

COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2011
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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, Taylor, Schneider, Provan, Beigle, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman,

Members Excused: Dainty,

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

Staff Present:

Guests:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Provan made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of April 4, 2011. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Tim Nilson, Executive Director, Seven Mountains EMS Council, notifying Council that EMS Recognition Week is May 15th – 21st, 2011. The theme for this year is EMS: Everyday Heroes. A recognition ceremony will be held at the meeting of May 2, 2011.

- A letter from Albert Lavan, Centre County WNV Program Coordinator, regarding the West Nile Virus Program. The program began on April 11, 2011. There is information to be shared with the citizens. The letter also encourages citizens to eliminate sources of standing water such as unused swimming pools, stagnant ornamental ponds, areas of poor drainage, and especially used tires. If you are aware of wet areas that are breeding large amounts of mosquitoes please contact County Planning and Community Development Office so 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 Benjamin Kitko, Huntingdon, PA, writing in regard to the ordinance that bans youth smoking.

- A letter from the Centre County Farm Bureau inviting Council members to a picnic luncheon on August 10, 2011 at the Ron and Candy Wasson Farm in Harris Township. Any Council member interested in attending should inform Mr. Stewart.

- A letter from Matthew Brungard, Logan Fire Co., Parade Chairman, requesting services and approvals for their Fourth of July Firemen's celebration.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the request for assistance during the Fourth of July celebrations with the parade being Saturday, July 9, 2011 beginning at 5:00 PM. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. Mr. Schneider abstained from voting.

ORAL

- None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Goldman wished everyone could have been at the 100th Anniversary celebration of the Pennsylvania Boroughs Association in Hershey over the weekend. A lot was learned from a lot of great speakers. The Governor of Pennsylvania spoke at the banquet.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- None.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 1) 129 West Curtin Street: Repaint house in new color scheme. Colors to be taupe, beige and red-brown.
- 2) 338 East Curtin Street: Paint porch floor and wall caps in new colors (white and Beige), extend rear deck 16' behind house.
- 3) 109-111 East Bishop Street: Repaint property in new color scheme. Colors to be light gray, medium gray, maroon and chocolate brown.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve all three Certificates of Appropriateness. Mr. DeCusati

seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – There was no report.

Finance and Government Performance – Mr. Taylor made a motion to file for audit the March 2011 vouchers in the amount of \$936,877.25. Mr. Provan seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

March 2011 Vouchers

General	18156 - 18277	\$ 355,857.13
Streetlighting	686 - 692	\$ 6,100.34
Bellefonte Fire Dept.	1114 - 1129	\$ 8,970.03
Fire Equipment	1240 - 1242	\$ 1,994.88
Parks & Recreation	1420 - 1431	\$ 1,000.25
Water	7518 - 7581	\$ 173,126.02
Sanitation	8862 - 8918	\$ 169,762.52
Refuse	2128 - 2152	\$ 103,499.35
Swimming Pool	462 - 464	\$ 5,691.26
CDBG	493	\$ 27,900.00
Special Projects	106 - 107	\$ 2,496.05
Highway Aid	216 - 218	\$ 41,391.76
Capital Projects	-	\$ 0.00
Bulk Water Sales	100 – 101, 128 - 129	\$ <u>39,087.66</u>
	Total:	\$ <u>936,877.25</u>

- The packet includes the Budget vs. Actual for March as well as the Treasurer's Report.

- Mr. Taylor made a motion to pay he McQuaide Blasko invoice in the amount of \$511.53 for services rendered through March 31, 2011. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Park & Recreation – Mr. Taylor reported the Park & Recreation Committee will meet next week regarding the Teener League Field. A recommendation will be forwarded to Council at the next meeting.

- Mr. Wilson reported the Arms of Peace Committee found a location at the Pleasant Gap American Legion for the Peace Memorial.

Human Resources – Mr. Provan reported the Human Resources Committee has had several meetings to discuss the Streets Contract. During those meetings they discovered that the premium anniversary for the life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment as well as

the short-term disability part of the contract has come. The committee requested that Mr. Stewart and Mr. Holderman get quotes from various companies. The results of that search showed a 40% savings. Mr. Provan recommends this be handled administratively.

- Career Link would like to provide a college age student to work with the Borough during the Spring.

- Mayor Goldman noticed there are a lot of flower urns in the downtown area and wondered if they would have flowers planted in them. The Garden Club will plant the urns with plants provided by the Borough.

Safety – Mr. Wilson reported that a grievance letter was received from Cpl. Robert S. Igoe in regards to salary calculation, specifically how longevity is being calculated. The Safety Committee met this evening and will establish a meeting with the Officer.

- The Fire Executive meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21st, at 6:00 PM in the Borough Building.

- The Fire Department Task Force meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27th, at 6:30 PM at the Howard Fire Hall.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle reported the April 5, 2011 Authority meeting minutes are in the packet for review.

- Mr. Stewart reported as part of the Weis Market project Weis was required to install a 10” line in front of their development. The rest of the line remains 6” and the Borough is searching for funding to upsize that line to 10”. The agreement to serve Weis with water will be finalized.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati reported the Sidewalk Ordinance will be advertised. Once public feedback is obtained on it action will be taken.

Mr. Holderman reported street cleaning is being conducted. He requested the residents help by moving their vehicles during the designated time so the streets can be cleaned efficiently.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Taylor reported refuse pickup for Friday, April 22nd, will be picked up on Wednesday, April 20th because of the Good Friday observance.

- Mrs. Dunne made a motion to begin the process to open Spring Creek from the High Street Bridge to the Lamb Street Bridge for fishing. The steps are the request must be on the agenda for the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commissions’ meeting in July, it must be approved and

must then be advertised for a month. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- At the Council meeting of April 4, 2011 Mr. Holderman provided Council members with a draft copy of changes to the Refuse Ordinance. He would like Council members to email any suggested changes to him so they can be incorporated into the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Halderman reported there is a bear in the neighborhood. It has broken down two of his bird feeders and there were paw prints throughout the yard.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting of April 18, 2011 at 8:35 PM. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.