

COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 5, 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: Dainty, Brown, Schneider, Provan, Beigle, Dunne, Halderman, McCullough, Confer

Members Excused: Wilson, DeCusati,

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

Staff Present: Chief Weaver
Officer Ruggiero
Robert Keal, Historic Preservation Consultant

Guests:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of February 20, 2012. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Mrs. Kim Gasper, BAHS Head Cross-Country Coach, requesting permission to conduct the 6th annual Herbie's Hometown Loop four (4) mile run/walk and sixteen (16) mile (non-competitive) bike ride on Saturday, August 18th, beginning at the Bellefonte Area Middle School.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve the motion. Mr. Provan seconded the motion. The same outline will be followed as last year regarding painting the streets. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A memo from Donna Enrico, Chief, Community Development Operations Division, regarding the 2012 CDBG Allocation. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

ORAL

- None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Beigle reported on the Airport Authority meeting. He extended a thank-you from the Borough to the Authority. The airport manager and a gentleman from the University are attending a conference and received an invitation from United Airlines to discuss a flight possibility from University Park to Chicago. Allegiant Airlines also requested an audience with these two gentlemen as well regarding flights. Mr. Beigle will keep everyone informed as things progress.

- Ms. Dainty provided an agenda and menu for the Clearfield/Centre Counties Borough Association Spring Meeting, which will be held on Thursday, April 26th, 2012 at the St. Bonaventure Church Social Hall, located on Main & 10th Streets in Grampian, PA. Council members are requested to inform Mr. Stewart if they plan to attend.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Goldman felt good on Saturday evening, March 3rd, at the Bellefonte Emergency Management Services Banquet, because of the message that came through stating Bellefonte Police were first responders on three different emergencies.

Mayor Goldman reported the Police Department has been very busy. They are watching speeding. Allegheny Street to East Curtin the first block and East Linn to the top of the hill and Bishop Street are areas that have been targeted.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

The Planning Commission meeting draft minutes from February 27, 2012 are in the packets for review.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 1) 452 East Curtin Street/Mrs. Nancy I. Dunne: Remove original wood windows and install new vinyl replacement windows. After much deliberation the HARB decided

to approve the project based primarily on the owner's disability and need for a window that is easy to operate and to clean.

Mr. Provan made a motion to approve this Certificate of Appropriateness. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. Ms. Dainty stated she understands the woman has a problem but most of her windows could be repaired. Also she stated other homes in this area were not permitted to have vinyl windows. Mr. Provan stated the home has already been remodeled and does not have the original windows. Mr. Halderman feels HARB is not to take monetary or physical abilities into consideration when making decisions. It is requested that old windows be stored in case a new owner would like to put the windows into the house. The motion passed.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – There was no report.

Finance and Government Performance – Ms. Dainty reported there was a meeting before tonight's Council meeting to begin working on the Capital Budget Project and that will be moving forward.

Park & Recreation – Mrs. Brown provided an update on the Parkview Heights Park. The Teener League Field is moving forward in a timely manner and will be ready for the season to open.

Mr. Holderman reported the contractor will begin constructing the Talleyrand Wall on Tuesday, March 6th. The project should be completed in a few weeks and then the County has a second project, the silt wall, on the other side of the raceway. Borough Staff will play a support role in the project but will not be the lead.

Mr. Holderman reported the soil test report for the Edible Landscape Garden was provided for Council members to review. A presentation was given to the FFA at the Bellefonte High School regarding interest in volunteering in the garden and approximately eight (8) names were received. Those students will be helping with the project.

Human Resources – There was no report.

Safety – Mr. Schneider reported that a Safer Grant has been applied for. This is a federal grant. The Borough applied as a regional sponsor for Bellefonte and the surrounding municipalities - Spring, Benner, Walker, Howard, Howard Township, Boggs, Union and a couple others – in a recruit retention program for the fire department. It is a \$437,000.00 request that could extend higher. It is a four-year program and Bellefonte Borough has agreed to be the sponsor in just the location of where the part-time staff person covered under the grant would be housed and for administrative assistance to them. All hard cover costs are covered by the grant. It will take nine (9) months before anything is heard on the grant.

A tour of the new prison for fire departments will happen just before occupancy. There is very little that burns in a prison other than the contents.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle reported there were a few discrepancies on the February 2012 Daily Water Withdrawal/Instream Flow Requirement Report.

There will be an Authority Meeting on Tuesday, March 6th, at 6:00 PM.

Streets – Mr. Beigle made a motion to recommend the following four companies be put on the retainer at the Borough for sidewalk replacement – M&E Construction; BCS Construction; Leitzell Concrete and Masonry; and John Spearly Construction. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. People are still permitted to hire their own contractor or do their own work as long as they follow the ordinance. A voice vote was unanimous.

Council will follow the recommendations of the Committee regarding what was submitted for action.

Mr. Schneider requested the meeting be scheduled with the property owners along West Linn Street and the fire department prior to the signs going out.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – Mrs. Dunne questioned whether another meeting will be scheduled with the townships regarding the formation of a Pool Authority. Mr. Holderman reported the meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21st, at the Bellefonte YMCA at noon.

Junior Council Report – Ms. McCullough gave congratulations to the Bellefonte Boy's Swimming Team for receiving 1st place in the regional meet. Several team members will be attending the state competition.

The Academic Decathlon team participated in the All-State Competition and did very well.

OLD BUSINESS

- The PSAB Spring Conference will be held April 29th – May 2nd. Please inform Mr. Stewart if you are planning to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Schneider made a motion to table the designation of the Official Voting Delegate for the PSAB Conference until the meeting of March 19, 2012 until it is known who all will be attending. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Provan made a motion to set trick-or-treating for Wednesday, October 31, 2012, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Mr. Schneider 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 5, 2012 at 8:00 PM. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

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