

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
June 1, 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, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman, Harvey, Spicer, Walker

Members Excused: Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager

Officials Present: Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager
Mayor Wilson

Staff Present: Vana Dainty

Guests: Joanne Tosti-Vasey;

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 18, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- Communications - Letter Request from St. John Catholic School re Governor's Park
- Old Business - Ordinance 06023025-02 Amendment re Gun Control
- New Business - Approval of Banner Resolution/Application Permit re arts & Crafts Fair

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

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- An email from Walt Schneider, Chief of the Logan Fire Company, regarding a bill to ease the cost of Background Clearance Fees for Firefighters/EMS workers related to new Pennsylvania Laws. It is House Bill 1081. Council would like clarification regarding what Chief Schneider would like them to do.

- A letter from Larry Fennessey, Chair, Water Resources Monitoring Committee regarding the receipt of the 2015 pledge for the Water Resources Monitoring Project in the amount of \$2,859.00.

ORAL

- Mr. Halderman reported the groundbreaking for the Waterfront Development was held on Friday, May 29. It is the biggest project Bellefonte has had in twenty years and there was nothing mentioned in the Centre Daily Times about it. Senator Corman, Representative Benninghoff, Commissioners and Council members attended the ground breaking.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Beigle reported there was an Airport Authority meeting and everything is fine. They are waiting for approvals for the parking lots. They need approval from FAA on an issue so they can begin making more parking. There is talk about the possibility of another airline coming into the facility.

- Bellefonte Borough Safety Committee Meeting draft minutes from the May 27, 2015 meeting were in the packet for review.

- Mr. DeCusati attended the Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission meeting as the representative for CCMPO and gave background on what is going on with that. A main issue for going forward is whether an alternate will be selected and where the alternate will be from.

- Mrs. Dunne reported the Fire Protection Task Force meets every other month. The last meeting was held on May 28. The minutes should be in the next Council packet. There were good discussions regarding education on fire safety for the general public and the public school system. They continue to work on all aspects of the plan.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Wilson read a proclamation declaring the week of May 17-23, 2015 as Emergency Medical Services Week. With the theme, EMS Strong, he commends the community for observing this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities. Bellefonte EMS appreciates all the support Bellefonte Borough and the Community gives them.

- Mayor Wilson read a letter from VFW Post 1600 Commander Michael Paul Young in regard to the volunteers that have dedicated their time and services to do the flag decorating at the Union Cemetery. Mayor Wilson thanked Commander Michael Paul Young for his dedication and continued involvement with the Veteran's organizations in our community and his efforts to bring the mentioned group volunteers together to honor our veterans with flag decorating at Bellefonte's Historic Union Cemetery.

- Saturday, June 6, will be the 66th Annual Bellefonte Children's Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is coordinated by the Bellefonte Sunrise Rotary Club. The fair will be on Armor and Curtin Streets, and the money raised goes to the Bellefonte Borough playgrounds. Log on to www.visitbellefonte.com for event information.

- Sunday, June 7, at 1:00 p.m. is the annual Intervalley Chamber of Commerce Croquet Tournament at Talleyrand Park. Call the Chamber Office, 355-2917, for more information.

- Sunday, June 14, begins the Summer Sounds in the Gazebo at Talleyrand Park with the Cliff Turner Band. Concerts are scheduled every Sunday through August and will begin at 7:00 p.m. They are sponsored by the Bellefonte Historic and Cultural Association and supported by a gift from the Garver Charity Fund, Bellefonte Elks Lodge, and the PA Partners in the Arts. The entire summer schedule can be viewed by logging on to www.bellefontearts.org.

- Mayor Wilson encouraged everyone to support these events. They help make our town visible, viable and fun to live in.

- Mrs. Brown reported Flag Day ceremonies will be held on Sunday, June 14, at 3:00 p.m. in Talleyrand Park.

- Mrs. Dunne would like a link from the Borough Website to bellefontearts.org.

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) Corning Pump House - Install Transfer Switch; install concrete pad 9' x 9'; concrete transformer pad 8' x 8' x 4'; install pad for trailer mounted generator 9' x 12'; install new utility pole; remove the pole mounted transformers; recess the transfer switch going on the building. Plant shrubs and/or bushes to help camouflage the equipment.

Mrs. Dunne made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Corning Pump House renovations as described. Mr. Spicer seconded the motion. The transfer switch needs to be on the outside so it is accessible for anyone that needs to get to it. It will be recessed into the stone so it does not stick out. There are guidelines regarding how close shrubs can be planted to transformers. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Ms. Dainty commented on the wireless antennas. If any Council members would like more information on this, they should contact Ms. Dainty. The question was raised as to why they chose Bellefonte for this. Ms. Dainty reported they are exploring many areas. The reason for Bellefonte is that it is the County seat. It was requested that HARB members ask as many questions as required, with the expectation that what they present will meet the Bellefonte ordinances and zoning ordinances. As a utility they have the right to put it in but for zoning they have to meet any regulations you have. If it was not in the HARB district they would be able to install them.

- HARB draft meeting minutes from the May 26, 2015, meeting are in the packet for review.

BUILDING AND PROPERTY - No report.

FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE - No report.

PARK AND RECREATION - The pool will be open June 12, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. DeCusati would like to know where things stand with getting the other Municipalities on board with the project to renew the pool. Mr. Holderman reported the pool is no longer under the prevue of Bellefonte Borough. It is under the Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority. The Borough has offered to assist, but Nittany Valley Joint Recreation are taking care of the management and upgrades of the pool. Each Municipality pays \$1.00 per resident.

- Mrs. Dunne reported that the edible garden is available for people to come and appreciate. It has been fully planted. Some of the plants are not yet mature. The plant key is installed next to the edible garden to identify what is growing. The edible produce will be shared with the food bank, and there are also plants that may be used by Big Spring Spirits to garnish their plates.

- The Flag Day Ceremony will be on Sunday, June 14, from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in Talleyrand Park. You can bring in any tattered or torn flags to be disposed of properly.

HUMAN RESOURCES - Mr. Spicer reported that Mr. Stewart will be out of the office the weeks of June 1 and June 8. Mr. Holderman will handle the day-to-day activities.

SAFETY - Mr. Brachbill made a motion to pay an invoice to Barton Associates for design work performed on a sprinkler installation at the Undine and Logan Fire Stations in the amount of \$1,182.50. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

WATER AND SANITATION - Mr. Beigle reported the Authority meeting has been rescheduled for June 16 at 6:00 p.m.

STREETS - Mr. DeCusati made a motion to pay the invoice to John Nastase Construction in the amount of \$49,958.82, which is the final payment for the Streetscape Project from last year. Mr. Spicer seconded the motion. A punch list was completed. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. DeCusati reported PennDOT will be doing work on SR#144 through Bellefonte. The Borough asked them to include the curb work. Mr. Holderman reported this is part of a major PennDOT project that includes multiple counties. Because of the curb work, Bellefonte is near the end of the project. They are projecting a late summer start date. Line painting in the downtown area will be done soon rather than wait until the end of summer.

- Mr. Holderman reported there was a construction meeting on the Lamb Street project. The work is on schedule. There was a hiccup over the weekend with the storm. There was approximately 6" of water in the garage and 3" in the police department. They will begin some curb work and pour curbs to help with this issue. The week of June 15 Spring Street will be closed because of the intersection work. They are aware that the cruise is the following weekend and Spring Street will be open for that weekend event.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION - Ms. Harvey reported three of the four members of the Shade Tree Commission attended a conference at the State College Borough Building. There was a lot of information available. Some of it was depressing about tree rot but there was a lot of useful information. There was information regarding how some municipalities handle watering their trees. They also discussed cooperative purchases of trees. She feels everyone realized the need for some type of comprehensive tree plan for the Borough. A tree plan would educate the community on what a valuable resource trees are, how they are planted, and why tax dollars are going toward it. It might be possible to get a computer program to track this through a grant.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. DeCusati made a motion to implement the changes recommended by Harry Brooks in the packet with the one change in paragraph 495-19 for paragraphs B and C where it states 18' it be changed to 14'. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. Revisions to ordinances are kept at the front desk at the Borough Office for people to see. They can also be put online.

- Mr. Holderman reported on Wednesday, June 3, Mr. Halderman, Paul Badger, a representative from BHCA, and a representative from HARB will be going to visit Paxton Pre-Cast Factory. It is where the precast concrete for the wall and walkway in the Waterfront Project will be purchased. The group is going to pick out the colors.

- Mr. Holderman can get representatives from Flashpoint, who oversees the IT at the Borough, to come to a work session to discuss cyber security.

- Mr. Beigle thanked Mr. Holderman and Mr. Stewart for the coordination they did in getting things going for the Waterfront Project by handling all the details and red tape to move it forward.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Mr. Brachbill made a motion to adjourn the meeting of June 1, 2015, at 8:17 p.m. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.