

COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 5, 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, Provan, Beigle, DeCusati, Halderman,

Members Excused: Schneider, Dunne,

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

Staff Present: Officer Brower,

Guests: Todd Strunk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of July 15, 2013. Mr. Beigle 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 Borough Police Department for their assistance at the Pleasant Gap carnival.

- A letter from Jen Lee, 297 Gemar Avenue, Pleasant Gap, regarding the Borough Landfill hours. She is requesting different hours or longer hours. It was

suggested she talk with Spring Township to pay for longer hours. Mr. Stewart will check into the complaint that the landfill closed earlier than it should.

- A letter from Kristina V. Tice, Principal, Saint John Catholic School, requesting permission to use Governors Park on Friday, October 18, 2013 by the St. John Catholic School faculty, students and volunteers for their fifth annual Race for Education. They would like use of the park pavilions, walking path and restroom facilities from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

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

- A letter from Mary Linn Tiffany, Secretary, Poorman Reunion, regarding a pavilion rental at Governor's Park and work that was done to assist a handicapped individual. A copy of this letter will be put in the file of the employees that made this improvement.

ORAL

- Todd Strunk, 108 Mill Street, requested Council give consideration to change the name of an alleyway designated in surrounding property deeds within the triangular block bordered by Mill Street, Pine Street and Stoney Batter. In the order of historical significance, the suggested name shall be Wingate Way. Council will discuss this at a work session.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Addis presented the July 2013 Police Exonerations. Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the Police Exonerations. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mayor Addis provided a Police Report for July 2013. Mayor Addis is amazed at the number of incidents the police officers are involved in that are non-law enforcement activities.

- Mayor Addis introduced Officer Jason Brower. Officer Brower gave a presentation to Council regarding a resurrected mailbox that was obtained from the Post Office. The mailbox is for unwanted/unneeded prescription pill drop-off. The mailbox is in the lobby of the Police Department. Bellefonte Borough Police Department is the only place in Centre County that has a drop-off at this point. The service is provided to the community Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The items dropped off are taken to Penn State University and incinerated.

For publicity Channel 6 did a news story on it; there will be a story in the Lock Haven Express; the CDT will be receiving a press release on it. The collection is for pills, patches and insulin.

Ms. Dainty thanked Officer Brower for the time he invested in this project to make Bellefonte a safer community.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- None.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the list of items for an Online Auction. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion.

The items are:

- 1989 Chevy S10
- Mack Truck
- 1996 Ford Crown Victoria
- 1989 Chevy Dump
- 1999 Ford Crown Victoria
- 1993 Chevy 2500
- 1990 Chevy 2500
- Chevy Dump Truck - that is cut - scrap or parts
- Cub Cadet lawn tractor with plow and balance weight box.
- Filing cabinets
- Heaters from Cerro Building.

A voice vote was unanimous. The online auction site is www.publicsurplus.com.

- The July 16, 2013 Draft IDA minutes are in the packet for review.

Finance and Government Performance – Ms. Dainty made a motion to pay the McQuaide Blasko invoice in the amount of \$989.00 for services rendered through June 30, 2013. Mr. Provan seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Park & Recreation – In clarification a trash can in Masullo Park will not be moved to the original location near the stream.

Human Resources – Mr. Stewart will be out of the office for vacation the weeks of August 12th and August 19th. Mr. Holderman will be in the office.

Safety – Mr. Wilson reported on the Bellefonte Fire Department Executive Committee meeting that was held on Thursday, August 1st. The Committee is considering establishing a Safety Committee because the Worker's Compensation policy no longer falls under the Borough due to a state requirement that includes the Cancer Requirement to fall under Workmen's Compensation. If they establish a Safety Committee they can save 5% on the insurance, which is approximately \$30,000.00. They tended to feel the procedure is set up for corporate rather than volunteer organizations.

They discussed the guidelines for an amendment to a fire agreement with the townships. The guideline acceptable would be a four-year extension to the original agreement with a 24-month termination notice. Spring Township responded with a counter that provided for a two-year agreement with a 12-month termination notice and a 5% cap on any yearly budget increase. Benner Township is requesting a two-year agreement with a 12-month termination notice. It doesn't appear that moving forward with the agreement is likely. Benner Township is proposing that a small group be established to re-examine the agreement and particularly the criteria, i.e. the assessed values using to determine the breakdown in who pays and how much. They do continue to make the payments even though there is no agreement.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle reported the water withdrawal report is in the packets for review. There was a high day due to a leak.

The Authority had a meeting with SBWJA at the SBWJA building. Mr. Beigle felt the meeting was productive.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati thanked the students who worked in the Borough from the Career Link Summer Youth Program. There were five students and they worked for six weeks. They painted the street light posts, the meter posts and the bridges in the park. A letter will be given to each of them.

- Funds were applied for from the State Disaster Relief for Lamb Street. Nothing has been heard yet regarding this.

There is a project on East Logan Street where the residents have requested the Borough take over an alley that has not been paved so it doesn't meet the requirements needed to take it over. The Committee will go to the residents with two options for them to choose from.

- PennDOT met recently to discuss projects on the CCMPO. One involved the Curtin Street repair work. They completed the design work and reported on that. The actual repair will not take place until 2016.

Other projects on the CCMPO are the 550 decongestion project corridor to upgrade some of the lights and controllers and the Phoenix Avenue intersection.

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 8th.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve Ordinance 080513-01 Amendment and Restatement of the Borough of Bellefonte Police Pension Plan. Mr. Provan seconded the motion. The solicitor has reviewed the ordinance. A voice vote was unanimous.

- The August 19th Council meeting is cancelled. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 3rd.

- Mr. Stewart will be attending an Airport Master Plan Meeting on Wednesday, August 7th.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the appointment of Thomas Mensch to the Civil Service Commission and Douglas Johnson to the Planning Commission. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve Resolution No. 08052013-001, a resolution to enter into an Equipment Lease with F.N.B. Commercial Leasing for the Purchase of a Refuse Truck. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. Mr. Provan questioned if this is part of the Master Plan to upgrade trucks. This is a replacement to the rear loaders. This will be outfitted to dump the cans in the rear loader style. It will be leased and the amount falls into the budgeted amount. At the end of the lease the Borough will own the truck. A voice vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Ms. Dainty made a motion to adjourn the meeting of August 5, 2013 at 8:04 PM. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.