

COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 17, 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. It was requested that cell phones either be placed on vibrate or turned off.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Excused:

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

Staff Present:

Guests: Scott Rhoat, BEMS; Steve Dershem; Bob Jacobs; Wade Nemith;
Dennis Cain; Mark Austin; Rev. Will Osman;

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of June 3, 2013. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Sgt. Michael Danneker, Acting Chief of Police, Spring Township Police Department, thanking the Bellefonte Borough police officers for their assistance with a barricaded/suicidal gunman near the Pleasant Gap Elementary School on May 20, 2013.

- A letter from Bill Carey, 707 West Lamb Street, requesting permission to close half of the 700 block of West Lamb Street from the intersection of West Lamb Street and Brown Street west to the intersection of West Lamb Street and Hickory Street on Saturday, August 31, from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. for a neighborhood party.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve this request. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. Mr. DeCusati checked out the area and feels it will not be a problem because it is a small block. He would like the Borough crews to be sure to get the signs dropped off for the street closure. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from John A. Garner, Jr., Executive Director, The Pennsylvania Municipal League, regarding the 114th Annual Convention in State College on Wednesday, June 26, at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel. The exhibit hall is open from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Council members are also invited to attend the conference if they are interested in learning more about the Municipal League.

- A letter from Shawn P. Weaver, Chief of Police, Borough of Bellefonte Police Department, providing an activity report for Officer Luse. Chief Weaver feels officer Luse has been doing extremely well and performs his duties with the highest professional standards.

ORAL

- Mr. Provan talked as a representative of the Bellefonte Historical Cruise Committee and provided a brief report on the cruise. The 2013 Cruise was the 25th Anniversary of the event. The event was a huge success. He thanked the public participants that came to the event. There were various events throughout the weekend. There were approximately 260 vehicles registered at the show and 75–100 motorcycles. There were approximately 8,000 people that attended the car, truck and motorcycle show. Mr. Provan thanked the Bellefonte Borough for all the prep work, work during the cruise and the cleanup after the cruise. He also thanked the Bellefonte Police Department and surrounding police departments for their help monitoring everything throughout the weekend.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The draft meeting minutes from the May 15, 2013, meeting are in the packets for review.

- Mrs. Dunne reported the Fire Protection Task Force had a work session on Thursday, June 13, where they identified the stakeholders, resources available, resources needed and various facets of fire protection. They dissected the whole thing apart and hope to develop it into a report by early fall at the latest.

Mr. Stewart reported there is a new state law that requires a sprinkler system if there are more than two units on a building that have a change of use in occupancy.

The Authority is working on plans to upgrade the water system.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Addis presented the May 2013 Police Report and the May 2013 Exonerations.

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to accept the May 2013 Exoneration Report as submitted. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

1) 134 East Bishop Street/Remove deteriorated sandstone stairs, install new concrete footing and sandstone stair to match. Existing concrete side walls to remain. Install new steel handrail and black powder coat finish. Repair sidewalk to eliminate existing lower stair.

2) 501 West High Street/Remove steel handrail and canopy. Install new wood framed canopy with vinyl column covers, vinyl handrail system, and soffit. Canopy will have asphalt shingles to match existing.

3) 128 South Allegheny Street/Install new window sign.

4) 128 South Allegheny Street/Paint existing exterior metal panels and window spandrel panels.

5) 101 South Allegheny Street/Install new window signs and wall mounted sign at transom above the entry.

6) 236 West Lamb Street/Remove existing wood garage doors. Install new metal overhead doors to match doors at the maintenance garage. Field paint doors to match existing color green.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve all six Certificates of Appropriateness. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. Mr. Beigle excused himself from the approval of the project at 134 East Bishop Street. A voice vote was unanimous.

- The June 11, 2013, HARB meeting minutes are in the packets for review.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – Mr. Schneider made a motion to move forward with the re-plotting and transfer of property to the new Nittany Valley Recreation Authority to include Kepler Pool. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Finance and Government Performance – Mr. Schneider made a motion to file for audit the May 2013 Vouchers in the amount of \$757,518.84. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the vouchers as submitted.

May 2013 Vouchers

General	20978 – 21083	\$ 246,354.48
Streetlighting	899 – 903	\$ 5,613.44
Bellefonte Fire Dept.	1514 – 1530	\$ 15,710.44
Fire Equipment	209 – 211	\$ 3,684.36
Parks & Recreation	1812 – 1827	\$ 8,488.06
Water	9224 – 9282	\$ 88,920.31
Sanitation	10372 – 10431	\$ 261,967.73
Refuse	2867 – 2893	\$ 70,907.95
Swimming Pool	549 – 553	\$ 2,618.75
CDBG	–	\$ 0.00
Special Projects	212	\$ 68.30
Highway Aid	240	\$ 1,634.08
Capital Projects	–	\$ 0.00
Bulk Water Sales	249 – 258	\$ 51,550.94
	Total:	<u>\$ 757,518.84</u>

- Mr. DeCusati reported on the Treasurer's Report the receipts-to-date are lower than they should be in order to stay within the budget. Mr. Stewart stated the income does not come in regularly like that. He questioned at what point you adjust the budget since the income is not where it needs to be. Ms. Dainty stated the issue could also reflect that the tax money does not come as promptly since it is done at a central location.

- Ms. Dainty reported a copy of the Annual Audit was provided for Council Members to review. They should direct any questions to Ms. Dainty or Mrs. Walker.

Mr. Schneider requested a copy of the report be provided electronically the next time to save copy costs.

- Insurance proposals for General Liability Worker's Compensation were received and opened. They were:

Kenneth R. Sloan Insurance Agency, Philadelphia - proposed coverage for 2013 Worker's Comp is \$156,391.00;

Hartman Agency, proposed coverage for 2013 - \$105,268.00. Worker's Comp - \$132,820.00. Total for both Workmen's Comp and the Borough-wide Building & Property is \$238,088.00.

The bids were turned over to the Finance Committee and Staff for review and recommendation.

Park & Recreation – No report.

Human Resources – Mr. Holderman reported the Borough is working with Career Link on a six-week summer program bringing in five teenagers to help do some painting. Jerry Gephart will be supervising the projects. They will work on the bridges

in Talleyrand Park, the parking meter poles, the lamp posts and additional painting around the Big Spring. They began working today.

- Mr. Provan assured Borough Council that the hiring of the new electrician was a good thing. He reported the new employee is very impressive, very cooperative and doing a very good job.

Safety – No report.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle reported the Daily Water Withdrawal was in the packets for review.

- The draft meeting minutes from the June 4, 2013, Authority Meeting were in the packets for review.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati reported he checked out the (?) letter on Halfmoon Hill.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – There was no report.

Junior Council Report – There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Stewart reported SEDA-COG will be painting the railroad bridge in Talleyrand Park. They are open to any color changes that are suggested.

- The IDA met with two developers this past week and will meet with the third developer for a presentation on Monday, June 24, in the Council Room at 5:30 p.m. They are working on the long-term fire prevention plan and will complete it as quickly as possible. This will not be a public meeting but Council members are permitted to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

- C-NET will cover the parade to be held on July 6. There will be discussion regarding where they will set up. The parade begins at 5:00 p.m. at the Parkview Heights/Zion Road area, proceeds through town and ends at Talleyrand Park.

- On Thursday, June 13, Mr. Stewart attended a Pennsylvania One Call Safety Day in York. They tried to get information regarding trenching, safety, equipment, as well as practices. One vendor was found and they are waiting additional information.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Mr. Schneider made a motion to

adjourn the meeting of June 17, 2013, at 8:05 p.m. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.