

COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 15, 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. Mr. Halderman welcomed Boy Scout Troop #34.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Wilson, Dainty, Brown, Schneider, Beigle, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman,

Members Excused: Provan, McCullough, Confer,

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

Staff Present:

Guests: Tracey G. Benson with Boy Scouts from Bellefonte Troop 34;
Rev. William Osman, St. John Lutheran Church

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of April 1, 2013. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Catherine Dupuis, Artistic Director and President, JazzPA, requesting the closure of West High Street in front of Talleyrand Park between Water Street and Potter Street on July 27, 2013 for the annual Jazz Festival. The request also includes permission to hang two banners on the bridge railings at the corner of High and

Water Streets at Talleyrand Park during the week of June 17th through the weekend of the Jazz Festival July 26th and 27th.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- An email request from Tara Murray, race director of the Give 'Em 5! Run for Veterans. The race will be November 3, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the request is for permission to use the same race route that was used in previous years. The race starts and ends at the Bellefonte Middle School.

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

- An email request from Gary V. Hoover, Executive Director, Bellefonte and Intervalley Area Chamber of Commerce requesting permission to hold the 2013 Croquet Tournament on Sunday, June 2, in the expanded area of Talleyrand Park.

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

- A letter from Cynthia Mazzant, Co-Artistic Director, Tempest Productions, requesting the use of Talleyrand Park and the Gazebo for theatre arts programs on Sunday, May 26, 2013, and Sunday, August 4, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

- A letter from Albert Lavan, Centre County WNV Program Coordinator, Centre County Planning & Community Development Office, informing Council that the 2013 Centre County West Nile Virus Surveillance and Control season will begin on April 15. Residents are urged to remove sources of standing water such as unused swimming pools, stagnant ornamental ponds, poorly functioning roof gutters, and especially used tires. There were 84 positive tests for WNV. If you find a dead bird you should report it to the Centre County Planning Office, and they will come out check it.

ORAL

- None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The Bellefonte Area Industrial Development Authority Draft Meeting Minutes from the April 3, 2013 meeting are in the packets for review.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Addis reported the January and February 2013 Police Exonerations were in the last Council packet will be brought back to the next meeting to be voted on.

- The March 2013 Police Exonerations were in the packet.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the March 2013 Police Exonerations as presented. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- The March 2013 Police Report is in the packet for review.

- Mayor Addis was on Jerry Fisher's talk show Friday, April 12, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on WBLF. Mayor Addis questioned if Council would be willing to feature something from Bellefonte once a month on the program. Mr. Fisher will provide Mayor Addis with a schedule for appearances on the program. Mayor Addis stated he does not need to be the one doing the talking every time. Mr. Wilson cautioned Mayor Addis to be cautious with topics that are not ready to be made public.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

1) 148 South Allegheny Street/Install metal clad wood windows along Bishop Street facade.

2) 369 Phoenix Avenue/Remove deteriorating cultured stone at front facade. Apply stucco to surface. Paint entire building to match existing colors.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the Certificates of Appropriateness for 148 South Allegheny Street and 369 Phoenix Avenue. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- The March 12, 2013, HARB meeting minutes were in the packets for review.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – Mr. Schneider reported that Russell Shuey, BCO, completed the 2013 Sidewalk Inspections.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve the 2013 Sidewalk List presented by Russell Shuey. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. Mr. DeCusati reported the Streets Committee met and are unanimous in moving forward with the list. A voice vote was unanimous.

Finance and Government Performance – Mr. Schneider made a motion to file for audit the March 2013 Vouchers in the amount of \$634,354.40. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the vouchers as submitted.

March 2013 Vouchers

General	20773 – 20856	\$ 194,576.99
Streetlighting	880 – 886	\$ 1,472.42
Bellefonte Fire Dept.	1487 – 1493	\$ 1,695.06
Fire Equipment	204 – 205	\$ 3,666.26
Parks & Recreation	1774 – 1788	\$ 10,998.85
Water	9107 – 9157	\$ 86,308.10
Sanitation	10257 – 10310, 117	\$ 271,967.52
Refuse	2814 – 2834	\$ 49,156.04
Swimming Pool	542 – 545	\$ 391.38
CDBG	–	\$ 0.00
Special Projects	210	\$ 65.36
Highway Aid	–	\$ 0.00
Capital Projects	–	\$ 0.00
Bulk Water Sales	232 – 237	\$ 14,056.42
	Total:	\$ 634,354.40

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to pay the invoice to McQuaide Blasko in the amount of \$940.51 for services rendered through March 31, 2013. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Park & Recreation – Mrs. Dunne showed Council members photographs of the Edible Landscape Garden. One picture included a picture of the permanent sign for the Edible Landscape Garden that was designed by the Edible Landscape Garden Interest Group. The sign was carved out by the High School Technology Class and then painted by Caroline Dubois, a member of the Committee.

There was a work session on Sunday, April 14. The session was devoted to preparing the beds. Sulphur was spread because the ph is high from the soil testing and also leaf compost from the Borough was spread on top.

The final picture was at the completion of the work session. The grand design for the 2013 season includes cover crops as well as a variety of other crops.

- Mr. Holderman provided an update on the Recreation Authority. Solicitor, Tom Schrack, informed the Borough that the Certificate of Incorporation has been finalized. The Recreation Authority's first meeting will be held at the Bellefonte YMCA on Wednesday, May 8th, at 6:00 PM. Bellefonte Borough's two members are John Tooker and Buddy Johnson. The first meeting will be primarily administrative with the election of officers, bylaws, etc.

- Mr. Wilson reported on Monday, April 29, at 4:30 p.m. there will be a walk through at Talleyrand Park with the Committee to gather suggestions for the park.

Human Resources – Mr. Provan would like to have a Personnel Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m. prior to the May 8 Council meeting to interview the two prospective 2013–2014 Junior Council Candidates.

Safety – Mr. Wilson reported the Fire Safety Protection Task Force Meeting Draft Minutes from the April 3, 2013, are in the packets for review. Mrs. Dunne summarized that it was a good meeting, and Mr. Holderman's proposal for a long-term plan for the task force was accepted with a few changes. The Task Force will have a work session sometime in the next month to fill in quite a few of the details that are missing.

Mr. Halderman thanked everyone on that Committee for the fine job they are doing.

- A tree on Armour Street will be examined.

Water/Sanitation – There was no report.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati reported the Streets Committee met prior to this Council meeting and reviewed the bids for engineering on the 2014 Streetscape Project that will be on the corner of Bishop Street and Allegheny Street. The Committee recommends the bid for the Engineering be awarded to Weber Murphy and Fox.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to award the Engineering for the Streetscape Project for 2014 to Weber Murphy and Fox as submitted by their bid. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. Mr. DeCusati reported this was one of the most cost effective bids provided as well as the fact that work has been done with them before. The committee also felt there should be continuity from the last project, which was done by the same contractor. Mr. Schneider was contacted by a local resident indicating his disappointment with the bump-out because it makes it more difficult to navigate through the Borough. The resident feels the bump-outs were unnecessary. Mr. DeCusati reported he has seen this in many towns and it is for accessibility, visibility, and storm water drainage. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. DeCusati made a motion to authorize the Borough to proceed in purchasing a new/used street sweeper at a cost of \$200,000.00. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. There is a street sweeper in the budget for 2013. A voice vote was unanimous.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – There was no report.

Junior Council Report – There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Wilson made a motion to appoint Ms. Dainty as the Official Voting Delegate at the 102nd General Assembly of Boroughs Conference May 5-8, 2013, at Hershey, PA and Mrs. Dunne as the Alternate-Voting Delegate. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the Banner Resolution and Permits for the Children's Fair, the American Cancer Relay for Life and the Bellefonte Cruise as submitted. Mr. Wilson 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 April 15, 2013, at 7:55 p.m. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.