

**COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 8, 2013**  
[www.bellefonte.net](http://www.bellefonte.net)

**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.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Wilson, Dainty, Schneider, Provan, Beigle, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman, McCullough, Confer

Members Excused: Brown,

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

Staff Present: Chief Weaver;

Guests: Brandi Marks, CATA; Joe Jovinelly; John Smote; Scott Rhoat; Jane Li; Nick Ramish;

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of April 15, 2013. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**WRITTEN**

- The Bellefonte Historical Cultural Association (BHCA) presented a schedule for the Sunday evening concerts to be held at the gazebo in Talleyrand Park from June 9 through August 11. The request includes the use of electricity.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the request for concerts in the park as submitted. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Mr. Holderman reported there may be a

conflict on August 4 with Tempest Studios but he will check into it. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Dennis Clark, Coordinator, Bellefonte Letter Carrier Food Drive, informing Council that Saturday, May 11, will be Letter Carrier Food Drive Day. The letter includes a request to have two meters in the "head-in" spaces by Dairy Queen closest to the FaithCentre entrance bagged.

- A letter from Thomas J. Zurat, Jr., P.E., Portfolio Manager, Engineering District 2-0, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation regarding the West Linn Street Wall Project. There will be an on-site organization meeting there on Wednesday, May 22, at 10:00 AM. Mr. Stewart will plan on attending this meeting.

- A letter from Ken Martin, Executive Director, American Philatelic Society, requesting permission to purchase thirty (30) parking permits in the CVS parking lot for their employees to use the week of Monday, June 17, through Friday, June 21.

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

- A thank you letter from Paul Kugelman and Patricia Zebley regarding help the police department provided to their son on April 9.

It was requested that a copy of this letter be put in Officer Lyons' file as well as a copy put into the file of the back-up officer.

- A letter from Tim Nilson, Executive Director, Seven Mountains EMS Council informing Council that EMS Week is May 19th - 25th.

- A letter from Jacqueline K. Sheader, MBA, Marketing Manager, CATA, regarding Exterior Bus Advertising. They are doing a trial with four 40' buses.

Kimberly Fragola stated CATA has a policy and the Marketing Manager personally reviews the ads. There will be no liquor, tobacco, or political advertising on the buses.

- A letter from Stephen Greecher, Aquatic and Youth Programs Director, Bellefonte Family YMCA, requesting use of the practice fields at Governor's Park for soccer and tee ball programs from Saturday, May 4, through Saturday, June 22, from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. There will be approximately 50 families from the Bellefonte community participating.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve this request. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. The Borough maintains all the fields except the baseball field. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from David A. Council, Senior district Executive, Nittany Mountain District (Centre County), Juniata Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, requesting a waiver of the rental fee for a pavilion at Governor's Park in Bellefonte June 6 from

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. At this time the Boy Scouts will be recognizing the area Scouting volunteer leaders and there are no funds to cover the rental cost.

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

- Information regarding the Centre-Mart on Wilson Street and some questionable items that they are selling. The request is to explore legislation that may prevent these items from being sold. Mr. Stewart will contact the solicitor regarding this. Mr. DeCusati stated there is another business near the Borough Building that is selling the same items. Mayor Addis feels someone from Council should approach the businesses and discuss the items with them. Mr. DeCusati feels the Nittany Valley Joint Ordinance addresses these items.

- A letter from Jill Curley, 162 East Curtin Street, regarding the former Bush House site. Ms. Curley encourages some inter-generational programming as well as a facility. This letter will be forwarded to the Bellefonte Industrial Development Authority.

Mr. Wilson commended Ms. Curley for taking time to write a very thoughtful letter with some perspective on use of the land and being complimentary on the efforts of the Borough.

- A letter from Sally R. Houser, 1st Vice President, Historic Bellefonte, Inc., regarding the Big Spring Festival that will be held on Sunday, May 19, from noon to 4:00 p.m. in Talleyrand Park. They are requesting permission to use the green space adjacent to Café-on-the-Park for the American Red Cross mascot "Kiley," a live camel.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Mr. DeCusati would like them to be sure to clean up the area when they are done. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Keith Rupert thanking the Bellefonte Water Authority and Brett Meyer for all their help when the main water line from the road into their home was replaced.

This letter will be placed in the file of Brett Meyer.

- A letter from Tammy Greene, Auxiliary President, Bellefonte Little League, requesting permission to have Tag Day on Saturday, May 18, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

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

## **ORAL**

- Kimberly Fragola, Director of Administration, CATA, addressed Council regarding the CATA Budget. Changes regarding the route serving Bellefonte are 1) the route will not go through Lemont, resulting in a quicker ride; 2) additional service, which results in twice the amount of service on Saturday. The budget is increased due to service changes related to the four new apartment complexes coming online in State College. There is growth in the Van Pool Program. There are no proposed fare

changes for the bus system. There will be no fare increase on the Para-transit for the ADA service, but a \$.50 increase is proposed for the Shared Ride Senior Service.

CATA is requesting a 5% increase from Bellefonte Borough making the rate increase from \$62,400, which it has been for several years, to \$75,000.

CATA has the ability to check where residents board the bus but they cannot track where the residents get off the bus. Ms. Dainty requested information on how many people ride the bus.

Mr. DeCusati stated that at the beginning of the report it indicated one of the new objectives is to increase service to the Benner Industrial Area. On page #24 it states the amount of road within the Borough is actually smaller than through Benner or Spring Township. He questioned why Bellefonte Borough pays a larger sum than Benner Township. She stated there are four steps that go into the formula.

Mr. Halderman suggested Council give their questions to Mr. Stewart. He also suggested that the Finance Committee meet with Kimberly.

- John Smote addressed Council regarding the refuse bill as well as the water bill. His suggestion for consideration is: in a case where he averages 1.2 people per apartment, in an eight-unit building he is permitted to have eight large size trash cans. They really only need two large trash cans and he questioned if all the bills can be related to the water bill as a metering system for what your usage is rather than the number of units. In his laundry facility he feels the sewer use could be metered. Mr. Stewart stated the Authority does not have enough interest to switch from a flat rate to a metered rate, but it can be brought up again. He also suggested the Refuse Rate could be reviewed. Mr. Stewart stated he will work with Mr. Smote on the questions he has through researching them.

- Scott Rhoat, Executive Director and EMS Chief for Bellefonte EMS. He provided an updated overview/fact sheet of their organization. There is a continued growth in incidents they are dispatched to. He provided an overview of the coverage area, which is approximately 212 square miles and much of that is either fields or forest. There is one ambulance staffed in-house crew 24/7 and the second ambulance is staffed with off-duty personnel. There was also significant growth with the Para-transit vans that is staffed with two vehicles. One is staffed 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m and the other one is 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There is currently a full-time position open at this time.

Mr. Schneider emphasized that the EMS goes out on requested calls and nearly every community event. He feels good about having them at the events.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mrs. Dunne thanked the Borough Management for giving Council members who attended the PSAB Conference the opportunity to learn a few things. Council members attended different sessions. Mrs. Dunne felt the conference was well organized overall. A few of the notable sessions that she attended was one on Municipal Risk in various areas; a session on Computer Crime; a session on Green Streets regarding storm water management.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Addis read a Proclamation designating the week of May 19–25 as Emergency Medical Services Week. The theme of this week is *EMS: One Mission. One Team*. Mayor Addis encourages the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

- Mayor Addis read a Proclamation proclaiming Saturday, May 11, as "Stamp Out Hunger Day." He commended all postal workers and participants of the National Food Drive, which is a significant and worthwhile cause. He encouraged them to continue to feed the hungry. He feels we are truly blessed to have such kind and caring people as members of our community.

- Mayor Addis and Mr. Stewart will be on WBLF Radio on Thursday, May 9, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Jerry Fisher's talk show talking about Bellefonte.

- Mrs. Dunne requested the January and February Police Exonerations. Mayor Addis stated there is an internal communication that needs checked into.

## **OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

### **ZONING/PLANNING**

#### **CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS**

1) Match Factory Place/Renovations for new distillery manufacture and retail sales. Enlarge existing masonry opening for new windows. Windows to match adjacent new windows typical at the Match Factory complex. Install new doors in existing masonry openings. New exterior patio and fence enclosure.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- The April 23, 2013, HARB meeting minutes are in the packet for review.

## **COMMITTEES**

Building & Property – There was no report.

Finance and Government Performance – There was no report.

Park & Recreation – Mr. Holderman stated the Recreation Authority had their first meeting tonight at the YMCA. They will be dealing with administrative issues at this meeting and will begin meeting monthly.

Bellefonte High School got behind on some of their baseball games and did not have enough fields so they requested permission to use Governor's Park on Monday for a JV game and they were given permission.

Human Resources – Mr. Provan thanked Lilith McCullough and Todd Confer for their very dedicated service to Borough Council and wished them the very best as they move on from their high school careers to their next endeavors in life.

Safety – Mr. Holderman reported the Shade Tree Commission, as well as the arborist Ed Meek, examined a tree on Armour Street. Both of them said the tree is in bad shape from many years of pruning due to the wires; however, it could have a few more years. A letter needs to be sent to the resident informing them of this.

- The Fire Apparatus Bids were opened and will all need to be evaluated. There were four items in the bid: Motorized Fire Apparatus and mounting of loose equipment; a line item on the inspections; equipment that goes on the apparatus.

Witmer Public Safety Group - \$67,812.00 - Loose equipment on apparatus.

Kovatch Mobile Equipment Company - Motorized Fire Apparatus and Mounting - \$566,841.00; Assembly and inspection included; \$600.00 deducted for each inspection trip not used; loose equipment - \$68,638.00.

Marion Body Works, Marion, Wisconsin - \$593,080; Motorized fire apparatus and equipment mounting; Assembly and inspection \$7,860.00; deduct for each inspection trip not used - \$2,620.00.

Rosenbower South Dakota, LLC - Motorized Fire Apparatus and Mounting - \$559,111.00; Assembly inspections - \$1,000.00 per person per trip; Loose Equipment - \$72,182.00.

A bid from Tyler Fire Equipment did not come in before the deadline.

The bids will be turned over to the Fire Safety Committee to review the bids and bring back a recommendation.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle reported the Authority meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

The March 2013 and April 2013 Water Withdrawal Reports are in the packets for review. There is a slight increase in the Corning Line.

There are 350 brush containers and 150 grass clipping containers.

Mrs. Dunne reported there is a new container for plastics in Bellefonte near the Burger King. It is for the odd containers such as yogurt containers, etc.

Riff-raff collection is May 20–24. The Bellefonte Community Yard Sale is May 17 and 18.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati responded to a request from a citizen for a handicap parking spot near Dollar General. It was recommended to designate the first meter in front of the store as a handicap parking spot.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to install a handicap spot on Spring Street in front of Dollar General. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. DeCusati reported the crews have been doing an excellent job of cleaning up the streets and the town looks good.

- Mr. Stewart reported there were three locations in the Borough that had new guard rail installed and the projects were completed.

- Mr. DeCusati questioned if there were any problems on SR#550 past the high school. Mr. Stewart reported occasionally the crews have to respond to a water leak.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – Stacy Richards, Director of SEDA-COG's Energy Resource Center expressed interest in helping the Borough to evaluate the potential of a micro-hydro-electric project at the Gamble Mill Race Way. She is applying for grant funding to support a team of Bucknell University senior engineering students to research the project for viability and is asking Council for a letter of support.

Mrs. Dunne made a motion to support the project as submitted. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Junior Council Report – The two new Junior Council Members were introduced. They are Nick Ramish, a junior at Bellefonte; and Jane Li, a sophomore at Bellefonte. Before the students begin attending meetings they will be introduced to all the committees so they can be more involved in the background of decisions made by Council.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the Civil Service Commission Candidates: Joe Leiter, Ryan Rosensteel and Mike Cavone. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. Thank you to Chief Weaver for providing the names. A voice vote was unanimous.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve Resolution No. 05082013-01, which is a resolution to enter into a lease-purchase agreement and escrow agreement for the purchase of a street sweeper. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. The approximate cost is \$240,000.00. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to pass Fair Housing Resolution 05082013-02. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. June 2013 is proclaimed as "Fair Housing Month" and all citizens of the Borough are requested to abide by the Fair Housing Laws and reaffirm their commitment to Fair Housing opportunities for everyone. A voice vote was unanimous.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- With no other business to come before Council Ms. Dainty made a motion to adjourn the meeting of May 8, 2013, at 9:05 p.m. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.