

**COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 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: Wilson, Taylor, Schneider, Provan, McCullough, Beigle, Dunne, Halderman, Confer

Members Excused: Dainty, DeCusati,

Officials Present: Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager  
Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager  
Mayor Stanley Goldman  
Chief Shawn Weaver

Staff Present:

Guests: Cindy Hahn, Bob Lamb, Joanne Cobalt, Connie Cousins

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of September 6, 2011. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Under the Building and Property report on the third line a correction needs to be made to state "membership is higher than 2009 but less than 2010". A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as corrected.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**WRITTEN**

- A letter from Barbara E. Hoffman, Student Council Co-Advisor, Bellefonte Area High School, requesting permission to hold the Homecoming parade on Thursday, October 6, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. beginning at the Bellefonte Elementary School, proceeding south on Allegheny Street to Bishop Street, then proceed east on Bishop Street to Rodgers Stadium.

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

- A letter from Michael Shutt, Logistics Coordinator, CROP WALK, requesting approval for the CROP WALK, which will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. A copy of the proposed route was attached for Council members to review. The walk will begin at the Faith United Methodist Church, proceed to Governors Park, and then return to the church.

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

- Information was provided regarding flu vaccines. The cost would be \$28.00 per person. The clinic can be set up in the Borough Building.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to follow the flu clinic procedure that was followed in previous years. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Nancy Perkins, FIDSA, President and CEO, Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind, Dallas, Texas, in regard to the Cadillac Building providing options that are available to the property owner.

- A letter from Holly A. Wilson, President, Historic Bellefonte, Inc., and the Bellefonte Area School District in regard to holding a Bellefonte Community Day/Fall Festival event, which would be held on Sunday, October 23, 2011. They are requesting the use of Talleyrand Park on Sunday, October 23, from Noon until 5:00 p.m. They also are requesting the closure of West High Street from Water Street to Potter Street for that same period of time. The request also includes approval for the annual Halloween parade with a suggested route of Allegheny Street from the Bellefonte Elementary School to High Street (Courthouse) and High Street to Talleyrand. The parade would begin at 1:30 p.m. and last no longer than 30 minutes. Pending approval of the parade, they are also requesting a street closure of Allegheny Street from the Bellefonte Elementary to High Street (Courthouse) and High Street to Talleyrand Park for the duration of the parade.

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

- A letter from Nancy Buller, 455 E. Linn Street, with issues in regard to the new refuse container. The staff will review the letter and talk with Mrs. Buller.

- Reports from the YMCA regarding Kepler Pool. Included are the 2011 August Statement of Activity; 2006–2011 Summer Attendance Report; 2011 Summer Overview Report by Ray Carroll; Pepsi Refresh.

The Parks & Recreation Committee will set up a meeting to discuss the future of the pool.

## **ORAL**

- Joanne Cobalt, President of the Bellefonte Sunrise Rotary Club, was introduced. She presented a check in the amount of \$3,000.00 to the Borough. The check was proceeds from the Children's Fair and is to be used to purchase playground equipment for the parks.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- The Shade Tree Commission will be having a meeting regarding amending the Tree Ordinance.

- Mr. Beigle reported the Airport Authority put the control tower into operation September 1. Two weeks ago, for the Alabama/Penn State game, there were 536 airplanes parked at the airport. All the carpeting in the airport will be replaced in the near future. A belt will be replaced as well.

- There will be a Fire Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, September 22.

- The Shared Services Task Force meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28. The budget for 2012 will be discussed.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Goldman reported today is a happy occasion because Bellefonte Police Department had a 2011 Dodge Charger police cruiser delivered to them. The vehicle is being detailed for police specifications and will be ready within the next two weeks for implementation. This vehicle will replace an aging vehicle.

## **OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

### **ZONING/PLANNING**

- The draft Planning Commission meeting minutes from the August 29, 2011, meeting were in the packet for review.

## **CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS**

- 1) 214 West High Street—Install signs for Indulge (\*ndulge) cupcake shop. Two 28” vinyl signs mounted to exterior windows. Signs are identical to those at the State College \*ndulge location.
- 2) 116 North Thomas Street—Install overhead door for Jack’s Auto Repair. Existing rolling door will not interfere with new overhead door and will remain in open position. This solution allows the owner to install a more secure and air tight door, while also preserving the historic rolling door and hardware. This work will require a Building Permit.
- 3) 125 West High Street—Remove drive-thru window at the YMCA; install new drive-thru ATM. New brick to match existing will be provided to fill open wall areas. This work will require a Building Permit.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve all three Certificates of Appropriateness. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. Mrs. Dunne noted there was no sign image for the 214 West High Street location. A voice vote was unanimous.

The meeting minutes from the September 13, 2011, HARB meeting were in the packet for review.

**COMMITTEES**

Building & Property—Mrs. Dunne reported a meeting was held on site with Mr. Daughenbaugh in regard to purchasing or having use of a portion of the right-of-way. The situation was examined and there will be a meeting on September 29, 2011, with the Little League President to discuss the best use of the land.

Mrs. Dunne would like to re-examine the deadline of January 1, 2012, to move ahead with the restoration of the Cadillac Building or to begin demolition. She stated there was concern expressed that it may not give the property owner enough time. Mrs. Dunne suggested that the Cadillac Building should be re-examined by the Cadillac Building Committee of Borough Council.

Mayor Goldman stated he is against extending the time deadline.  
Mr. Schneider suggested the IDA examine the building as well.

Finance & Government Performance—Mr. Schneider made a motion to file for audit the August 2011 vouchers in the amount of \$717,545.11. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

August 2011 Vouchers

General	18706 - 18801	\$ 220,312.93
Streetlighting	729 - 741	\$ 8,101.99
Bellefonte Fire Dept.	1184 - 1195	\$ 15,435.20
Fire Equipment	135 - 139	\$ 7,396.88
Parks & Recreation	1503 - 1525	\$ 12,484.52
Water	7820 - 7884	\$ 134,786.35
Sanitation	9150 - 9201	\$ 232,057.99
Refuse	2264 - 2283	\$ 64,218.01
Swimming Pool	480 - 485	\$ 1,366.14
CDBG	494	\$ 565.00
Special Projects	119 - 120, 97	\$ 5,298.74
Highway Aid	FEE	\$ 2.50
Capital Projects	-	\$ 0.00
Bulk Water Sales	142 - 144	\$ 15,518.86
	Total:	<u>\$ 717,545.11</u>

Mr. Beigle made a motion to pay an invoice to McQuaide Blasko in the amount of \$1,360.00. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Park & Recreation—Mr. Taylor reported there will be a meeting on Tuesday, September 20, at 10:00 a.m. regarding the Teener League Field. He reported the outfield has been dredged, seeded and covered over. Things are proceeding very well.

Human Resources—Mr. Holderman attended the Welcome Reception for Leadership Centre County class of 2011–2012.

There is an opening at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for an operator position. The position is being advertised with applications being due Wednesday, September 28, at 4:00 p.m.

Safety—Mr. Wilson reported a downtown lighting manufacturer is looking at additional lighting options for the Diamond/High Street Bridge areas.

Water/Sanitation—Mr. Beigle reported on the Daily Water Withdrawal report. The average monthly usage is 2,691,359.

Mr. Beigle reported that Nittany Engineering will be retained as the Wastewater Engineer. The engineering firm is reappointed every year with an in-depth interview every three or four years.

Mr. Stewart will be contacting Mr. Port to see if he would like to continue his interest in developing.

Mr. Beigle reported today was the first day for residents to use their new refuse collection containers. Mr. Stewart reported the crews are a few days behind in distributing the containers. It takes a two-three person crew and a trailer full of the containers and some of the alleys and roadways are very narrow, which slows them down. The ideal goal was to have everything in place and ready to operate by October 3. The schedule will be a day or two behind. Residents do not have to use the containers until the week of October 3. The trucks will not be ready to run until the first week of October. Residents are encouraged to use their containers for a few months before they decide they need a smaller container. Mr. Holderman reported the goal for having the residential containers distributed is by the end of September. Individual requests have been received from residents regarding the containers and pick-up locations. All old plastic containers will be picked up on Wednesday, October 5, and Wednesday, October 12. The containers will be recycled, and the Borough will be paid for what is sent back. Grass clipping containers will not be distributed until next year.

The landfill is kept open approximately until Thanksgiving.

Streets—There will be a SR 150 Corridor Study Meeting on Thursday, September 29, at 9:00 a.m. at the McCormick Taylor Office located at 101 Innovation Boulevard, Suite 206.

Mr. Taylor reported many times when vehicles come up High Street and try to make a right-hand turn onto Cherry Alley, it is difficult because there is either a resident or a police car parked there. Mr. Stewart will have the Streets Committee examine the situation.

Paving on Beaver Street is tentatively scheduled to be completed.

Mr. Schneider requested that the Streets Committee examine whether it would be advantageous to examine a coordination between the Water Authority, Columbia Gas, Liquid Fuels, etc., to correct all the deficiencies and problems so the streets do not have to be dug up at a future time.

Mr. Holderman reported there will be approximately fourteen (14) trees planted during the fall tree planting. The trees will be planted within the next two weeks.

Columbia Gas did work around Spring and Logan Streets and have replaced the sidewalks. The sidewalks along Water Street will be patched this fall.

Energy & Environmental Conservation—The Authority approved a motion to move ahead with an agreement with Johnson Controls for the water and wastewater systems.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 2012 CDBG Projects—Mr. Schneider made a motion to make the South Water Street Sidewalk Replacement the project for the 2012 CDBG. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Any Council member planning to attend the PA State Association of Boroughs Fall Leadership Conference October 21–23 should let Mr. Stewart or Mr. Holderman know as soon as possible.

- Mrs. Dunne made a motion to continue membership with CNET for 2012. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Taylor and Mr. Beigle voting no.

- Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve the Records Management System presented by Chief Weaver. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Holderman reported there are vacancies on various Boards. The IDA has two vacancies; the Water Authority has a vacancy; HARB needs an architect; and a person is needed for Zoning. Interested people should provide a resume to the Borough office along with a letter of interest stating which board they would be willing to serve on.

- Mr. Holderman reported the sanitation portion of the Ordinance Codification will be sent out prior to the next Council meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- The 2012 County Liquid Fuels application was received with a due date of Monday, November 7, 2011. They are seeking a street project in the \$15,000.00 range.

- Mr. Beigle advised everyone to be careful pulling out of the intersection of Parkview Boulevard and SR550. Mr. Beigle would like to contact Senator Jake Corman and State Representative Kerry Benninghoff to encourage them to have a traffic light installed at that location.

- The Northwest Savings Bank will open December 5, 2011.

- Mr. Beigle received a request to hang something on the light poles that currently do not have anything on them. He also pointed out there is a 15 mph sign coming past the Catholic school area but traffic goes very fast. The principal would like permission to hang a banner reminding drivers to slow down. A suggestion was made to contact the state and get permission to paint markings on the street.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- With no other business to come before Council, Mr. Provan made a motion to adjourn the meeting of September 19, 2011, at 9:00 p.m. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.