

COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 3, 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.

Those with cell phones were requested to either turn them off or put them on vibrate.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Excused: Provan

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

Staff Present:

Guests: Melady Kehm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of May 20, 2013. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. On page three of the minutes Paula Apar needs corrected to read Paula Cipar. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as corrected.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- An invitation was received to the Faith Centre's 10th Year Anniversary Celebration to be held on Saturday, June 22, with a ceremony from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. and an open house and tours of the future home of the FaithCentre Food

Bank from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Those attending are requested to R.S.V.P. by Saturday, June 15.

- A letter from Wendy Fultz, Cool Beans, requesting permission to make some of the trash cans in the downtown area resemble a coffee cup. The vinyl type material would be temporarily affixed to the can. It would resemble their coffee cups, which are white with a brown sleeve with the logo and some sort of saying, but it would not interfere with getting into the cans to empty them. Trash cans near restaurants would not be used.

Council members would like to know how long they would remain on the cans. Mr. Stewart feels a policy needs to be developed regarding advertising on public spaces. Other Council members feel it is not a good idea to advertise on the downtown property. This will be discussed and a policy will be developed at a work session.

- A letter from Angelica Dougre requesting permission to rent the expanded area of Talleyrand Park to hold a birthday party for her daughter on Saturday, July 20, with a bounce house and four different types of water splash games.

Mr. Stewart stated a policy needs to be developed for the expanded area of Talleyrand Park.

- A letter from Robert L. Pierce, Manager, Certification and Education Section, Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, informing the Borough that Certification Renewal of the Workplace Safety Committee was approved and becomes effective July 31, 2013. This results in a discount on the Workmen's Compensation Insurance Coverage.

- A letter from Walter G. M. Schneider III, Ph.D., P.E., Chief Director, Logan Fire Company No 1, requesting parade route approval and street closures for the July 6, 2013 parade, which will begin at 5:00 p.m. The parade route begins at South Parkview Boulevard, travels west on Zion Road and Bishop Street to South Allegheny Street, travels north on Allegheny Street to High Street and proceeds west to Talleyrand Park, where it concludes. The citizens group has raised the needed funds necessary for the parade. Chief Schneider thanked Bonnie Leathers and the Bellefonte public for supporting the parade like they did. All community members are encouraged to attend the parade. C-NET will be requested to cover the parade. A banner will be placed on the bridge advertising the parade.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve this request as submitted. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. It was requested that the Chief alert the fire police. A voice vote was unanimous with Mr. Schneider abstaining due to conflict.

ORAL

- Melady Kehm, a Bellefonte resident of over thirty years, provided her reasons why she feels accepting the housing proposal currently on the table for the three historic buildings is a wrong turn in developing a thriving downtown and ensuring a profitable future for the downtown businesses and for the citizens living downtown. She is

requesting a Borough-created plan that studies how better the current citizens on subsidies can be accommodated as well as how much additional, if any, subsidized housing the downtown can support. She wants a plan that does not ignore or displace the citizens that need affordable housing, but seeks out the thing that can assure the future will also offer newcomers with disposable income a place to live, shop and be entertained. She requested Council to think about where they would like Bellefonte to be in five years.

Mr. Halderman informed Ms. Kehm that Council never discussed subsidized housing but rather Workforce Housing. Mayor Addis informed Ms. Kehm that the Borough has agreed to apply for a grant to participate in the Keystone Community Program, which is a five-year program, to hire an individual to examine the downtown area and what could be done. Mr. Halderman informed her that the Borough has passed a resolution supporting the Fair Housing Act, which is done yearly.

The IDA is overseeing the project that involves the Garman Building and has made their decision. Council does not have the Authority to change what the IDA has done.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The May 15, 2013, draft IDA meeting minutes is in the packets for review.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The April 2013 Police Report is in the packets for review. Mayor Addis would like to get comparisons on the report to previous years or per quarter to see what trends there are in the reports. He will discuss this with Chief Weaver.

- Chief Weaver and Mayor Addis will be on Jerry Fisher's "All Things Bellefonte" radio show on Thursday, June 20th, from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM.

- Chief Weaver is grateful for the part-time officer. Ms. Dainty stated someone in Bellefonte got pulled over for texting, although they weren't texting but checking their Google map for directions.

Citizens are aware that there is more enforcement going on in Bellefonte.

- There is some draft Civil Service policies from other municipalities and Boroughs that need updated before Chief Weaver can continue with promotions. The promotion process is on hold until Council develops an updated policy at a work session.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the Schneider Land Development Plan. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. Mr. Schneider stated he and his attorneys believe the

Borough of Bellefonte owned the property that he and his wife purchased. A voice vote was unanimous. Mr. Schneider abstained from voting.

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the Benner Township Re-Zoning Request as submitted. Ms. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- None.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the Property Petition Plan for 112 - 118 East High Street as submitted. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Finance and Government Performance – No report.

Park & Recreation – Mrs. Brown announced the Elks will hold Flag Day Services at Talleyrand Park on Thursday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m. Residents are encouraged to bring flags that need to be disposed.

- Kepler Pool will open on Wednesday, June 12, at 10:00 a.m. Admission will be \$1.00 on that day only.

Human Resources – Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve as submitted the Cell Phone, Vacation Buy Back and Return to Work Programs. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Holderman informed Council that Doug Stanfield will resign from the Planning Commission effective July 1, 2013. All his service is appreciated. A new volunteer is being sought for the Planning Commission.

Safety – The Bellefonte Fire Department Executive Committee draft meeting minutes from May 23, 2013, are in the packet for review. The apparatus bids are listed in those minutes. Chief Schreffler is doing an excellent job in working out issues that have been going on in the departments for some time. The policies regarding Fire Police have been completed.

Water/Sanitation – The draft Authority Meeting Minutes from the May 14, 2013, meeting are in the packets for review. The next Authority Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4.

The tonnage for riff-raff is not yet available.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati stated that to place a crosswalk at the intersection of Parkview Heights and Bishop Street would not be feasible unless there were a traffic

signal there. A request has been submitted to PennDOT on numerous occasions, but they have rejected the request.

- Mr. Stewart will check to see if benches have been placed in Masullo Park.

Energy & Environmental Conservation - No report.

Junior Council Report – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Stewart thanked the Rotary Club and HBI for conducting the Children's Fair on Saturday, June 1.

- The promotions of the Civil Service Commission are currently on hold.

- Mr. Stewart and Mr. Holderman visited Sunbury on Friday, May 31, to look at their river walk project. The Council Member they spoke with is very pleased with the project. They used the same engineering firm that Bellefonte is using. They invited Mr. Stewart and Mr. Holderman to come again and examine the project. Mr. Stewart would like to take Council members and IDA members to Sunbury to examine the river walk.

- Mr. Holderman informed Council the flowers in downtown Bellefonte were provided by Garden Genetics II.

- Mr. Holderman thanked the youth group from the Faith United Methodist Church for detailing Borough vehicles on Saturday, June 1, during the extreme heat.

- Mrs. Dunne informed Council there will be a Garden Tour on Sunday, June 30, from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Stewart sat in on a meeting of municipal secretaries that was held in the Borough Building and the discussion was on workplace violence such as an active shooter being at a workplace. A video was provided that gives basic training. Mr. Stewart would like to develop procedures and safety policies in the event something would happen at the Borough Building.

- On Wednesday, June 5, the first quarter report on Health Care Claims Experience will be provided and will be in the next Council packet.

- Lori Walker, Finance Director, is graduating from Leadership Centre County on Wednesday, June 5. Council Members expressed their congratulations and would like a congratulatory letter placed in her file.

- Mr. Wilson reminded the public that Bellefonte High School graduation will be on Wednesday, June 12.

- The 25th Annual Bellefonte Cruise will be held on June 14 and 15. It is one of the largest car shows in Pennsylvania. Mr. Wilson credited the Cruise Committees from over the years for all of their hard work.

- Mr. Halderman feels the skunk program is working well.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Mr. Beigle made a motion to adjourn the meeting of June 3, 2013, at 8:08 p.m. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.