

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
October 20, 2014
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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: Brachbill, Brown, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman, Harvey, Spicer, Walker,

Members Excused: Beigle, Li

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

Staff Present:

Guests: Lisa Erickson; Sam McGinley; Karen Drosnes;

CONSENT AGENDA

(The following items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of Council request specific items to be removed for separate action.)

- Minutes - Approval of October 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes
- Finance - September 2014 Treasurer's Report
- Finance - September 2014 Voucher Summary: \$1,242,571.07
- Finance - McQuaide Blasko Invoice

Mr. Spicer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Kimberly Fisher, PRWA Membership Coordinator, PA Rural Water Association informing the Borough that there is a GIS mapping service available. The letter will be forwarded to the Authority for their next meeting. This would be a fee-based system.

- A memo from Mr. Stewart informing Bellefonte Borough Council and Bellefonte Borough Employees that there will be a flu clinic on Tuesday, October 28, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The cost will be \$25.00. The Borough will pay for any Council Member, the Mayor or employees. Spouses, friends, etc., are responsible for paying for their own vaccine. The vaccine will be administered by Rite-Aid.

- A letter from Deloris Brobeck, Race Director, Give Em' 5 Veterans Run, requesting permission to use state and Borough streets for a 5 mile/5K run/walk on Sunday, November 2, at 1:00 p.m. The race will begin at the Middle School.

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to grant the proposal with the direction that there are to be no markings made to the pavements or streets and that markings for directions will be done with cones or removable signs. Mr. Spicer seconded the motion. Mrs. Brown would like the motion amended to state the signs must be removed when the race is over. They will need PennDOT clearance for Howard Street. A voice vote was unanimous.

ORAL

- None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The October 8, 2014, IDA draft meeting minutes are in the packets for review.

- The September 18, 2014, Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission draft meeting minutes are in the packets for review.

- Mrs. Dunne gave a brief report on the Spring Creek Watershed Commission meeting held on Wednesday, October 15. The speaker was Jason Deter, who is the Northeast Region Fisheries Supervisor for the Fish and Boat Commission. He talked about the Spring Creek Fishery. He discussed it historically and discussed the ketones and one other chemical from Rutger's Neese and the subsequent cleaning up of the pollution. His perspective is from the trout. The impact of storm water on the fishery in the creek was discussed. They see increased temperatures with the sudden storm water discharges into the creek, which fortunately have not been prolonged enough to cause fish kill. In the Spring Creek Watershed 13% of the surface is impervious.

Normally when you go over 10% there is a decline in the water quality. This has not happened due to the interesting geology in this area. Mrs. Dunne encourages everyone to watch his presentation on C-NET October 28 at 7:30 p.m. and October 29, at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Dunne is going to a learning lunch on storm water on Friday, October 24, called "The Evolving Landscape of Storm Water Management." She would like other Council members to join her. The presenters are two gentlemen from a land studies firm in Lancaster.

The 2015 dues for the Spring Creek Watershed Commission will remain the same.

- Mr. Halderman received a letter from Leslie Rhoads, and he asked where the Borough is with the Storm Water Ordinance. Mr. Holderman stated she needs to be called to get that set up.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Wilson reported the Police Exonerations and the Police Report for the month were provided for Council members to review. A push has been on to try to reduce speeds in town. Most streets in the Borough are 25 mph. There were 158 traffic stops this month. There were 11 citations and arrests of those stopped.

- Mayor Wilson thanked HBI for the Fall Festival and the job the organization did to organize, which Mrs. Brown was part of, to facilitate the annual Halloween parade, which was attended by several hundred families.

- Mrs. Dunne would like a break-out for the last three months on the drug-related arrests. Mayor Wilson will get clarification on whether the drug-related arrests were actual arrests or just activity. Council members would also like a spreadsheet with a running total and more detail on the report.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

- Trick-or-treat will be observed on Thursday, October 30, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you plan to participate, please leave your porch light on.

ZONING/PLANNING

None.

HARB

- HARB Draft meeting minutes from the October 14, 2014, meeting is in the packet for review.

BUILDING AND PROPERTY - Mr. Brachbill is still waiting for a report from the consultant. Mr. Holderman stated they are meeting with John Sepp on Tuesday, October 21, at 3:30 p.m.

FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE - Mrs. Dunne reported there will be a Finance Committee meeting in the near future.

PARK AND RECREATION - Mrs. Brown reported the Train Rides and the Fall Festival were held in the park over the weekend. The Train Rides were well attended. The Fall Festival was well attended. There were a lot of people in the park. It was nice weather, a fun day and a nice event.

- Mrs. Brown reported that the Talleyrand Park Committee is going to receive the Centre County Historical Award for the year on Sunday, November 9, at the Centre County Visitors Bureau at 3:00 p.m. All Council members are encouraged to attend this ceremony.

- There is a Talleyrand Park Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 21, at 4:30 p.m.

HUMAN RESOURCES - Mr. Spicer reported there was an executive session for a legal issue prior to this Council meeting.

- Mrs. Dunne would like to have the discussion about a part-time police officer referred to either a combination of the Finance Committee and the Human Resources Committee or just the Finance Committee. Mr. Halderman requested that each committee meet separately to discuss it and then have the Chairmen of the committees meet.

SAFETY - Mr. Brachbill reported the Fire Prevention Task Force will be meeting on Thursday, October 23, at 6:00 p.m. The Fire Executive Committee meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. The main topic of the Fire Executive Committee will be the budget.

- There was a request from the Women's Resource Center to release luminaries from the Centre County Courthouse site on Wednesday, October 29. Chief Schreffler feels it is not a safe thing to do in the downtown area.

Mr. Brachbill made a motion to deny the request of the Women's Resource Center to release luminaries at their vigil on October 29th in the Courthouse Area. Mr. Spicer seconded the motion. It was noted that they would be permitted to hold candles. A voice vote was unanimous.

WATER AND SANITATION - No report.

STREETS - Mr. DeCusati reported the Streetscape Project is progressing. They plan to have most of the work finished by the end of October. The latest report from WMF is in

the packet to review. Mr. Halderman feels the concrete looks good and matches the existing very well.

When trees get tall they need to be examined because they interfere with lighting.

- The Borough put out an RFQ for engineering proposals for the Lamb Street project. The Committee will be evaluating those over the next couple of weeks and plan to bring a recommendation to Council at the meeting of November 3.

This project is being done by FEMA Emergency Funding. This will not have any impact on the Borough's Streets Budget for other projects next year.

- There is ongoing paving while asphalt is still available. On November 1 they will be going around repairing cracks.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION - Ms. Harvey reported options for electricity purchasing are being investigated but more information is needed before they can proceed further.

JUNIOR COUNCIL - Ms. Li was crowned the Bellefonte Homecoming queen. It was requested that a letter of congratulations be sent to her.

OLD BUSINESS

- Council is still reviewing the request from the Jehovah's Witnesses. The Attorney provided a letter regarding what the rules and regulations might be. Council, the Borough Manager, and the Assistant Borough Manager are going to work on a written definition of what the areas are down there and where they can and cannot be.

- For the Farmer's Market they will need to talk to the County Commissioners because the sidewalk in front of the Courthouse belongs to the County Commissioners.

- Mrs. Brown reported there will be an answer about the Girl Scout Library Box at the November 3, 2014, Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Stewart provided information on the Ebola virus. It is on the Borough website as an FYI. It is a virus that is not spread through casual contact, air, water, food grown or legally purchased in the United States. It is transferred through bodily fluids of a person who is sick with, or has died from Ebola; objects contaminated with the virus such as needles; or infected animals.

- Mr. Holderman, Mayor Wilson and Mr. Halderman attended the PSAB meeting in Gettysburg this past weekend. Everything was very nice. The theme was on leadership. There was a very good speaker at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. There were excellent breakout sessions on water and sewer systems. Bellefonte Borough's

camera system was used as an example. The person that gave a talk was at the Borough last summer when the camera system retrofitted the waterline with 29 sleeves. There was a session on drug issues. They gave an update on radar in Boroughs and where that legislation is. There was another session on blight and codes and what they are doing in Harrisburg in regards to that and how they are using the District Magistrates. They are separated out and two deal specifically with all building codes so they become experts. It is having an impact in Harrisburg. Mr. Halderman has some notes of things he wants to bring up with Council. He will email those things in the next day or so. Mayor Wilson thanked Council for allowing him to go along. He had opportunity to meet people from larger Boroughs, like-sized Boroughs and smaller Boroughs. There was a presentation from Monaca Borough who has a lot of recognition throughout the state for being a sustainable Borough saving money by implementing cost-saving measures and green initiatives in their Borough. It was a very well done presentation by their Borough manager. Monaca has received a lot of grant money.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council, Mrs. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting of October 20, 2014, at 8:04 p.m. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.