skunk problem.

Mr. DeCusati reported on the Shared Services meeting held on February 24, 2010. The question raised during the meeting and after the meeting was what is the Borough looking for—a Shared Services Agreement or a Contract for Services Agreement. He feels Council needs to make a decision on the issue. This will be discussed at the work session before the March 15, 2010 Council meeting.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle had nothing to report.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati reported that staff has checked into a flashing light at the corner of Howard Street and Wilson Street. The cost is approximately \$7,000.00 for a signpost style, which is like a yellow yield light that would be on each corner. An overhead light would cost approximately \$40,000.00. Mr. DeCusati would like Borough staff to request a ruling on installing the warning sign blinking light on the corner from PennDOT. Mr. Halderman requested that Mr. Holderman see if there are funds available for that from safe streets to schools. Ms. Dainty feels the school district may be willing to help with the expense.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – Mr. Novak attended his first meeting at the Spring Creek Watershed Commission. The entire last meeting was dedicated to making Borough’s more sustainable and the various things that they are doing. He will meet with Mr. Stewart to see what things Bellefonte Borough is doing.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to hold the Bellefonte Borough Yard Sale will be May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> with Riff Raff the week of May 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- The Bellefonte American Legion Ladies Auxiliary was previously given permission

to have an Easter Egg Hunt in Talleyrand Park on Sunday, March 28, 2010 with a rain/snow date of Saturday, April 3, 2010. The Legion is not willing to conduct the egg hunt together with the Moose. The Bellefonte Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 206 would like to conduct an Easter Egg Hunt on April 3, which is the rain date approved for the Legion.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to revise the Legion's pre-approved rain date on April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM; the Moose will be permitted to have use of Talleyrand Park from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM. Mr. Novak seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Beigle made a motion to proceed with advertising DRAFT Ordinance 03012010-01 amending Ordinance #1210 Section 104.3.1 the "Inspection Frequency" and adding Chapter 10 Wells and Boreholes (as recommended and approved through the Planning Commission). Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve Resolution 03-01-10A, which is the Borough of Bellefonte recognizing Bellefonte Emergency Medical Services Inc. located at 369 Phoenix Avenue, Bellefonte as the primary provider and lead agency for emergency medical services within the Borough. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. DeCusati made a motion for Council to instruct staff to continue study of the Bellefonte Waterfront District Development Project Study as outlined in the Delta Development Report, specifically to investigate potential funding options; this action signifies support of Council for this project. Mr. Beigle 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 March 1, 2010 at 9:00 PM. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.