

COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 15, 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, Beigle, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman,

Members Excused: Brown, Schneider, Provan, Mayor Kent Addis

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

Staff Present:

Guests:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of July 1, 2013. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- An email letter from Ed Adams, Teener League, requesting support from the Borough in activities for the state tournament that will be held July 29–August 2. The request includes the following: protection of the water shut off valve at the back of the concession stand; mowing the field; the use of a second dumpster; have the refuse collectors come very early on Monday, August 5; provide Bellefonte promo literature to be passed out at the food stand.

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

- An email letter from Debbie Hamilton requesting permission to hang banners promoting the Arts & Crafts Festival on the High Street bridge prior to the event.

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

ORAL

- Mr. Wilson questioned a letter by Mr. Schmidt. The letter regards sandbags on signs on Zion Road, which is part of the PennDOT project being done by HRI. Mr. Stewart informed Mr. Schmidt of the situation and forwarded the letter to the County Manager.

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the Police Exonerations for parking. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- No report.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- No report.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- None.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve listing surplus items on the online auction. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Four vehicles will be listed on Public Surplus, which is an online auction. A voice vote was unanimous.

Finance and Government Performance – Mrs. Dunne made a motion to file for audit the June 2013 Vouchers in the amount of \$782,924.80. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the vouchers as submitted.

June 2013 Vouchers

General	21084-21172	\$ 260,087.79
Streetlighting	904-910	\$ 5,650.35
Bellefonte Fire Dept.	1531-1551	\$ 11,865.13
Fire Equipment	212-213	\$ 3,666.26
Parks & Recreation	1828-1849, 100	\$ 124,308.04
Water	9283-9330	\$ 104,646.81
Sanitation	10432-10491	\$ 159,242.68
Refuse	2894-2921	\$ 87,915.65
Swimming Pool	554-559	\$ 3,007.22
CDBG	501-502	\$ 249.18
Special Projects	-	\$ 0.00
Highway Aid	-	\$ 0.00
Capital Projects	-	\$ 0.00
Bulk Water Sales	259-265	\$ 22,285.69
	Total:	\$ 782,924.80

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the Bellefonte Borough Resolution #07152013-01 to lease the backhoe. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Park & Recreation – Mrs. Dunne reported there was a meeting this evening and a few items were resolved.

1) A letter received from Nancy Brassington at the last meeting regarding the new location of refuse containers - the refuse container will stay where it is currently located. The addition of a picnic table, well anchored in the ground, has been approved for Masullo Park.

2) A grant was received for additional mud sill work in the amount of \$12,000.00. That grant was obtained by the Talleyrand Park Committee with True Fisher and Ann Donovan did the work on it.

3) Some playground equipment that no longer meets safety standards will be removed from Governor's Park and Masullo Park at the end of the summer. Funding is being sought for new equipment for both parks.

4) A State Teener League Tournament will be held at the Teener League Field in August.

Human Resources – No report.

Safety – No report.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle reported the Authority will be having a joint meeting with the Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority on Monday, July 22.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati reported most of the projects on the CCMPO Tip are older ones. He requested the Route #150 Phoenix Avenue intersection be added back on the list. A new request is to add Lamb Street due to the storm water damage that has been received to the streets during the heavy rains.

- Mr. DeCusati made a motion to approve the Declaration of Disaster as a result of the June 27, 2013, storms and flooding which caused significant damage to West Lamb Street between Water and Spring Streets. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – No report.

Junior Council Report – The new Junior Council members will be Jane Lee and Nick Ramish. An orientation has been scheduled with them on Thursday, August 8.

OLD BUSINESS

- A member of the Bellefonte Cruise Committee gave the Borough a plaque for the support of the cruise.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to cancel the August 19 Council meeting. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council, Ms. Dainty made a motion to adjourn the meeting of July 15, 2013, at 7:47 p.m. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.