

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
June 9, 2016
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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order by Council President Gay Dunne 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, Clark, DeCusati, Dunne, Hombosky, Johnson, Tosti-Vasey

Members Excused: Beigle,

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

Staff Present: Vana Dainty

Guests: Troy Knecht; Sam McGinley, HARB; Ann Walker; Am Hoffman;
Walter Schneider; Melinda Conrad; Shirley Gryczuk; Eilene
Blumenthal, John Kostas; Stefan Cherinka; Sean & Emily Sanosa;
Liza Johnson; Kevin Astore; Wesley Astore; Fred Haberberger;
Emma Gosalvez, Lock Haven Express; R.S; Brandy Urbanik; Lisa
Erickson, Centre County Library; Sally B. Houser; Tru Fisher; Chad
Spotts;

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Melinda Conrad would first like to acknowledge that it in fact seems to be correct that Bellefonte has been meeting the regulations set forth by DEP, and it also is correct that Bellefonte has not ever been cited for a major violation with DEP within the biosolid program. While these accomplishments are something to be proud of, one must also take a few other items into account. Last month you all heard from DEP

geologist Mark Stephens who acknowledged that the department is understaffed, underfunded, and the current regulations are close to two decades old. He had also mentioned that there is no regulation requiring the biosolid branch of DEP to consult with the water branch of DEP when handling a permit application of biosolids. With this being said I question do you still feel completely comfortable with relying on DEP regulations to provide complete safety of the practice? Through research I have found that many other states have much stricter regulations within their biosolids programs than those currently withstanding in the PA-DEP. Maybe it is ok to go with the flow of the current DEP regulations legally, but should Bellefonte be pursuing a more proactive stance where DEP seems to be dropping the ball, for example with protecting water supplies? To me and many others it does not seem wise rely on DEP for complete safety with this program at the present time.

Another common argument heard in support of biosolid programs is that there has never been any proven well contamination due to biosolids. My question to that is how many wells are being tested before and after biosolid applications occur? Considering that only adjacent property owners are required to be notified of sites where biosolids are to be spread, per current DEP regulations, most people are in the dark about the increased need to test their water supply. If baseline tests prior to applications are not performed then how could anyone go about proving contamination occurred from biosolids? If someone living close to a site where biosolids are applied and actually do test their water regularly, I would also question if that person is actually testing their water for the contaminants that are now known to be in biosolids. To the best of my knowledge there is no regulation requiring baseline or ongoing testing of wells or other water sources surrounding sites of biosolid application. However again, I question how an argument such as this can be made, and to be proud of, that no wells have ever been contaminated from biosolids when in fact public awareness and education does not seem to be a priority. How do people know how to protect themselves?

I recently have learned that a normal water test for a private well would typically run around \$30 or so, while a water test for a water source where biosolid contaminants need to be taken into consideration runs around more like \$300. Water needs to be tested for a lot more possible contaminants where biosolids are present. Do people know this? Do they know they need to be testing their water more frequently? Does anyone really know what all should be tested for? Do we have any idea what all is flushed down everyone's toilets that makes its way into biosolids? From pharmaceuticals, viruses, recreational drugs, other pathogens, heavy metals that are not regulated by DEP, and so on, do we even have a clue? Would even a \$300 water test be testing for everything that could possibly be present in a water supply in an area where biosolids are present? It appears that Bellefonte is doing a good job at meeting the treatment and testing requirements for the 9 DEP regulated heavy metals and pcb's. What about every other contaminant that is not taken into consideration by these regulations?

One opposition to these questions would be that some farm animals are given hormones, antibiotics, and obtain viruses so, manure could contain a few similar contaminants that could be found in biosolids. However, from conversations with friends with farms they explained to me that what goes into the farm animals is

something that is of knowledge to the farmers whereas what another human miles down the road or in another part of the state is consuming is not known to the farmer having biosolids spread on his or her land. It was also explained to me that viruses in animals are almost always only spread to other animals and not to humans. Viruses present in biosolids, human sewage sludge, most definitely could be potentially passed to other humans.

I am sure that some people would suggest that even if biosolids weren't present at a given location, it is hard to say that any water test would ever be enough to catch every form of contamination. I would completely agree that the answer would be no. However, where sewage sludge, or biosolids with increased levels of possible contaminants are placed is something that CAN be controlled.

As borough council members, you oversee the Authority that HAS the control over where biosolids processed in this town are placed. I am sure you all have been processing what you heard from Mr. Stephens last month and I hope that you will also think about the questions I have just placed before you. Your Authority should be applauded for 20+ years of being in compliance with DEP regulations. However, are the current regulations enough? The PA-DEP regulated treatment and testing of nine heavy metals and pcb's in biosolids sure does leave a lot to the unknown. We have no idea if there are other heavy metals, pharmaceuticals, recreational drugs, or viruses present at the time of application. Considering this, can you guarantee that the Big Spring will be tested for all of these additional contaminants 10 years from now when potential infiltration could occur from placing biosolids within your flow of source water from Benner Township?

The decision to place biosolids in Zone 2 of your Source Water Protection Plan, while it may not be a violation of current PA-DEP regulations, or a technical violation of your Source Water Protection Plan it is a decision that has the potential to impact the lives of many more people than just the people in the surrounding farmlands in question in Benner Township. The farmers and Benner Township residents will just be the first to be impacted by the unintended consequences of the biosolid program, but these people will NOT be the only people dealing with a problem. If any form of contamination would ever occur it will impact every homeowner from the farmlands to Bellefonte, including the children at Benner Elementary, to every person being sourced water from the Big Spring in Bellefonte and Milesburg, including every employee that comes into these two towns for employment and every child that comes in to Bellefonte Middle and High School, and Wingate Elementary and Bald Eagle Middle and High School from outside towns like Pleasant Gap, Zion, Snow Shoe, Port Matilda, Howard, and so on. I am not even sure if that would cover everyone because I could be wrong but I believe the ground water from Benner Township would continue to flow even further than the Big Spring. That is a lot of people that are resting in your hands with this decision. A map of where people live that could be impacted by this decision you and your Authority is making is much, much larger than the farms in Benner Township and their adjacent property owners. While there are over 900 potential contaminants identified in your Source Water Protection Plan, biosolids ranks pretty high on the list to be concerned of per your own decision on rankings and it is also one that is 100% within your control. If you continue to support your Authority in their decision to use biosolids and to place them in locations within Source Water Protection Plan's, that is your right, I just truly

hope that you can guarantee all of the people sourced by your water supply that you will be going above and beyond the PA-DEP regulations to catch any potential contamination in the future before it hits their faucets. This which would be a difficult task considering it is difficult to know what all additional contaminants could be present in each load of biosolids spread considering once again, the current DEP regulations only require testing for the 9 heavy metals and pcb's.

- John Kostas handed out information to Council.

- Shirley Gryczuk had one page. Mark Stevens, the DEP geologist, stated at the May Council meeting that the Bellefonte and Milesburg Source Water Protection Plan dated January 2014 as funded by the EPA Technical program belongs to the water system. It belongs to the Bellefonte Borough Authority. It belongs to the Milesburg Borough Water Authority and thereby it also belongs to Bellefonte Borough Council. The Source Water Protection Plan technical steering committee that assisted in completing the plan recognized fruits already in place and supportive of protecting water sources - watershed, storm water and source water. All these groups are committed and proactive protection efforts of the Spring Creek Watershed Association, the Spring Creek Watershed Commission, and the Clearwater Conservancy. The Bellefonte Milesburg Source Water Protection Plan contains regulatory requirements and voluntary activities that can and should happen to further source water protection. Regulatory testing of the Big Spring water must follow DEP Environmental Code title .5, Chapter 109 Safe Drinking Codes, which I believe is being done and posted on the Borough website. Also, by regulation the Source Water Protection Plan requires regular ongoing efforts to maintain surveillance of the watershed and possible contamination sources. I'm not aware of any regular surveillance processes taking place. Voluntary options and activities included in source water protection are land management activities to protect water quality; develop public awareness and educational programs for stakeholders; develop a groundwater monitoring program. I'm not aware of any of these taking place. In light of the additional public awareness this year regarding potential soil and water contamination by land application of biosolids and the fact that Bellefonte and Milesburg have a source water protection in place it seems to me and others that the leadership of both the Bellefonte Authority and the Bellefonte Borough Council should have taken steps to recognize that allowing a highly potential contaminant risk of biosolids wouldn't be a smart thing to do. Rather, by not applying land applied biosolids, by protecting the source water protection zones and the Big Spring's drinking water for those in Zone 1 and the recharge capture area of Zone 2 the leadership of the Bellefonte Borough Council could have been recognized as taking a proactive approach to this contamination risk to our water sources. I believe that everyone should make choices that are proactive toward activities that are protective of our water sources and the environment. There are no other options for our health and safety and in generations going forward it's the right thing to do – protect out drinking water. Are we doing enough? Are current regulations sufficient to protect our water sources?

Thank you.

-Mrs. Dunne thanked those that came out. This is the end of the Public Comment period.

- Mr. DeCusati asked Mr. Stewart for verification – the Borough has helped to fund the research and report of the Clearwater Conservancy for over ten years therefore there are outside agencies that help monitor the creek.

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 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- Communications – Letter request regarding Boy Scout Chicken Barbecue
- Communications – Letter request from W. Carey regarding a Block Party street closure
- Finance – Approve Stover McGlaughlin Invoice.

Mr. Brachbill made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Tosti-Vasey seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A Thank You letter from the Centre Regional Fire Protection Program for the use of the fire truck.

- A letter request for the Herbie's Hometown Loop Event using some of the streets in Bellefonte Borough on August 13, 2016. There is a map of the loop in the packet.

Amy Hoffman addressed Council as a representative for the Herbstritt Family and the Herbstritt Foundation. The event will be the weekend of the Arts & Crafts Festival. They begin the route in Talleyrand Park and will receive approval from the Arts & Crafts Committee. They applied and received the PennDOT permit. It was suggested they meet with the Arts & Crafts Committee as soon as possible. They did receive verbal approval from the Arts & Crafts Committee to begin the race by the park. Kim Gasper has been in contact with the committee. Council members would like a letter of approval from the Arts & Crafts Committee.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the request providing they have the approval from the Arts & Crafts Committee to coordinate that event. Ms. Tosti-Vasey seconded the motion with the request of a letter from the Arts & Crafts Committee. Council would like a copy of the PennDOT approval. Ms. Hoffman said they are

working on getting a police escort for the walking traffic. Any markings can only be done on cones...no markings on the street. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Information related to a proposed streetlight rate increase. A while back some Council members attended a workshop related to the streetlights on the system that are leased through West Penn Power. Before looking at the LED savings Council needs to be aware that there will be rates increases that affect the amount of savings.

- Correspondence between Engle Kauffman and the Borough Authority regarding Biosolids. It is from the Milesburg Water Authority.

The letter will not be read, but interested people may request a copy.

- A letter regarding the Roland Curtin Foundation. They will be having an open house in an effort to revive the foundation and strengthen Curtin Village. The open house will be Saturday, June 11th, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; and on Sunday, June 12th, from Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Sally Houser is the Membership Chair for the Roland Curtin Foundation. There are plans to do restorations and bring things up to par. She invited everyone to the open house. There is no charge for the tours that day. They will ask for people to join the foundation and make a donation.

- There is information at the table regarding upcoming PSAB webinars. Council should let Mr. Stewart know if they are interested in participating in any.

ORAL

- Lisa Erickson, Centre County Library, thanked the Borough for their continued support of the library. She addressed Council to discuss the Art Bench project. They would like one of the benches placed in front of the library. According to their date counter they saw approximately 100,000 people in 2015. She provided a picture of the library and showed where they would like the bench installed. The benches are more of an art piece.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Bellefonte Area Chamber of Commerce Update – Mr. Holderman reported from the last Chamber of Commerce meeting that they will be sponsoring a circus on Monday, July 11th, at 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Lambert Hall field. This is the first year for the circus.

The next after hours meeting is Thursday, June 16th, at Big Spring Spirits. Council members are all invited. The next luncheon is Wednesday, July 13th, and the guest topic is the Youth Services Bureau and factors that contribute to youth delinquency.

- Draft Fire Protection Task Force meeting minutes from May 26, 2016 are in the packet for review.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Wilson was asked to report on the volunteerism at Union Cemetery placing the flags on the graves of veterans. It was done on May 26th. It is a huge undertaking. The project was taken on by the local Bellefonte American Legion and Bellefonte VFW. They find and know of how many veterans' graves are in the cemetery. Those that kept up the tradition are the Scouts from the Nittany Chapter Order of the Arrow, Scout Advisor Ed Seymour and his two young daughters; Scout Master Mike Ripka; Evan Graves; Kohl Burkhart; and Steph Falky. The veteran volunteers were: Mary Gingrich; Andy Hillegass; Lenny Hahn; Gary Emel; Jim Chandler; Jim Brown; Scott Snook; Michael Young; Alice Young; Chad Young and his daughter Cara. Mayor Wilson thanked them for placing the flags.

- Sergeant Brower wanted to address Council regarding an outreach program the Police are doing in the community. Officer Brower provided a map of the Borough and attached to the map is a card. Some of the cards have his information and some of them have Sergeant Holliday's information. They are an initiative started called the Community Outreach Program. They divided the Borough into ten pieces because there are ten officers. Every officer, including the Chief, has a zone. They are categorized as district labeled one through ten. They started about four weeks ago and they are going to every house in the Borough and making personal contact, or attempting to make personal contact with every resident in the Borough. They are giving them all the information that he provided Council. Every officer has individual cards made up with their information on them for their district. The point of this is in the Police business they don't deal with the community on a whole. They deal with a very small contingency of the community on a regular basis so they don't have the opportunity to reach out to everybody. It is very useful for them to reach out to everybody to get the information back. They need feedback from folks about their neighborhoods, about their community concerns, about traffic issues, about people that they don't know that might be in their area, activities that they are concerned about. This is all useful information for the Police and unless they reach out they aren't going to get it. Part of the initiative on this is to spend more time out of the cars with the people. He made it to approximately 50-60 houses so far. Each officer, including apartments in town, has approximately 250 contacts to make. It will take time. They are finding that people are extremely receptive and they are very, very talkative with them so they are spending a lot of time talking with people at their homes so they aren't making a lot of progress. After several attempts to make contact they will leave the information at the home. The officers have a Facebook page and they are using that quite a bit more.

Some of the Council members have received positive feedback from the residents on this. They do emphasize to the residents that they are not the personal police officers for that particular area, but they will be the contact person for non-emergency things. They inform the residents if they are going out of town to notify the police officers so they can check on their homes while they are gone. The older members of the community tend to be the longer visits. The Council members feel this is a very good experience for Bellefonte.

- Mayor Wilson reminded the residents that the Chamber After Hours, sponsored by the Centre County Gazette and Seven Mountains Media, will be held on Thursday, June 16th. It is the kick-off for the Cruise weekend. There will be food provided by Pizza Mia and Council members are invited.

- Mayor Wilson encouraged people to shop the downtown Bellefonte Borough businesses.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- Ms. Tosti-Vasey made a motion to approve membership in the American Planning Association at a cost of \$100.00. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. It is a national organization for individuals who are professionals or volunteers working on community planning. They provide training programs. The \$100.00 per year would provide access to all Planning Commission to get that training. There could be registration fees for seminars, but they would be approved individually. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Draft Planning Commission meeting minutes from May 23, 2016 are in the packet for review.

HARB

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 1) 111 West Curtin Street
- 2) 116 South Spring Street

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to approve both projects for Certificates of Appropriateness. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- 1) 118 West Bishop Street – replace existing asphalt shingle type siding with vinyl siding.
- 2) 152 North Water Street – approval of a building that was built prior to approval. It is very visible from the park. It did not conform with the type of things they would like in the Historic District.
- 3) Mish Mosh – Signage request. HARB felt it didn't fit with the downtown streetscape.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to table 118 West Bishop Street to give the opportunity to come to a Council meeting or back to HARB. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to deny 152 North Water Street. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Ms. Tosti-Vasey asked what happens when it is denied since it is

already built. Mr. Stewart said it would need to be taken down because he is in violation of zoning requirements and was constructed without permits. HARB is a small piece of a much larger issue. It would need to go through the Zoning Appeals Board for the variance that may exist because there isn't a survey on the property so it is unclear where it sits in regard to the property lines. It has a foundation so it doesn't come down the hill. There needs to be a survey to identify where this is in respect to their property line. The project was denied with Mrs. Brown voting no.

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to deny the Mish Mosh application. Ms. Tosti-Vasey seconded the motion. Ms. Hombosky feels the signage is appropriate because it is a mid-century building. She feels it fits what the business is. Ms. Tosti-Vasey would like to have this sent back to HARB for discussion based on if they are going to use letters make them fit in a little bit better with the streetscape.

Mr. DeCusati amended his motion to deny the Mish Mosh application with the recommendation that they go back to HARB and work with them to modify the sign. Ms. Tosti-Vasey seconded the motion. The project was denied.

- Draft meeting minutes from the May 24, 2016 HARB meeting are in the packet for review.

BUILDING AND PROPERTY – Mr. DeCusati thanked Garden Genetics II for flower planting on the Diamond and the hanging baskets. They make a visual difference in the town.

- Mr. DeCusati thanked the staff and the contractor for getting the grass going on the Waterfront Project area. He feels Council and staff need to determine whether someone needs to be contracted to maintain that area. Mrs. Brown said Park & Rec. will mow. Between the sidewalk and the wall there is a strip of wildflowers, but that is all that will be planted. He feels that area needs to be inviting.

- There is information in the packet regarding the storm water sink hole situation at First National Bank. That will continue after the Cruise.

FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE – Mrs. Brown reported the Finance Committee met regarding the Police Budget, which came out well. Based on what they have gone through the past few months things are right on track where things need to be.

- Mrs. Brown recommends considering a letter to the School District in reference to the SRO officer. The purpose of the letter is to initiate renegotiating the current SRO agreement. She recommends sending a letter the school district.

Mrs. Brown made a motion to send a letter to the School District requesting they renegotiate the current SRO agreement. Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

PARK AND RECREATION – Ms. Hombosky reported the Park and Recreation Committee had a meeting. They discussed the art bench in Talleyrand Park. The Talleyrand Committee voted to decline the application to set a bench in Talleyrand Park

and recommended several other alternative areas in the downtown including the library, which will have one; the Art Museum garden area; CATA bus stop in front of the YMCA; and possible the Gamble Mill if a new owner would consider it. They feel the best location would be in front of the YMCA because it would have the most visibility. One bench is a mural of the train station and the Courthouse. These benches came through HARB. Walt Schneider made the motion at the HARB meeting regarding the benches and the motion was that Council accept the two pieces of artwork because they don't meet the standard for standard benches. The benches are not permanent. The Borough owns the property by the bus stop located near the YMCA. Currently the benches are the property of Project and they also need to agree where they would be placed. There is funding available to help with the installation of the benches. The bench at the library will be on library property. Walt Schneider said if the bench is put in a different location in the Historic District it will need to come back before HARB with the new location. The voting on the bench for Talleyrand included the members from the Parks & Recreation Committee and the Talleyrand Park Committee. At that meeting they decided there needs to be a committee to make a policy for donations in the park.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey made a motion to accept the HARB recommendation for the bench at the library and that the second bench be sent back to HARB to determine alternate sites. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Brenda Masullo was thanked for planting flower on the monument in Masullo Park. She is also interested in starting a Masullo Park Committee. Interested residents, especially those on Reynolds Avenue are welcome to join. There will be information on the Borough website for those interested.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey, Ms. Hombosky and Mr. Holderman went to Masullo Park with Brenda and walked around the park. The orange construction fence is now gone and it looks much better. At the far end of the park nearest to the Philatelic Society they marked a spot for another bench in the park. There is also a tree that needs taken down very soon.

- The proposed Butterfly garden in Talleyrand park would be to the right of the edible garden. There is potential for expansion in the future.

Mr. Brachbill made a motion to approve the proposed location of the Butterfly garden. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- At the last Talleyrand Park Committee meeting True Fisher provided a history of Talleyrand Park that was provided to Council members for their review.

- Mrs. Dunne reported the dedication ceremony for the Fornicola Fountain on May 22nd was very nice. The weather was bad but the ceremony was very lovely.

- The drinking fountain by the restroom isn't working. Mr. Holderman will check into it.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Ms. Tosti-Vasey is the chair. The Bellefonte Housing Appeals Board Nominations needs to be revised. There are three vacancies on the board and three nominees for the three vacancies.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to appoint Brian Walker, Frank Halderman and Barry Spicer to the Bellefonte Housing Appeals Board. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- The Human Resources Committee needs to meet regarding the Nepotism Policy.
- Work will begin soon on the new Police Contract.

SAFETY – Mr. Brachbill reported there was a Bellefonte Borough Safety Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 8th. Those meeting minutes will be in the next Council packet.

- Mr. Stewart reported some of the banner brackets used for the Hometown Hero Program are too low in a few locations. There was a report of someone bumping into one. A few banners may need to be relocated to address the safety issue. There is concern about having them moved before the Cruise. It will be handled administratively.

WATER/SANITATION – Big Spring Cover bids were received by the Authority. At their meeting of June 7th the Authority approved the low bid of \$110,781.43. It will take approximately two months to have the cover manufactured and then it will be installed. There were minor changes from the presentation that Council received approximately a year ago. The Authority was trying to get approved to add a fountain or pond on top of the cover but DEP would not approve that because they felt it would need to be a structurally sound cover for that. DEP would not approve any water on top of the cover because of the possibility to contaminate the Big Spring. The cover will be replaced with a light blue cover. Mr. Stewart said the options for a cover are very limited. You can basically choose a cover or put a building over the entire spring. Mr. Stewart said the cover has not changed. The only thing that has changed is not putting a fountain on top of the cover. Mr. DeCusati said Coca Cola has helped in the past and are willing to help again and would be willing to do something better. Mr. Clark said the Authority was extremely disappointed by not being able to put a fountain on top of the cover.

STREETS – Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Holderman to open the bids for the School Street Storm Drain Reconstruction from Bishop Street to High Street. The bids were as follows:

- Ameron - \$159,410.00
- Mid-State Paving - \$188,752.79
- John Nastase Construction - \$120,875.00

The bids will be reviewed by the Streets Committee for review and recommendation.

- The sink hole/storm drain work at First National Bank will begin the week of June 20th.

- Mr. DeCusati made a motion to add the loading/unloading zone on High Street back in front of the Garman House Project. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Bids are currently being accepted for Street Paving on Blanchard, High, Shoemaker, Cherry, Cowdrick and Fifth Avenue. The bids will be opened on June 20th. Mr. DeCusati requested that they look at Ardell Alley from Spring Street to route #150.

- Mr. Holderman met with St. Johns School regarding the Flashing Lights proposed for Bishop Street and the Undine Fire Department. They decided on the location of the pole. St. Johns requested the Borough explore incorporating blinking lights on Bishop Street during school hours. The Engineers will contact PennDOT to see if that would be feasible. If it is the Borough will try to work that into the project.

- Mr. Stewart mentioned that PennDOT said the Borough was out of time as far as looking at options for the eight fluted pole versus the sixteen fluted pole. The eight flute pole is made, but PennDOT has not structurally tested it. They do not have the time to make the eight fluted pole an option so they are going to go ahead with putting in the spec a sixteen fluted pole and bid it out that way, but due to the structural requirements at High and Water it's possible that the vendors cannot meet the structural spec with the ornamental pole. If that is the case the only option would be a standard metal pole painted black. That is because it will have a 50' mass arm on it. If it is a standard pole the Borough won't have to pay anything extra.

- There is a Street Closure ordinance that the Streets Committee is working on.

- A street light was approved for High and Potter Street. Mr. Stewart will check on it.

- There is a memo in the packet regarding bus parking issues.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION – Mr. Clark and Mr. Holderman are working with Penn State this year to look at the Musser Lane facility for some recommendations regarding the compost facility.

- Mr. Stewart reported APPI, an energy vendor endorsed by the Boroughs Association is scheduled to be at the next Council work session.

- Ms. Tosti-Vasey said they are trying to work on the Solar Ordinance and are trying to establish a Bee Friendly Pollinator Ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Holderman presented a PowerPoint Presentation of the revised DRAFT Flood Map of the Waterfront. The conditional letter of mapping from FEMA has redrawn the line almost parallel with the wall. At the end near Lamb Street is the part of the project that still remains in the flood plain. The Bellefonte Municipal Building is impacted the most in the flood plain because it goes back an additional 15' into the parking lot. In an actual flood the water would come up into the lot and into the garage a little bit. The Gamble Mill will still be in the flood zone. The goal of the project was to get the Waterfront property out of the flood plain and make it marketable. The IDA will be able to address questions of potential developers. The two questions were always is the property in the flood plain and what is the status of the flood mapping. When you get the conditional letter that is a good sign that you will get the actual letter of mapping change. The Act II clearance is another issue that always came up. There were two questions that Buchar Horn will be able to address by the 15th and the deadline is the 20th so it is anticipated that it will be cleared. At the July meeting the IDA will decide how to market the property.

- Information came by email today from PennDOT regarding their recommendations for signage at the intersection of North Thomas Street and Railroad Street. Mr. Stewart will have the information in the packet for the next Council meeting. They recommended a flashing light that signalizes a dangerous intersection there. Mr. Stewart responded that the Borough was interested and willing to work with them in any way possible. It would require some maintenance for those signs.

Mr. Holderman read the email. It said PennDOT's recommendation for the section of Upper Coleville Road in front of the Graymont Lime Plant are in and they are going to place: oversize curve warning signs with advisory speed of 20 mph; install chevrons throughout the curve; review curve warning treatments; pavement markings with Centre County's maintenance forces for both approaches to the turn. These would be short-term improvements.

Mr. DeCusati asked about the large tree there made it difficult to have the corner well lit. Mr. Stewart said it needs to be trimmed by West Penn Power.

NEW BUSINESS

- Walt Schneider addressed Council regarding revisions to the Property Maintenance Code. Council was given a draft copy of the Centre Region Building Safety Property and Maintenance Code 2016 edition electronically. Mr. Schneider provided an additional document. He provided a ten-page document that shows all the changes that have been made to this document section by section in plain English. The second document is a PowerPoint presentation that he printed out for Council members.

Prior to 2010 the Centre Region had adopted individually by municipality the International Building, Safety, and Property Maintenance Code and then modified that under a thirty-page ordinance. Each municipality had to adopt an ordinance that

adopted the code and then modify the code. In 2010 they rewrote the document and put together the Centre Region Building, Safety and Property Maintenance Code where they consolidated all the changes, hammered out the changes municipality by municipality and came up with a single guide. Later that year a meeting was held with the previous code official, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Holderman and Mr. Schneider to look at could we be able to give you some assistance in putting together something for Bellefonte that was easy to understand, easy to work with, and a consolidated package. At that time the Bellefonte Borough Safety Code was basically put together in most form out of the Centre Region Code. There was not a whole lot of change between the two documents. There were some things that were not truly matched up, but for the most part they are very, very similar documents. They are recommending that Council consider adopting the Centre Region Building, Safety and Property Maintenance Code 2016 Edition. This is the start of a discussion rather than an action item for tonight. He encouraged Council to realize there is provision and capability to make adjustments either by not adopting certain provisions or by truly modifying provisions. They ask if they are thinking about modifying provisions that they be done very carefully because one of the advantages to the document is there are a lot of property owners who have property in Bellefonte and State College and the more uniform it is the easier it is on them to be able to conform because they are conforming to the same things over and over and over again. They are looking for adoption in the fall with implementation late fall. They would like to have staff comments in June and July so there is a stable draft in the fall. The goal is to have it in place and have it go live in all the municipalities of the same day. He then went through the PowerPoint presentation. Council should know that the blue lettering was a mid-term adoption by State College Borough changing their nuisance property ordinance. The section on page six of the handout is regarding cooking facility inspections. It is a situation that Mr. Schneider does not anticipate needing in Bellefonte. It is a situation for a large rooming house with the idea that the Health Department would inspect a cooking facility if you are going to serve more than twenty-five people. This does not apply to fundraisers or churches unless it is done in an apartment building. The example giving is a fraternity, which is considered a congregate living facility.

Council members would like to discuss this in a work session. Council members had a long meeting and would like to go home. Mr. DeCusati questioned why anything needs to be changed. Mr. Schneider said the way B&B's are currently being inspected is the way that the Bellefonte Code that was adopted in 2011 has been laid out. They are finding things in all rental units that were not administered according to code or they may have been written up but never re-inspected. Mr. Johnson asked what options there are rather than following the Centre Region Code 2010 Modified Version. Mr. Schneider said this document is based on the ICC International Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Brachbill recommending all Council members work on this and advertise meetings. Mr. Schneider said there are two big options. Option one is you follow in with and head in this direction, which involves a time schedule and trying to stay uniform. If the Borough wants to stay an independent code from what the rest of the municipalities in the Centre Region are using then fix it how they want it.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey made a motion to have a separate public meeting to work on this. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- The CareerLink Summer Youth Program will provide students to work in Union Cemetery. Chuck Ivic was hired to oversee the program, which will run June 20th through August 12th.

- The CDBG "Draft" agreement with the Centre County Planning Office is in the packet. The agreement was modeled after Huntingdon Borough. Mr. Holderman would like the County to have the indemnity clause being mutual rather than one way. The County administers the program and will only take the cost from the administrative funds. In 2015 it was minimal.

Mr. Brachbill made a motion to recommend that the agreement with Centre County be countered to include the indemnity clause as a mutual agreement. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- There were unanswered questions regarding the Fair Housing Resolution so it will be held until the next meeting to provide time for Mr. Holderman to get some answers.

- The Logan Fire Company parade was covered by C-NET since it was a special year with the dedication of the Veteran's Bridge. C-NET asked if the Borough would like the parade covered this year. Mrs. Dunne suggested alternating with the County.

Mr. Brachbill made a motion to sponsor the Logan Fire Company Parade for 2016 on C-NET. Ms. Tosti-Vasey seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Updates from the PA Boroughs Association Conference will be done at the next Council meeting.

- Ms. Tosti-Vasey picked up some items new Council members.

- Mr. Brachbill said there were occasions when Council is asked opinions on different questions and it was suggested that perhaps a committee of three people from Council could form a committee that would be the "go to" people in case a situation would arise. There would need to be a meeting to define the criteria of how that would be approached and what the definition of an emergency would be. He would like to discuss this at the next work session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Ms. Tosti-Vasey made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting of June 9, 2016 at 10:42 p.m. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.