

COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 16, 2012
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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. Members were asked to turn off their cell phones or put them on vibrate.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Wilson, Brown, Beigle, Dunne, Halderman, McCullough,

Members Excused: Dainty, Schneider, Provan, DeCusati, Confer

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

Staff Present: Robert Keal, HARB;

Guests: Debbie Hamilton; Holly Wilson; Nancy Perkins;

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of July 2, 2012. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Stewart reviewed the minutes and the video from the June 18, 2012, Council meeting because of a motion to correct the minutes at the July 2, 2012, meeting. He believes the minutes were correct as presented.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to remove the amended minutes and approve the original minutes from the June 18, 2012, Council meeting as submitted. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Robert E. Lamb, Co-Chairman of the Bellefonte Children's Fair, done in a cooperative effort by HBI and Bellefonte Sunrise Rotary Club, thanking Bellefonte Borough for the generous support of the fair.

- A letter to Chief Weaver from Robert E. Lamb, Co-Chairman of the Bellefonte Children's Fair, for providing a police cruiser at the Fair.

- A letter from Frank G. Fina, Chief Deputy Attorney General, and Joseph E. McGettigan III, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of Attorney General, to Chief Weaver expressing appreciation for the work of the police department during the trial of Commonwealth v. Gerald A. Sandusky.

- A letter from Judy Patterson, Teacher/CenClear Child Services, thanking the Borough for the use of a pavilion at Governor's Park for their end-of-the-year celebration.

- A letter from Donald M. Hahn, President, State College Borough Council, expressing his gratitude for the smooth hosting of a lengthy and highly-publicized trial with a minimum of inconvenience to downtown businesses and offices.

- A letter from Holly Wilson, President, Historic Bellefonte, Inc.; Gary Hoover, Executive Director, Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce; and Debbie Hamilton, Co-Chair, Arts & Crafts Fair; regarding the use of Talleyrand Park during the Arts & Crafts Fair. They would like to reserve the entire park from the Match Factory Greens area through the High Street gazebo section from Thursday, August 16, 2012, through Sunday, August 19, 2012.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the use of Talleyrand Park from August 16, 2012, through August 19, 2012, for the Bellefonte Arts and Crafts Fair and the Hometown Bellefonte Merchants. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- An email from Nancy Perkins in regard to the Cadillac Building.

- A request from the Red Cross to use a pavilion at Governor's Park for a Red Cross picnic on Wednesday, July 18, 2012, and that the fee be waived.

Mrs. Dunne made a motion to approve the request as requested with the fee waived. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- An email from Vana Dainty thanking Council for their help and patience as they worked towards a resolution for the Arts & Crafts Fair use of the park.

ORAL

- Nancy Perkins addressed Council regarding the Cadillac Building. She is willing to be involved in a preservation effort for the building if there is one.

- Holly Wilson stated the Arts & Crafts Fair wanted to thank Council for their time and patience with their issue and without the support they would not be the great fair that they are.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None

MAYOR'S REPORT

- There was no report.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

The HARB recommends that Certificates of Appropriateness be issued for the following projects:

1) Match Factory Place/Remove deteriorated concrete block utility building at the Match Factory complex. Restore original arched window openings and provide a new exit door. Install new windows and door to match adjacent new construction.

2) 311 South Spring Street/Remove 2nd floor portion of deteriorated shed, salvage first floor and provide a new roof structure.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve Certificates of Appropriateness for the Match Factory Place and 311 South Spring Street. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

The HARB recommends that a Certificate of Appropriateness be denied for the following project:

1) 237-239 North Spring Street/Replace existing metal roof with new standing seam roof. Remove original porch with chamfered posts and scroll brackets. Install new posts and beam covering.

Mrs. Dunne made a motion to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for 237-239 North Spring Street as recommended by HARB. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – Mr. Holderman reported Garden Genetics did an outstanding job with the flowers in the downtown area. The flowers look very nice.

Finance and Government Performance – Mrs. Dunne made a motion to file for audit the June 2012 Vouchers in the amount of \$569,609.30. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the vouchers as submitted.

June 2012 Vouchers

General	19762 – 19882	\$ 212,323.99
Streetlighting	816 – 821	\$ 1,203.77
Bellefonte Fire Dept.	1337 – 1351	\$ 10,479.68
Fire Equipment	175 – 177	\$ 4,052.37
Parks & Recreation	1656 – 1673	\$ 7,492.80
Water	8552 – 8613	\$ 85,074.85
Sanitation	9724 – 9780	\$ 143,125.23
Refuse	2558 – 2586	\$ 98,488.90
Swimming Pool	509 – 513	\$ 4,180.54
CDBG	–	\$ 0.00
Special Projects	–	\$ 0.00
Highway Aid	–	\$ 0.00
Capital Projects	–	\$ 0.00
Bulk Water Sales	183 – 188	\$ 3,187.17
	Total:	\$ 569,609.30

Park & Recreation – Mrs. Brown reported there was a Pool Authority meeting at the YMCA that was attended by Bellefonte Borough, Spring Township and the YMCA. Mr. Holderman will provide information to the two municipalities that were not present. A subdivide of the property would be done to remove the parking lot and the entrance into Governor's Park. If everyone is in agreement, then things will move forward on the creation of a Pool Authority.

Attendance at the pool is up.

Mr. Stewart reported there was an accident in Governor's Park where a vehicle hit Musser Pavilion. It may possibly be repaired by the weekend.

Human Resources – There was no report.

Safety – Mr. Wilson thanked Russell Shuey for coming in to the Council work session to update Council on the fire & safety inspections he did on the downtown businesses. Mr. Wilson feels he did a good job documenting his efforts.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle reported leak detection was done last week. Coca Cola provided the funds for this.

Coca Cola would like to use some of their employees for a Community Service Day painting in Talleyrand Park on Thursday, August 9.

The North Allegheny Street water main/repair/sleeve installation will be done on Tuesday, July 17.

The June 2012 Daily Water Withdrawal Report was in the packets for review.

Streets – The street paving bids were opened.

They were:

HRI, State College - \$36,960.00

Glenn Hawbaker - \$44,168.00

Ameron - \$53,025.70

New Enterprise - \$39,236.00

Mr. Beigle made a motion to turn the bids over to the Streets Committee for action and approval. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion.

Mr. Beigle made a motion that a sign installed on East Burnside Street be removed because the Borough does not want to set a precedence. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. Mrs. Brown abstained from the voting.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – There was no report.

Junior Council Report – There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve Ordinance #07022012-01 for the Borough of Bellefonte related to Energy Project Financing. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. This includes the refinancing of the water meter debt from 2004. A voice vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Beigle made a motion to cancel the second Council meeting in August, which would be August 20. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mrs. Brown made a motion that the CDBG Program Income Reutilization Plan and the CDBG Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistant Plan be placed in the Master File. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

POLICE EXONERATIONS

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council, Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting of July 16, 2012, at 8:15 p.m. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.