

COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3, 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: Mayor Kent Addis
Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager

Officials Present: Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager

Staff Present:

Guests: Sally Houser; Holly Wilson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of August 5, 2013. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Deb Moore, Athletic Director, Bellefonte Area High School Department of Athletics, requesting the use of Governor's Park for cross country practice and the 2013 meets. The times requested are:

August 12 - September 2, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Monday - Friday)

September 3 - November 1, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Monday - Friday-
Tuesday, September 17, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. for a Meet

Tuesday, September 24, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. for a Meet

Mr. Provan made a motion to approve this request. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. This has been done for four or five years and the restrooms have been left open for their use. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Michael Shutt, Logistics Coordinator, CROP WALK, requesting permission to hold a CROP WALK on Sunday, October 20, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve this request as submitted. Mr. Provan seconded the motion. The restrooms at Governor's Park will need to be open for this. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Sally R. Houser, Event Chair, Bellefonte Victorian Christmas, with the following events for Victorian Christmas to be held December 13–15. The requests include:

- All meters surrounding the Diamond (both the Dairy Queen and the Beard Law Office sides) be bagged during the event to provide parking for the committee members who need to load and unload for the event.
- Electrical service for two food vendors outside the YMCA along the alleyway where Northwest Bank's drive-thru was located.
- The closure of High Street on both sides of the Courthouse to traffic on Saturday, December 14 and Sunday, December 15.
- That the Saturday Farmer's Market on December 14 be moved to Howard Street.
- The Borough's support in a cooperative effort with the Undines for putting up, tearing down the greens and bows for the event.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve the requests from Bellefonte Victorian Christmas and HBI as submitted provided they work with Borough Staff to accommodate the requests, including Police, the Fire Department Chief and the Fire Department. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. The electrical supply to the vendors is something new this year. The electrical service at the poles is not designed to support a heater. A voice vote was unanimous.

- An invitation to "What About Bob?" Building Our Businesses on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at The Match Factory. RSVP to Mary Resides no later than September 12, 2013. This is about economic development initiatives underway in Centre County and some concerns about future economic development. This is organized by CBICC.

- The PSAB Fall Conference will be held from Friday, October 18 through Sunday, October 20 in Pittsburgh, PA. RSVP's must be in by September 30 for registration discounts and by September 24th for room reservation. The registration fee does not include the Gateway Clipper ticket or the Dinner Buffet. That fee would be paid by the person attending.

- An invitation from the State College Borough Redevelopment Authority to their 2013 Community Education Forum to be held on Thursday, September 12, 2013, from

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the State College Municipal Building. The forum will focus on their "Innovation and Entrepreneurial Ecosystem".

- An email from David A. Council, Senior District Executive, Nittany Mountain District, Juniata Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, requesting the use of Governor's Park for a campout on the weekend of October 25–27, 2013 from sometime Friday afternoon to Noon on Sunday, October 27. There would be approximately 150 scouts and leaders attending the campout. The request includes the use of a couple pavilions, the basketball court, ball field, and open field on Saturday for various sport events/competitions. They would be tent camping in an area designated by the Borough.

Mr. Provan made a motion to approve this request. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. Mrs. Brown does not feel something like this should be held in the park. Mr. Provan stated Mr. Council is the leader of a Pleasant Gap Boy Scout Troop. He stated this troop is an integral part of the Bellefonte Cruise in terms of refuse pickup as well as helping out—doing quite a bit of community service in Bellefonte. He feels the facility at Governor's Park lends itself to this type of event. Mr. Provan does not fear any damage happening to the park and feels this is why the park is there. He is proud that they chose Governor's Park. Mrs. Brown is concerned about the liability issue involved. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Letters from Debbie Hamilton, Director, Bellefonte Arts & Crafts Fair, thanking Bellefonte Borough, the Borough Staff, volunteers, and all others that helped with the Arts & Crafts Fair. It was a huge success.

- A letter from Holly A. Wilson, President, HBI (Historic Bellefonte, Inc.) providing information regarding the Antique Fair/Fall Festival-Community Days-Halloween Parade 2013 to be held Friday, October 18 through Sunday, October 20.

The request involves

- The closing of West High Street from the Diamond to Potter Street from 7:00 a.m. Saturday, October 19, through 5:00 p.m., Sunday, October 20 (cross streets will remain open)
- The use of Talleyrand Park on Sunday, October 20, from Noon - 5:00 p.m.
- Approval for the annual Halloween parade to be held on Sunday, October 20, forming at the YMCA/High Street area and ending at Talleyrand Park. The parade would begin at 1:30 p.m. and last approximately 15 minutes.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve this request. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. They are unsure how many vendors will be participating. It was requested that they meet with the Department Chief. A voice vote was unanimous.

- An invitation from the Navy League of the United States, Central Pennsylvania Council, to the 2013 Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy Distinguished Citizen Award banquet honoring Gene Weller. The reception, dinner and program will be held on Friday, October 25, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Dean's Hall at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel. Those interested in attending must RSVP by Friday, October 18.

ORAL

- None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Ms. Dainty attended and testified at the hearing in State College regarding prevailing wage hosted by the L&I committee of the PA House. She testified about how it has made Bellefonte not able to pave some streets because of the prevailing wage. After that she was contacted and asked to be part of a video conference that is put out on the PA's Republican for Prevailing Wage website. She did participate in that also. She thanked everyone for giving her that opportunity.

- Mr. Beigle reported the Airport is doing okay. The ridership is holding steady in comparison to other parts of the state.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Addis provided a memo for Council Members requesting Council approve the officers and terms for the Civil Service Commission. They include:

Joseph Leiter - Chairman - 6 years

Thomas Mensch - Vice-Chairman - 4 years

Michael Cavone - Secretary - 2 years

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve the Civil Service Commission as listed. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- The Department of Fire Prevention/Code Enforcement August 2013 is at the table for review.

It was requested that the total number of rental housing permits be included on the report as well as commercial. It was also requested that the report be compared to the same period last year.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 421 East Curtin Street/Replace existing deteriorated carport structure with new wood structure of similar design. Replace deteriorated metal porch posts at carport and front porch. New posts will have a tapered wood column with stone veneer.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve 421 East Curtin Street as presented by HARB for modifications. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. Mr. Provan recused himself from the vote.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – No report.

Finance and Government Performance – Mr. Provan made a motion to file for audit the August 2013 Vouchers in the amount of \$787,171.84. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the vouchers as submitted.

August 2013 Vouchers

General	21173–21282	\$ 295,453.71
Streetlighting	911–916	\$ 5,778.94
Bellefonte Fire Dept.	1552–1571	\$ 20,771.87
Fire Equipment	214–216	\$ 10,266.26
Parks & Recreation	1850–1866	\$ 11,304.57
Water	9331–9397	\$ 152,227.54
Sanitation	10492–10543	\$ 179,503.21
Refuse	2922–2946	\$ 62,807.99
Swimming Pool	560–567	\$ 1,738.27
CDBG	503–504	\$ 4,719.05
Special Projects	167, 213	\$ 213.28
Highway Aid	–	\$ 0.00
Capital Projects	–	\$ 0.00
Bulk Water Sales	266–273	\$ 42,405.15
Total:		\$ 787,171.84

Mrs. Dainty made a motion to approve an invoice to McQuaide Blasko in the amount of \$1,184.50 for Services Rendered through July 31, 2013. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Mrs. Dunne questioned the previous balance, which is because there was not a second meeting in August. Mrs. Brown feels it needs to be made clear what is being voted on before the vote happens for the benefit of the viewing audience. Mr. Schneider suggested Council consider doing a consent agenda item at the beginning for routine items that are read quickly and they can then be published with the agenda item on the website, which helps move the meeting along in an efficient manner.

Mr. DeCusati questioned the large bulk water expense in the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Stewart stated that is the running total and he does not know why the percentages are like that. It appears that there is a typo. Mr. Stewart will email Council members with a verification of the correct amount.

Park & Recreation – Approximately \$12,000 was received from DCNR to do work along the stream bank to prevent erosion.

Kepler Pool did well through July but when the weather got cooler in August the attendance was down. A report will be coming soon.

Mrs. Dunne reported on the Edible Garden. A lot of lettuce was donated to the Food Bank and now Kale is being donated.

Human Resources – No report.

Safety – Mr. Wilson reported the unsafe violations on the Department of Fire Prevention/Code Enforcement August 2013 should be zero.

Mr. Schneider reported in the September meeting of Public Safety the replacement engine for 111 will be discussed. Currently the engine is at Penn Detroit Allison in Bedford for its annual maintenance, preventative maintenance and inspection because they are an actual Detroit dealer, which is what the motor is. It has been there close to a week because of problems in finding some of the parts that need to be replaced. It was purchased approximately eight years ago, the year before the Bush House fire. It performs and passes pump tests but the maintenance costs are becoming high. That piece was bought used. Mr. DeCusati feels there needs to be a better idea of what the other municipalities will be doing before making that type of purchase. He feels the Bellefonte Borough residents subsidize the other municipalities with services and it needs to be determined to what extent the other municipalities can piggy-back off the Borough with cheaper services. Mr. Schneider stated that type of apparatus needs to protect the Bellefonte Borough. Mr. Schneider reminded the municipalities are paying based on a formula that was agreed to. Fire Service is a required thing that is provided to the citizens based on state law. A work session will be held regarding this.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle reported the Authority meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati reported the Borough applied for Disaster Relief Funds from the Federal Government for Lamb Street repairs, and it does not look favorable to receive the funds. The sewer line and road will need to be repaired whether the funds come or not. This will need to be considered during budget time.

The gas company is replacing lines on the part of Linn Street that goes by the elementary school underneath the sidewalk. PennDOT granted the permit for that work. They were asked to be careful to leave the residents' properties in better shape than what they were found. The gas company uses contractors and the company being used has worked in the Borough in the past and has done good work.

Mr. DeCusati will be having a Streets Committee meeting and will inform the members when it is scheduled.

Mrs. Brown reported at the corner of Allegheny Street and Bishop Street there is a manhole that sticks up. Mr. Stewart stated it was reported to Bill in Public Works.

Mrs. Brown saw a lot of houses with high weeds on the right hand side of Bishop Street.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – Mrs. Dunne reported she has a model Solar Ordinance and will schedule a committee meeting to move forward with it.

Mr. DeCusati would like to know how much of a savings was realized with the upgrading of the street lights.

Junior Council Report – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Disaster Funding request was denied by the State but the decision is going to be appealed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the 2013 CDBG Project for the Streetscape Project in the amount of \$97,258.00. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Schneider made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 09032013.001A, Bellefonte Borough Excessive Force Policy. A resolution of the Council of Bellefonte Borough, Centre County, Pennsylvania, Adopting Policy Protecting Individuals Engaged in Nonviolent Civil Rights Demonstration. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. This is what Mr. DeCusati asked the Chief about. A voice vote was unanimous.

-There is a Borough Association webinar on Wednesday, September 4, from Noon to 1:30 p.m. on the "Duties and Responsibilities of Borough Council." Mr. Stewart will provide the link to interested Council members.

- Mr. Stewart reported there was a meeting with Congressman Thompson this morning. Issues related to concerns for the Borough and Federal Policy were discussed. There will be future meetings that will be established.

- Mr. Schneider reported a \$138,000.00 two-year Safer Grant was submitted last Friday, which is the staffing grant. Mr. Holderman was incredibly helpful in putting it together. If it is received, there is no matching required, 100% funding through the Federal Government, and it would be a paid person that would do recruit/retention for volunteers, code inspection assistance, as well as community education for fire and life safety education through the fire department along with responding to fire calls. Both fire departments will apply for the FEMA grant.

- Mrs. Dunne questioned where the process is for the Main Street Manager. Mr. Stewart reported candidates will be interviewed this month and then the process will continue.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Mr. Schneider made a motion to adjourn the meeting of September 3, 2013 at 8:30 p.m. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.