

COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 16, 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, Provan, Beigle, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman, McCullough, Confer

Members Excused: Schneider

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

Staff Present:

Guests:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of April 2, 2012. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. Mrs. Dunne would like the minutes corrected under the Park & Recreation report to read the "Mud Sill" wall rather than the "Silt Mill" wall. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as corrected.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Albert Lavan, Centre County WNV Program Coordinator, Centre County Planning & Community Development Office, regarding the West Nile Virus program, which began on April 9.

The letter states the municipality can assist the 2012 county program by urging residents to eliminate sources of standing water such as unused swimming pools,

stagnant ornamental ponds, poorly functioning roof gutters, and especially used tires. Please contact the county Planning & Community Development Office if you are aware of wet areas that are breeding large amounts of mosquitoes, so that samples can be trapped for identification and testing. If treating with pesticides is indicated, permission from landowners or responsible authorities will be obtained first.

- A letter from Pamela Jo Royer, Event co-Chair Bellefonte Relay for Life 2012, requesting permission to use Governor's Park for the Bellefonte 2012 Relay for Life from 3:00 p.m. Friday, June 1, through 5:00 p.m. Saturday, June 2. A banner application request form was included also to hang a banner over Allegheny Street.

Mr. Provan made a motion to approve this request. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the banner request. Mr. Provan seconded the motion. Mr. Provan reported the 2011 Relay for Life used the Community Stage. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Dan Glotz, Chair, PA Wilds Planning Team. The 5th annual PA Wilds Annual Update will be held on April 25, 2012, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Kersey, PA.

- A letter from Robert J. Gossman, PhD, Parapsychologist, requesting permission to conduct Ghost Walks in the Downtown Historic District.

Council members feel more information is required before a decision can be made on this request. Council members would like to know if Mr. Gossman has liability insurance. Council members feel a list of required items needs to be established for this type of request.

- A letter from JoAnn Knupp, chairperson, Concerts in the Park, requesting permission to hold Concerts in the Park every Sunday evening starting June 17, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. and going through August 12, 2012. The request also includes permission to invite area bands that have been approved by the Borough to jam at the Gazebo on five Wednesday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It would be only one band each of the five Wednesday nights.

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to approve both of these requests as submitted. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. Mrs. Dunne pointed out the request did not include the waiving of the gazebo rental fee. Mr. DeCusati modified the motion to include the use of electric power and to waive the rental fee for the gazebo. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. This would include the Wednesday event also. A voice vote was unanimous.

ORAL

- None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. DeCusati attended the last CCMPO meeting. They took a vote on how they want to reorganize the charges for the CCMPO. They chose to do that by the footage of road as opposed to per capita. Ferguson Township made the motion and is pushing it and it did pass. Mr. DeCusati voted against the motion. There is not enough money to fund all the projects. There are several projects for Bellefonte—finishing the Phoenix Avenue intersection; finishing SR#550 by the new Weis Market coming into town. They are not finished, and they do not have all the money to finish the project.

- Ms. Dainty reported the Centre Clearfield Boroughs Association dinner will be held on Thursday, April 26. She needs all reservations by Tuesday, April 17. The dinner will be held in Grampian, and Bud George will be honored.

- Ms. Dainty attended a lobby day with the Borough's Association in Harrisburg Tuesday, April 10. There was a good success and a lot of participation from other Borough's. Ms. Dainty sits on the Resolution and Policy Steering Committee. They were well received everywhere they went.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Goldman is going to run a speed trap on Allegheny Street. People are not using their garbage cans properly, and they leave the cans out all week long. Tickets will be issued to residents that leave their garbage cans out. Mayor Goldman hopes everyone took advantage of the wonderful day today. Mr. Provan reminded residents that the smaller garbage cans are available. If a resident would like a smaller can they should call the Borough office.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 1) 109 East Bishop Street/Sign Application. Install new sign over office entrance.
- 2) 218 West High Street/Sign Application. Install new sign over office entrance.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve both Certificates of Appropriateness. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. Mrs. Dunne agrees with several HARB members regarding the sign requests for 218 West High Street. The motion was rescinded.

Mrs. Dunne made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 109 East Bishop Street. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 218 West High Street. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. Mrs. Dunne would like to see some of the door signs removed. The request was denied. Council would like to see fewer signs and recommend that they combine the information from two signs and placed

onto one sign. Mrs. Dunne will try to attend the HARB meeting to provide recommendations from Council.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – There was no report.

Finance and Government Performance – Mrs. Brown made a motion to file for audit the March 2012 vouchers in the amount of \$1,279,734.64. Mr. Provan seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

March 2012 Vouchers

General	19443 – 19547	\$ 189,344.08
Streetlighting	788 – 792	\$ 4,873.91
Bellefonte Fire Dept.	1289 – 1301	\$ 51,761.64
Fire Equipment	163 – 166	\$ 4,695.88
Parks & Recreation	1597 – 1611	\$ 14,093.19
Water	8315 – 8385	\$ 166,069.18
Sanitation	9551 – 9600	\$ 141,936.79
Refuse	2467 – 2498	\$ 56,338.01
Swimming Pool	502 – 503	\$ 548.08
CDBG	–	\$ 0.00
Special Projects	–	\$ 0.00
Highway Aid	229	\$ 18,476.01
Capital Projects	–	\$ 0.00
Bulk Water Sales	169 – 172, 992	\$ 631,597.87*
	Total:	\$ 1,279,734.64

*includes purchase of property

Park & Recreation – Mrs. Brown reported the project at the Teener League Field is on schedule. The students are doing an excellent job. DCNR will inspect the project at the end of April. Opening day for Teener League is May 12, 2012.

Mrs. Dunne reported several people toured the Park Forest Swimming Pool on Thursday, April 12, to have an idea how some of the bells and whistles would look if they were included in the re-doing of Kepler Pool.

On June 24 the Edible Garden will be on a Green Homes Tour sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

Mr. Wilson reported on April 30 there will be a meeting at the park at 4:30 p.m. for a walk-through to make observations to see how things are progressing and what projects need to be looked at in the future.

Mr. Wilson reported at Governor's Park the soccer people brought in a trash can last year and was never taken away or emptied so all the trash is in the woods and the can is still lying there on its side. He recommended either placing a permanent trash can or use bags.

At Talleyrand Park the ducks have expanded from fifty to seventy over this past Week. They are ducks that have flown in because they are not baby ducks.

Governor's Park will open on Memorial Day.

Human Resources – Mr. Beigle made a motion to appoint Kevin Clark to the Bellefonte Borough Water and Sewer Authority. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Safety – Mr. Wilson reported the Safety Committee discussed signage for speeding and how to handle that. He will meet with Chief Weaver and the Safety Committee when it is convenient.

A while back a citizen made a request to install a STOP sign on the corner by the Dollar Store and NAPA coming down on Spring Street. Mr. Provan would like to know what has been decided regarding this intersection. The road is a state highway so Mr. Stewart will check with PennDOT to see if any decision has been made.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle reported the minutes from the April 3, 2012, Authority meeting are in the packet for review.

Mrs. Dunne contacted the Solid Waste Authority regarding a container for electronics drop-offs and the new category of plastics. She was told a written request could be submitted for that. Mr. Holderman reported a written request has been submitted. The proposed location would be near M&T Bank.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati thanked everyone at the last meeting for supporting the West Linn Street changes.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – There was no report.

Junior Council Report – Ms. McCullough reported the FFA won a contest at the state level. They had the most completed hours of community service.

Mr. Provan stated the play presented by the students at the High School was excellent, and it made him feel good to see the amount of students involved in that. He stated the students in the pit orchestra really excelled, and it made him proud to see where his tax dollars are going, how many kids are involved in that and what a great job they did.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. DeCusati made a motion to accept the Yard Waste Disposal Agreement with Spring Township and a letter be sent. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.
- The Cadillac Building Rehabilitation Project Update is in the packets for review. Please direct any questions to Mr. Stewart.
- Council members need to turn in their Statement of Financial Interest by May 1, 2012.
- The Ordinance Codification Chapter 544 Water is in the packets for Council members to review. There were no comments.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

TICKET EXONERATIONS

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council, Mr. DeCusati made a motion to adjourn the meeting of April 16, 2012, at 8:10 p.m. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.