

COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 16, 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, Dainty, Taylor, Schneider, Beigle, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman,

Members Excused: Provan

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

Staff Present:

Guests:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of May 2, 2011. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Michael Ward, Director of Operations, SwiftReach Networks providing information regarding additional services they provide.
- Information from E-alert 05/05/11 regarding legislations regarding the sprinklers mandates that have been repealed.
- A letter from Senator Jake Corman in support of the Y2M2 (public/private partnership on South Potter Street in the Borough).
- A letter from Barry Pearce, Council 83 Staff Representative, AFSCME (American

Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees), AFL-CIO, in regard to initiating the new contract negotiations for the contract that expires on December 31, 2011.

- A letter from Andrew Hillegass, Adjutant, Post 1600, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. in regard to the Memorial Day celebration being held in front of the Court House on May 30, 2010 at 11:00 AM. They are requesting the closing of the following streets: High Street from Spring Street to Penn Street and Allegheny Street from Howard Street to Bishop Street from 10:30 AM until the end of the service.

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

- A letter from Francis Bonfatto, Streets committee Chair, Bellefonte Arts & Crafts Fair requesting the following during the fair, which will be held August 19th and 20th:

- Signs advertising the Arts & Crafts Fair are placed on the street lamp posts when the signs for the Annual Bellefonte Cruise are removed.
- Three dumpsters for the use of food vendors and artists as well as trash receptacles placed in Talleyrand Park.
- The use of the parking lot at the corner of West High Street and South Potter Street is reserved for the use of artists and handicapped patrons.
- The use of the seven parking stalls at the Diamond on both sides of West High Street is reserved as shuttle bus stop areas during the fair.

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to approve the requests. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. The Borough has 55-gallon plastic drums that are used as trash receptacles during special events. A voice vote was unanimous. Ms. Dainty abstained from voting because she is co-chair of the event.

- A letter from Beth Ann Araujo, Borough Secretary, Centre Hall Borough, requesting assistance from the Logan Fire Police for traffic control during the Centre Hall Fireman's parade, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th, at 5:00 PM. The fire police would meet at Station 4 at 4:00 PM.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve this request pending approval by Chief Bruno. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Charles B. Zogby, Secretary of the Budget, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Governor's Office, Harrisburg, in regard to the Bellefonte Waterfront Project grant (RCAP – Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program). The project was awarded \$3,000,000.00.

- Bellefonte Rotary Children's Fair, HBI, will be held on June 4th, from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. There is a request to block off Armor Street as well as the 400 block of East Curtin Street. The rain date will be June 5th.

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

- A letter from Kevin Snook, Carnival Committee, requesting assistance from the

Borough from the following items for their 39th Annual Fourth of July Celebration, which will be held at the Bellefonte armory Grounds from Tuesday, July 5th thru Saturday, July 9th. The fireworks will be held on Thursday, July 7th, at 10:00 PM with a rain date of Friday, July 8th. The fireman's parade will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at 5:00 PM:

- Use of Borough barricades for traffic restrictions at the carnival grounds and for High Street resident's front properties notifying local residents of "No Parking" and "No Walking Access" to the carnival grounds.
- Use of three (3) Borough dumpsters and daily garbage pick up the week of the event.
- Use of Borough street sweeper and an operator to clean up the grounds around the armory and the parking area on Tuesday, July 12, and calling the Fire house at 355-3100 to inform them that the sweeping has been completed.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. Mr. Schneider abstained from voting since he is chief of the Logan Fire Company.

- A letter from Ken Martin, Executive Director, American Philatelic Society, Requesting permission to reserve the municipal parking lot by the CVS store for the American Philatelic Society's 32nd annual summer seminar, which is scheduled for June 19th – 24th. They would like to purchase some sort of pass for their employees to use for those five days. They would require thirty (30) parking spaces.

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

ORAL

- Mrs. Dunne mentioned the HARB Awards Ceremony, which was held on Thursday, May 5th, was very nice. She feels the ceremony attests to Bellefonte's character that it is not a "cookie cutter" town and also that there is a lot of architectural work going on.

Mr. Holderman reported on the various recipients of the awards.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Goldman had nothing to report.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- None.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 1) 112 West Bishop Street: replace deteriorated wood front doors with new steel-frame door and sidelight.
- 2) 417 West High Street/102 North Thomas Street: Increase pitch of one portion of roof.
- 3) 110 West High Street: Replace existing green awning for YMCA Annex with new black awning, with YMCA logo change.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve all three Certificates of Appropriateness. Ms. Dainty 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 April 2011 vouchers in the amount of \$694,907.51. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

April 2011 Vouchers

General	18278 - 18385	\$ 200,641.61
Streetlighting	693 - 701	\$ 11,754.82
Bellefonte Fire Dept.	1130 - 1147	\$ 43,112.43
Fire Equipment	1243 – 1244, 113 - 118	\$ 18,673.17
Parks & Recreation	1432 - 1444	\$ 15,717.40
Water	7582 - 7646	\$ 168,466.04
Sanitation	8919 - 8977	\$ 147,162.51
Refuse	2153 - 2179	\$ 61,564.60
Swimming Pool	465 - 466	\$ 451.00
CDBG	-	\$ 0.00
Special Projects	101, 108 - 109	\$ 15,536.52
Highway Aid	219	\$ 7,301.20
Capital Projects	-	\$ 0.00
Bulk Water Sales	102, 130 - 131	\$ <u>4,526.21</u>
	Total:	\$ <u>694,907.51</u>

- Mr. Taylor made a motion to pay the McQuaide Blasko invoice in the amount of \$3,953.48 for services rendered February 1, 2011 through April 27, 2011. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Schneider made a motion to extend the Borough's current Worker Comp./General Liability/Auto/Equipment – insurance coverage one more year prior to taking it out to bid. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Park & Recreation – Mr. Taylor reported that Spring Township had a \$26,100.00 grant to do a park in Pleasant Gap and decided to drop the project so they signed a drop form so Bellefonte Borough could use the funds for the Teener League Field. Mr. Holderman clarified that the Growing Greener II grant requires a match. The CPCVB has provided the Teener League (through HBI) a \$20K grant award that will be utilized as the GGII match. The \$6,100.00 has a partial match of approximately \$2,000.00 from the Talleyrand Park committee so the Borough would need a match of approximately \$4,100.00.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the amendment to approve an additional \$26,100.00 in GGII from the County – Parkview Heights Park (\$20,000.00) and Talleyrand Park bank restoration (\$6,100.00). Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. The restroom is going to require an add-on to make it ADA accessible. The playground equipment is currently being installed. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mrs. Dunne reported there has been a planting session for the edible garden and another session will be completed in approximately ten days.

- Mr. Holderman thanked Dennis Bird, Fort Bellefonte, who donated approximately 30-35 trees to the Borough. They are being planted in Governor's Park and Talleyrand Park.

Human Resources – Three applications were received for the Junior Representative on Borough Council. Mr. Halderman turned these over to the Human Resources Committee along with Mr. Holderman and Mr. Stewart to interview the candidates and work out a rotation for the students to serve on Council.

Safety – Mr. Wilson reported the Fire Executive meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24th.

- The Fire Department Task Force meeting will be held at the Logan Fire Department on Wednesday, May 25th.

- Mr. Beigle requested that Chief Fred Bruno come to Council and provide a report.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle reported the May 10, 2011 Authority meeting minutes are in the packet for review. Mr. Beigle reported on the 10" water line that will be installed across the road from the new Weis location.

- Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the Yard Waste Disposal Agreement with Spring Township. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati reported that things will move forward with proposals for the Potter Street project.

- Mr. Holderman reported that the tree trimming issue on Thomas Street was taken care of. Mr. Halderman requested the Borough be notified of any street lights or stop signs that are blocked by trees.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the submitted CATA budget proposal for 2011 - 2012. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. There is money in the budget that would cover this. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Ms. Dainty made a motion that the Children's Fair Banner Resolution #05-16-11B be approved. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Garden Genetics II will take the lead in planting flowers in the Diamond area. All flower planting in the Borough will take place the week prior to Memorial Day.

- The Ordinance Codification is caught up with listing all fees. Mr. Holderman will provide Council the next section of ordinances for review.

- Mr. Stewart talked with Howard Long regarding the YMCA program letter that Council received. A mutual beneficial agreement between the YMCA and Bellefonte Borough will be worked out.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the request from the YMCA for summer daycare programs at Governor's Park. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A meeting was held with another Building Codes Services Consultant at the Borough's Conference in Hershey, PA. They are reviewing the Borough's figures and may attend the work session before the meeting of June 6th.

- Mr. Wilson questioned whether the skunk relocation program has been implemented in the Borough for this season. There have been a few calls from residents and the gentleman with the traps has been called. He has caught three so far.

NEW BUSINESS

- Johnson Controls is in the process of completing a survey.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Mrs. Dunne made a motion to adjourn the meeting of May 16, 2011 at 8:40 PM. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.