

COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 20, 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: Dainty, Taylor, Schneider, DeCusati, Dunne, Provan, Beigle, Halderman,

Members Excused: Wilson,
Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager

Officials Present: Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Mayor Stanley Goldman

Staff Present:

Guests: Cynthia Hahn, Candace Dannaker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of June 6, 2011. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Cynthia Mazzant, Tempest Studios, requesting the use of Talleyrand Park for a theatre art program sponsored by the PA Council on the Arts on August 13 with a rain date of August 14.

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

- A letter from Gary V. Hoover, Executive Director, Bellefonte Intervalley Area Chamber of Commerce, requesting the use of the soccer field and/or the practice soccer field at Governor's Park to hold the Bellefonte Intervalley Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Croquet Tournament on Sunday, September 18, 2011, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A schedule change will be made so the soccer teams play away that weekend. The Chamber is coordinating the change with the soccer team. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Catherine Dupuis, Artistic Director and President, JazzPA, requesting permission to hang two banners on the sides of the High Street Bridge for the celebration, which will be July 22 and 23. The banners would be in place now until the event.

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

- A letter from Eric Dash, Black Walnut Body Works, Ltd., thanking the Borough workforce and staff for the outstanding job of sprucing up and 'detailing' the town in preparation for the Bellefonte Cruise.

- An invitation from the Alliance for Bellefonte Community Development (ABCD) to the annual meeting on Monday, June 27, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on the third floor of the Courthouse Annex.

- A letter from Congressman Thompson regarding any concerns regarding the last census count. He will sponsor a meeting on Thursday, July 21, at 1:00 PM at the Penn State DuBois Campus. If interested in attending, please R.S.V.P. to Mr. Stewart.

ORAL

- Mr. Schneider reported that Chief Bruno was not able to attend the meeting because of a family emergency, but he did provide a report with apologies.

The Department is moving forward with several things. The call run volume year-to-date was provided. Chief Bruno plans to provide Council with monthly updates. The Department is getting ready to do the annual ladder certification where all the aerial devices in the Borough get certified by a third party inspection agency. The annual pump certification will be completed later in the summer, as well as hose testing.

The Executive Board moved forward with recommendations for the annual physicals.

When looking at box numbers, the second digit in the number tells you which municipality it is. One is Bellefonte Borough; two is Spring Township; three is Benner Township; eight is I-80; and nine is I-99. Company 4 is Centre Hall. Company 5 is Alphas. Company 6 is Snow Shoe. Company 8 is Pleasant Gap. Company 9 is Milesburg. Company 14 is Howard. Company 15 is Port Matilda. Company 16 is Walker Township. Aid to Mifflin County was an out of county response.

- Cynthia Hahn, Director of C-NET, joined by Candace Dannaker, the Bellefonte Borough Representative to the C-NET Board of Directors, addressed Council. She prepared a Power Point that is more in-depth than the usual annual presentation. She provided copies of the 2010 Annual Report for Council members to review.

Sometimes C-NET is referred to as a PEG network. PEG stands for Public Education and Government. C-NET is only an E&G network, which is educational and government access, but not public access. Centre County does not have a public access facility. PEG networks exist because of franchise agreements between municipalities and cable companies. Municipalities contribute a portion of the franchise fees they receive towards supporting whatever PEG channels are in their area. Government channels are branches of the local government. C-NET is a separate, independent, 501C3 non-profit. The vast majority of PEG organizations in the United States are either exclusively public access or they include public access. The majority of PEG organizations are managed by one city, one township or one school district. The local C-NET funding is a cooperative effort between fourteen member organizations.

Mrs. Hahn provided a brief history of C-NET, as well as the finances. The sources of revenue primarily come from member dues. Capital grants are received from Windstream and Comcast cable, as well as miscellaneous revenue from providing copies of events to people.

In 2010, 708 programs were sponsored by a C-NET director or sponsoring organization. The funding formula is based on a five-year rolling average of programming. The programming consists mostly of a lot of meetings. Other events shown are sports and concerts; graduations and award ceremonies; library concerts; civil war roundtable, State College Arts Festival, Centre County Grange Fair; Boalsburg Memorial Day and various events in support of non-profits. Candidate interviews are conducted for every election. Programs remain online for approximately 10 months and the system allows for 4,000 simultaneous users.

Information was provided for the number of hits and the length of time for Council meetings.

Mrs. Hahn suggested special committee meetings or occasional work sessions could be put on C-NET...but they need to be called. She also suggested various Borough events. She stated what the Borough uses C-NET to cover is only limited by the imagination. If the Borough would sponsor more programs, the future dues would increase.

Mrs. Dannaker thanked Council for appointing her and Mr. Brachbill to represent the Borough on the C-NET Board.

- Mr. Provan wanted to mirror and add to the letter from Black Walnut Body Shop with response to the Borough taking care of the town. He feels the Borough takes good care of Bellefonte. The 23rd Annual Historic Cruise was held this past weekend. On behalf of the Cruise Committee and citizens of Bellefonte he thanked Bellefonte Borough for thoroughly cleaning the town, flags were put on the light poles, banners were hung, fresh lines were painted on the streets, the curbs were re-painted, the trees were trimmed and the Borough delivered the new stage to the event. He thanked the Borough for coordinating the efforts. He thanked the electrical crew for their special preparations. He also thanked the police department. He thanked the fire police for their help in keeping the crowd safe. Mr. Schneider thanked everyone who turned out for the cruise to drive and the spectators. He also thanked the folks that came to the hop. He thanked those who brought cars to the car show. He thanked God for the gorgeous weather for the car show.

Mr. Provan thanked the Cruise Committee, which was chaired by Pat McCool. He also thanked HBI for their full and committed support. He thanked all sponsors of the event. He thanked all the community volunteers for their hours of work to get the event together. He thanked students from Bellefonte and Bald Eagle for their volunteer hours.

Some of the remaining funds will go to the Cruise Scholarship Award. The winner of the 2011 Bellefonte Cruise Scholarship is Abbey Mae Winn. The award goes to a graduating senior who will continue their education in a trade or technical type of school. The Union Cemetery Association receives some funding as well as the Bellefonte Borough; the Bellefonte Youth Services Bureau; Bellefonte Historical Railroad; and the Bellefonte Library.

Thank you everybody who makes this event happen.

On behalf of Bellefonte Borough, Mr. Halderman thanked Mr. Provan for all he does to make the event happen.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Goldman reported that Vana Dainty wrote a very nice article in the Lock Haven Express on the Bellefonte Cruise.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- None.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 1) 106 North Spring Street
- 2) 105 East Curtin Street

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

- There will be a free HARB workshop on Wednesday, June 29, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM at the City Hall, Community Room, 245 West Fourth Street, Williamsport.

Council members are not required to receive HARB credits.

- HARB minutes are in the packet for review.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – There was no report.

Finance and Government Performance – Ms. Dainty made a motion to file for audit the May 2011 vouchers in the amount of \$1,051,066.53. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

May 2011 Vouchers

General	17371 – 17374, 18386 - 18499	\$ 200,634.92
Streetlighting	702 - 709	\$ 6,628.13
Bellefonte Fire Dept.	1103, 1104, 1148 - 1161	\$ 6,218.52
Fire Equipment	119 - 124	\$ 21,792.88
Parks & Recreation	1445 - 1463	\$ 6,586.91
Water	7647 - 7710	\$ 228,440.27
Sanitation	8978 - 9042	\$ 506,383.03
Refuse	2180 - 2205	\$ 58,932.14
Swimming Pool	467 - 469	\$ 671.11
CDBG	-	\$ 0.00
Special Projects	102, 110 – 113, 204	\$ 3,245.92
Highway Aid	-	\$ 0.00
Capital Projects	-	\$ 0.00
Bulk Water Sales	132 - 133	<u>\$ 11,532.70</u>
Total:		<u>\$ 1,051,066.53</u>

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to pay an invoice to McQuaide Blasko in the amount of \$161. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Park & Recreation – There was no report.

Human Resources – Mr. Provan reported that Mr. Holderman, Mr. Halderman, Mr. Stewart, Ms. Dainty and himself met with three students from Bellefonte High School. The students were recommended by Mr. Ed Fitzgerald, a social studies teacher, for the Junior Council Program. The students will be introduced in August and will begin attending Council meetings in September. All three students live in the Borough.

- Mr. Stewart attended the 1st Quarter Benecon meeting. Bellefonte Borough is currently \$38,000 ahead with what was paid in claims. There is a potential to get that money back.

Safety – Mr. Schneider made a motion to use Nittany Urgent Care for firefighter physicals at a cost of \$165 per physical. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. This will be reviewed annually. There is not a contract with Nittany Urgent Care. The physicals will provide a fit-for-duty form. This is strictly an occupational health physical. The person would be referred to their primary care physician if they have issues. The person is able to use their primary care physician if they are capable of doing what is in the guidelines and their co-pay would be reimbursed. A voice vote was unanimous.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle reported that the pipeline camera and point repair system demonstration went very well. There are twenty-five sleeves that came with the camera that will be installed and then each year more sleeves will be purchased.

The Authority meeting minutes from June 7, 2011, are in the packet for review. Mrs. Dunne is glad the Authority is moving forward with completing the Source Water Protection Plan.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to appoint Gay Dunne to the Steering Committee for the Source Water Protection Plan. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

The gas company is in the process of removing all old galvanized lines and replacing them with plastic lines.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati reported that a crew needs to examine Howard Street and Wilson Street because there is a large gouge in the road. That has been patched by the Borough crew.

Potholes at Allegheny Street and Linn Street have been repaired.

The software for the downtown parking meters needs to be upgraded. Old batteries will be replaced in the meters.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – Two companies will be presenting proposals to the Borough at the July 6 Authority meeting. They will focus on water and wastewater first.

OLD BUSINESS

- PennDOT is updating their studies of Water Street/S.R. 150.
- The Refuse Ordinance is in the packet for Council members to review. The bid for the trash cans is being completed. The new cans will be used in early September.
- For representation and membership in the Centre Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO), Mr. Schneider made a motion that option B2 be the primary and if that is not successful then Option A will be requested as a second choice. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

- There is some cable legislation where the FCC is trying to control the rights-of-way and take some authority away from municipalities to franchise and negotiate contracts for use of the rights-of-way. Mr. Halderman requested that Mr. Stewart contact Amy Farkas of the Cable Consortium to write a letter for Mr. Halderman as Chair of the Centre Area Cable Consortium to sign.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to also send a letter on behalf of the Borough to the FCC concerning the legislation's language to limit municipal authority of its rights-of-way. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

- Mr. Stewart has paperwork from interested parties regarding the caboose in Talleyrand Park being used in a movie setting.

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to send a letter opposing legislation regarding the zoning part of the legislation allowing for a natural gas impact fee in that there is language that takes away local zoning controls. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Council went into an executive session to consider the appointment of special counsel for an IDA/Council issue.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council, Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting of June 20, 2011, at 9:48 PM. Mr. Provan seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.