

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
May 18, 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, Dunne, Halderman, Harvey, Spicer, Walker, Li

Members Excused: DeCusati,

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

Staff Present: Vana Dainty

Guests: Sam McGinley; Kerrie Bodle; V. T. Newlin; Dysten Doeblen; Tami Schuster; Susan Hannegan, CCDCDO

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 May 4, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- Communications - Letter Request re Bellefonte Cruise
- Mayor - Police Report - April 2015
- Mayor - Police Exonerations - April 2015
- Finance - McQuaide Blasko Invoice
- Finance - April 2015 Voucher Summary - \$882,283.02

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Spicer seconded the motion. Mrs. Dunne requested the McQuaide Blasko Invoice be removed from the Consent Agenda. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mrs. Dunne feels the legal fees are quite high. A lot of time was spent on the Armory Property. If there are outstanding bills, a municipal lien is filed so the Borough gets its money. There is a line item for each expense.

Mrs. Dunne made a motion to approve payment of the McQuaide Blasko invoice as submitted. Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from the LCB Attorney, Melissa Noyes, regarding the Borough of Bellefonte Noise Exemption Hearing. The hearing will be held on Friday, May 22nd, in Council Chambers, in regard to the noise exemption hearing.

- A letter from Tanya Ray, Mailing Shipping Coordinator, providing notice that the Yellowbook phone book will be delivered in the Bellefonte area between May 28, 2015 and June 18, 2016. If someone does not want the book or does not receive one, they could call Michael Weaver at 248-219-3939.

- A letter from Steven B. Laudenslager, UCC Accessibility Audit and Training Administrator, Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry in regard to the Building Code Audit. The Audit is completed for the purposes of looking at accessibility issues and the findings are in the report for Council to review.

- A letter from Debbie Hamilton, Director, Bellefonte Arts & Craft Fair, requesting permission to hold the Artist Reception on Friday, August 14th, under a big tent in Talleyrand Park. (The fair is August 14th & 15th.) They need to provide a Certificate of Insurance to the Borough.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the reception by the Arts & Craft Fair. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from William Masullo in response to discussions about the Governor's Park Ball Field use. Mr. Holderman suggested that Mr. Masullo be invited to the meeting that will be held at a later date with Mr. Menna and Mr. Mason.

- A letter from Rodney A. Beard, Bellefonte Historical Properties, LLC, voicing a positive experience with Centre Region Code through a recent review of his property.

- A press release from West Penn Power noting that they upgraded a substation that will have a positive impact on Centre County.

- A letter from Louwana S. Oliva, General Manager, CATA, in regard to conversations regarding the budget at the May 4, 2015, Council meeting. Any questions should be addressed to Mr. Stewart.

ORAL

- None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

-Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority 2015 1st Quarter Minutes are in the packet for review.

- Draft IDA meeting minutes from the May 13, 2015, meeting are in the packet for review.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Wilson read a proclamation declaring May 2015 as National Preservation Month. May has been the National Historic Preservation Month since 1973. Bellefonte established its Historic District and established the Historic Architectural Review Board on November 2, 1970. He stated it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals such as the Historical Architectural Review Board. He called upon the people of Bellefonte to join the fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

He presented the proclamation to HARB president Sam McGinley. All HARB members will receive a copy. Mr. McGinley thanked the Borough for giving them the opportunity to serve on the HARB board.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- The Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission Meeting minutes are at the table for review.

HARB

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

1) 108-118 South Allegheny Street (Temple Court) - to reconstruct the storefronts so they are more historically correct, as presented in the slide presentation slide #2.

Motion two for 108-118 South Allegheny Street - the removal of the stair to the basement and the door and window at the bottom of the stairs; plus the restoration of Cherry Lane to a wider width.

2) 431 East Curtin Street - the addition of deck type screened in porch area to increase the size of the porch and 2nd floor balcony by 8'; the porch will be built on piers; the balcony will have a vinyl railing to meet code and access to the second floor to meet code standards; the under part of the deck to be enclosed with white lattice.

3) 129 West Linn Street - paint the trim on the house the following colors: Tarragon, Woodwind Strawberry and Oakland Yellow.

4) 221 West High Street Suite 100 - Approve the signage for the windows.

Ms. Harvey made a motion to approve all Certificates of Appropriateness. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. Mrs. Dunne questioned what design will be for the doors of the Temple Court Building. Sue Hannegan gave some background about the slide presentation, which was based on the historic photographs of the site. Their goal is to represent the storefront as closely as possible. There is a window on Cherry Lane with a transom glass and the goal of the County is to replicate that design in the storefronts across the front of the building. She had the slide presentation available if needed. There are two exiting doors on the Temple Court. The one to the far left, closest to the Annex, will look like a door, but not function like a door, so that it provides the appearance of a door from the street. They do not believe the rosettes on the building are historical. All entry will be in the new facade that is on West High Street. A voice vote was unanimous.

- HARB draft meeting minutes from the May 11, 2015, meeting are in the packet for review.

BUILDING AND PROPERTY - Mr. Walker reported the next step in the process of moving ahead with the Armory Property is discussing an agreement between the Borough and the IDA.

Mr. Walker made a motion to consider The Cooperative Development Agreement Transferring the Armory Property to the Bellefonte IDA. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. The purpose behind the agreement transferring the property from the Borough to the Bellefonte IDA is the IDA has more flexibility in developing the property than the Borough. The same action was done with the Waterfront property. It is felt that this will get as much of the property as possible back on the tax roles and will get the investment returned to the Borough. The agreement has all the language in it to protect the Borough's investment on this property. The arrangement is for a two-year period. The Historic Covenant that goes with the Historic Structures and the land will be passed on to the Borough. This is more of a partnership than an agreement. The Pennsylvania Historical Museum is overseeing the entire project. A voice vote was unanimous.

FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE - Mrs. Dunne would like to have a work session in the near future to discuss the finances.

- There is a Treasurer's report at the table.

PARK AND RECREATION - Mrs. Brown reported there will be a Park and Recreation meeting next week to discuss the purchase of the new playground equipment. Mayor Wilson would like to attend the meeting that discusses the scheduling of the ball fields.

- The Chamber of Commerce Croquet Tournament will be Sunday, June 7th.

- The Bellefonte Elks Flag Day Ceremony will be in Talleyrand Park on Sunday, July 14th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

HUMAN RESOURCES - Mr. Spicer reported there was a Committee meeting before the Council meeting to begin preliminary discussions for the Union Contract that is up this year.

- The new mechanic will begin on Tuesday, May 26th.

- There was an Executive Session for a matter earlier this evening.

- Mr. Spicer would like people to take down signs when their yard sale is over. If they are not taken down, someone will take them down.

SAFETY - Mr. Brachbill reported there is a Fire Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, May 28th, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

- On Sunday, May 31st, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a meeting in Council Chambers to review the '98 Fire Prevention Plan.

WATER AND SANITATION - The daily withdrawal report is up. There was a session last week to get some training with the leak detectors. Mr. Beigle reported they will be put into operation and that will help with detecting water leaks. He thanked Coca-Cola for making it possible for the Borough to have this equipment. Mrs. Dunne questioned if the leak detecting equipment could be used at the swimming pool, but Mr. Stewart does not think that would be possible. There are a couple known leaks - one on High Street and one in the area of Badger Lane. Coca-Cola has been thanked for the equipment.

STREETS - Mr. Holderman reported construction on Lamb Street has begun, and it will impact residents and Borough employees trying to get to the Municipal Building. The road is closed to all through traffic. There is a tentative agreement to be able to park in the Gamble Mill parking lot during the day. Residents can walk to the Borough Building, but eventually the sidewalk will be torn up also.

- Mr. Holderman reported the final walk-through was done for the Streetscape Project. All the punch list items are complete. They will begin to work on those four years of CDBG Contracts.

- Mr. Halderman reported in the near future the Waterfront Development will begin and Dunlop Street will be closed in the near future.

- Mr. Halderman reported Allegheny Street is not Bellefonte Borough...it is PennDOT. If you have problems with those potholes, please call PennDOT and not the Borough.

- Mr. Beigle reported someone hit one of the bollards on Bishop Street again. A truck hit it. He feels something different should be put there.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION - Ms. Harvey reported that the Shade Tree Commission Conference at Penn State will take place next week. The Shade Tree Commission has received a lot of requests lately. Mr. Holderman would like to schedule a meeting with the Shade Tree Commission.

- Mrs. Dunne reported there will be a Fire Protection Task Force meeting on Thursday, May 28th at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

JUNIOR COUNCIL - Ms. Li reported graduation will be Monday, June 8th, and the last day of school is Wednesday, June 10th.

- Ms. Li thanked everyone for allowing her to be a Junior Council member. This will be her last meeting. Council members wished her the best of luck.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Stewart thanked the volunteers for their help with the Big Spring Festival that was held in Talleyrand Park on Sunday, May 17th, and for Gene Stocker's donation of fish.

- Mr. Stewart is trying to arrange phone calls to two other Boroughs regarding police service cost comparisons with other boroughs. He reported there is a webinar tomorrow regarding using part-time police officers. A recorded version will be available for sixty days after tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mrs. Dunne made a motion that Fair Housing Resolution No. 05182015-001 be adopted. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. This is to be sure that no one is discriminated when looking for housing in the Borough. This is part of the CDBG program. A voice vote was unanimous.

- The pool typically opens on the last day of school, which is June 10th.

- A person from Channel 6 informed Mr. Stewart that they are doing the "Our Town" special coverage on Bellefonte. They will be in town the week of June 15th and will be stationed here June 19th during the car cruise.

- Mr. Holderman reported the Waterfront Ground Breaking Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 29th, at 10:00 a.m. near the old Bush House site.

- Kerrie Bodle, Bellefonte EMS, addressed Council to receive their Proclamation for EMS week. It is not on the agenda. EMS week started Sunday, May 17th and will go through Saturday, May 23rd. Mr. Stewart informed her that this will be done at the June 1st Council meeting.

- For the Keystone Designation the facade grant has been received. Ms. Dainty is waiting to find out who the Committee members are. The grant received was \$50,000.00. Ms. Dainty has received 5-6 grants and has about 8 more coming in.

- Mrs. Stanton has a list of webinars available for Council members to review.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council, Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting of May 18, 2015, at 8:17 p.m. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.