

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
April 6, 2015
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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: Beigle, Brachbill, Brown, Halderman, Harvey, Spicer, Walker

Members Excused: DeCusati, Dunne, Li

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

Staff Present: Sergeant Brower

Guests: Walter G. M. Schneider, Jr.; Kevin Lloyd; Tom Thal

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 March 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- Correspondence - Letter request from J. Parks regarding a Boot Drive for Jeff Buck
- Correspondence - Letter request from B. Wertz regarding a Boot Drive for Jeff Buck
- Correspondence - Letter request from Bellefonte Little League regarding the Annual Tag Day
- Correspondence - Letter request regarding the Lions Club Annual Rib Sale Fundraiser

- Correspondence - Letter request from Watermarke Church regarding a Banner on the Bridge Railing
- Correspondence - Letter request from W. Ford regarding additional Bluebird Nest Boxes in Parkview Heights Park
- Correspondence - Letter request regarding JazzPA
- Correspondence - Letter request from Thal Family Trust
- Finance - Approval of McQuaide Blasko Invoice

Mr. Spicer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Tanya Packer, Home and School president for St. John School in Bellefonte, requesting the rental/use of the pavilion at Governor's Park that is near Kepler Pool on Thursday, September 3, from 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. for a school fundraiser. The request includes the baseball field and the area around the pavilion. They also would like to bring in a shaved ice stand and a funnel cake stand as well as possibly a few others.

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

- A letter from Ed Troxell, PSAB Staff to Resolution & Policy Steering Committee in regard to the status of some resolution submissions. One of the three resolutions was approved and two were found to be unfavorable by the committee. Mr. Halderman, Mr. Holderman, and Mayor Wilson will be attending the convention, and Mr. Halderman will speak on the approved resolution when it comes up.

- A letter from Albert Lavan, Centre County WNV Program Coordinator, Centre County Planning & Community Development Office, informing that the 2015 Center County West Nile Virus Surveillance and Control season will begin on March 30.

The letter says your municipality can assist the 2015 County program by urging residents to eliminate sources of standing water such as unused swimming pools, stagnant ornamental ponds, poorly functioning roof gutters, and especially used tires. If is feasible, poorly functioning storm water systems should be cleaned out to eliminate standing water. If a resident is aware of wet areas that are breeding large amounts of mosquitoes they are asked to contact the County Planning & Community Development Office so samples can be trapped for identification and testing.

- A letter from Lois L. Lenker, 1156 Zion Road, requesting a reduction on her Borough bill. The only refuse she has is recycling, which she takes care of getting rid of by taking it to the recycling bins herself.

Mr. Beigle suggested sending out the letter explaining what the services and fees are.

- There will be an open house at Bellefonte Borough on Thursday, April 16, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to extend warm wishes to Linn McClincy, the crew leader in the Refuse Department, on his retirement.

- A letter from Heather Heckman, Early Care and Education Program Director, YMCA of Centre County, Bellefonte Branch, requesting permission to use Governor's Park for the Summer Camp program, as they have for the past 19 summers. The program will run from June 15 to August 26, Monday through Friday, from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. They would like the use of the park area and pavilions #1, #2, and #3 and request the use of the restrooms and drinking fountains. If one pavilion is being used they will move to an available one.

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

- A letter from Cynthia Mazzant, Co-Artistic Director, Tempest Productions, requesting the use of Talleyrand Park and the Gazebo for three Bard in Bellefonte Programs scheduled for Saturday, August 22, with a rain date of Sunday, August 23. Set up would take place in the mornings with the event tentatively scheduled for 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. and clean-up from 4:00 p.m. - 6 p.m. This is the seventh year of this free event that is supported by the PA Council on the Arts.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion. They will be made aware of the permit fee. A voice vote was unanimous.

- There is a note about some upcoming Boroughs Association webinars for Council to review.

ORAL

- Tom Thal, 1302 Pine Circle, Bellefonte, was here in regard to a letter he dropped off requesting closure of part of Cherry Lane for an auction at his parent's home. This request was approved under the Consent Agenda.

- Ms. Harvey has received three complaints about the CDT circulars that are delivered in the bright pink wrapper. Two people had their snow blowers messed up because they are strewn on the sidewalk. Some people have them put at the end of their driveway, and it is difficult to get them. Ms. Harvey stated if you do not want the circulars, you should contact the CDT and request that they do not deliver them. If you would like to receive the circulars, perhaps you could contact the CDT and request that they place them properly.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Draft IDA meeting minutes from March 11, 2015, are in the packet for review.

- Draft Safety Committee meeting minutes from March 11, 2015, are in the packet for review.

- Draft Fire Prevention Task force minutes from March 26, 2015, are in the packet for review.

- Mr. Halderman attended the Centre Region COG Public Safety Committee meeting on Thursday, April 2. He brought up some questions Council had regarding police overtime, the courts, etc. The response he received is currently nobody really knows if they have a problem or not because they are not really watching the police costs. They just pay the bills. The managers met and are going to monitor this.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Wilson informed the citizens that the Borough Police have been very diligent the last few days with checking speeding in the Borough. He saw some first-hand pull offs on Bishop Street. If you are traveling in the Borough, please watch your speed.

Sergeant Brower is in attendance at the meeting to address any questions. He reported there were 21 traffic stops today.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- Draft Planning Committee meeting minutes for March 23, 2015, are in the packet for review.

HARB

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

1) 219-221 West High Street - Replace windows on the 221 side of property plus add black awnings across front of entire building. There will be gold lettering on the awnings and will identify the property. Lighting will be added below the awnings.

2) 127-129 North Spring Street - Remove old shingles and apply black 40-year architectural shingles.

3) Talleyrand Park - Place a fountain that used to sit in front of the Courthouse in the Sculpture Garden at Talleyrand Park as an art piece. It will sit on a stamped concrete pad and the piece will be anchored and secured.

Mr. Spicer made a motion to approve all three Certificates of Appropriateness as presented. Ms. Harvey seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- HARB draft meeting minutes from the March 24, 2015, meeting are in the packet for review.

BUILDING AND PROPERTY - No report.

FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE - No report.

PARK AND RECREATION - No report.

HUMAN RESOURCES - Mr. Spicer reported there was an Executive Session to discuss the Armory property and some personnel matters.

- There was an internal candidate that moved into the Refuse Department Crew Leader position, and he will be training with Linn McClincy until he retires.

- There is an open position for a mechanic job that will be posted either Thursday or Friday in the Centre Daily Times.

- The PA Rural Water Association Training Conference was held March 24 - 27 at the Penn Stater. There were a number of water and wastewater system operators that attended and received credit for their certificates.

- It has been advertised for a part-time on-call person for refuse to cover on days off by the regular personnel.

SAFETY - Mr. Brachbill made a motion to approve the Rowe Fire Sprinkler for the Fire Department Sprinkler Project in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. Mr. Walker seconded the motion.

- Mr. Brachbill made a motion to use \$20,000.00 from the Bellefonte Fire Fund to cover additional costs incurred in accordance with the tap on the line. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Draft Fire Executive committee meeting minutes from March 26, 2015, are in the packet for review.

- An FYI email was in the packet regarding Firefighter Compensation.

WATER AND SANITATION - The March 2015 Daily Water Withdrawal report is in the packets for review. Mr. Beigle shared a device, compliments of Coca-Cola, that is placed on a curb box in the community in the evening and it records. The next day it is picked up and plugged into the computer, and it tells what the water flow is in the line. One computer and fifteen devices were received. The package was valued at approximately \$20,000.00, and it was given to the Borough compliments of Coca-Cola.

- Mr. Beigle invited everyone to the Authority meeting on Tuesday, April 7, at 6:00 p.m.

STREETS - Mr. Spicer made a motion to approve the Stahl Sheaffer Engineering, LLC invoice in the amount of \$12,067.45 as submitted. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Beigle commended the Borough crew on the job they are doing with the street cleaning. Mr. Holderman reminded residents if they sweep the stones in front of their house to please put them in a row rather than one big pile. A big pile makes it difficult for the sweeper to pick them up. Residents are also encouraged to move their vehicles so the streets could be swept.

- Mr. Holderman reported that Ameron Construction was the lowest qualified bidder on the Lamb Street project and were awarded the bid. That construction will begin in mid-May and it is anticipated to be a six-week project.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION - No report.

JUNIOR COUNCIL - No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve Resolution No. 04062015-01 which is a revised fee schedule. Ms. Harvey seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Brachbill made a motion to appoint Mr. Don Holderman as the voting delegate for Bellefonte Borough at the PSAB Conference. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Summary points for the Bellefonte Tree Inventory done by Penn State was provided to Council. Mr. Holderman reported there were some staffing issues, and a more detailed report would be provided in the future.

- Mr. Stewart attended a First Responder Recognition Dinner at the First Baptist Church in mid-March. At the dinner it was announced that they will be donating \$2,000.00 to the Police Department and \$1,000.00 in total to Bellefonte EMS and the Fire Company.

Mr. Halderman requested a letter be sent to the First Baptist Church thanking them for their donation.

- When a motion is made on the financial report, the wording "Motion to File for Audit" is not necessary in the motion according to Ms. Walker, the Finance Director.

- Last year for the Skunk Removal Program the Borough decided to have cost-sharing where the resident would pay 50% of the cost to have a skunk removed with the thought of the Borough continuing to back out of the program.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to continue the same way with the Borough paying 50% of the cost and the homeowner paying 50% of the cost if there are any skunk

problems in the Borough. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Walker made a motion to pay the additional cost of \$3,200.00 to Barton Associates regarding the Undine and Logan Fire Department Sprinkler Systems. Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion. This amount comes out of the Fire Fund. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Spicer made a motion to approve the Local Enforcement of Noise Ordinance related to Liquor Establishments as worded in the memo. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Halderman reported that PSAB called and invited him to do a show with the new Fire Commissioner and a Councilman from Allegheny County. They taped a session on Volunteer Fireman Recruitment and Retainment. He told them about the resolution that would help the firemen with taxes and the one about the sprinkler and tax credits for residents installing them. It went quickly but there were only 28 minutes for the program. It will air on Sunday, April 12, at 5:00 p.m. on PCN.

- Walt Schneider, 401 East Beaver Street, asked if it would be advantageous to talk with C-NET and PCN because of the regional impact of the volunteer fire service and the loss of volunteers to see if C-NET could get and rebroadcast that program. Mr. Halderman will contact PSAB and ask them. Mr. Halderman said the broadcasts are available on the PSAB website also.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Mr. Brachbill made a motion to adjourn the meeting of April 6, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.