

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 16, 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: Beigle, Brachbill, Brown, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman

Members Excused: Harvey, Schneider, Spicer

Officials Present: Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Mayor Tom Wilson

Staff Present: Vana Dainty, Bellefonte Keystone Community Coordinator

Guests: Joe Conklin; Howard Long; John P. Conrad

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 June 2, 2014 meeting minutes
- Finance - May 2014 Treasurer's Report
- Finance - May 2014 Voucher Summary: \$765,796.46
- Finance - McQuaide Blasko Invoice in the amount of \$164.00

Mrs. Dunn made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Steven W. Snook, Fire Police Captain, Pleasant Gap Fire Company No. 1, requesting the help of the Bellefonte Fire Police for their parade night on Thursday, July 24, to help with traffic control starting at 4:30 p.m. The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to approve this request with the approval of the Fire Chief. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. Mr. Brachbill stated there are some issues going on with some reorganization of the Fire Police, but the time of that has not been decided. A voice vote was unanimous.

- An invitation to the Centre County Economic Development Summit to be held Wednesday, July 9, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Match Factory, 367 Phoenix Avenue, Bellefonte. You must R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, July 2.

- A letter from Sharyn Leach, Howard, donating \$800.00 for a bench to be placed in front of the new Food Pantry on Allegheny Street. The Borough will contribute the balance to purchase a bench, but it won't be placed until after the sidewalk project is completed. She will be sent a letter thanking her for her donation.

- A letter from Tom Zilla, AICP, Transportation Planner informing Council of a public comment period to receive input about the Draft 2015-2018 Centre County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The public comment period begins on Wednesday, June 11 and concludes at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 11. A public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 25 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the College Township Municipal Building. Following the conclusion of the comment period the CCMPO will consider adoption of the 2015-2018 Centre County TIP at its July 22 meeting at the Patton Township Municipal Building beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. DeCusati suggested strongly that people from Bellefonte Borough and Nittany Valley attend this meeting. It was requested that the Bellefonte Interchange be added back to the TIP and that it be completed before the 322 Extension project.

- A letter from Vana Dainty, Bellefonte Keystone Community Coordinator, requesting permission to close West High Street from Spring Street to Allegheny Street and Allegheny Street from Bishop Street to Howard Street between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on August 3. This would be in conjunction with Bellefonte Art Museum's First Sunday show.

The museum is highlighting food this year, All Items Food. It is a great time to highlight Bellefonte's restaurants. They could set up tables outside their restaurant or set up tents and provide samples. Artists would be allowed to set up easels and paint during this time. Any farmers or food type vendors may be granted permission to set up also.

Mr. Stewart would like to check with the insurance carrier to be sure there is liability coverage for an event like this. Also, the logistics would need to be worked out. Ms. Dainty will have volunteers that would set up the barricades.

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to approve this request pending the approval of Mr. Stewart. Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion. Ms. Dainty would like to keep the time period short for the first time for this event. The event will be held on the "T". A voice vote was unanimous.

ORAL

- Candace Dannaker, Bellefonte's C-NET representative, addressed Council. C-NET celebrated their 25th anniversary. There were 499 programs produced by the C-NET staff in 2013. There were 56 other programs and a daily weather forecast that was produced by other stations that air on C-NET channels. The new website for C-NET launched in December 2013. It includes several enhanced features and now all programs are embedded directly into the website and are organized by the sponsoring member organization. All channel 7 and 98 bulletin board messages can be viewed on the website. C-NET programs remain online for 10 months. Ms. Dannaker has always been a fan of C-NET because those 25 years demonstrates there is a continued interest in the public for being able to view what is going on in local government. She complimented Council for being a continued supporter.

Cindy Hahn, C-NET Director, addressed Council. She provided the 2013 Annual report. She also provided a handout that walks through the programs that Bellefonte Borough sponsored for C-NET in 2013. C-NET takes their orders from the member organizations. In 2013 Bellefonte Borough sponsored a total of 25 programs: all Council meetings; the Logan Fire Company parade; Bellefonte Victorian Christmas Community Choir Concert. There were 58 bulletin board messages. That is valued as 1/10th of a program, which equals 5.8 programs. Which makes the sponsorship in 2013 were 30.8 programs. In 2013 Bellefonte sponsored 5 1/2% of all the programs sponsored by all the member organizations. On the back of the handout is a large graph showing all members and what they sponsor. The Council meetings are aired on C-NET channel 7 on Wednesday at 10:00 p.m.; Thursday at 7:00 a.m.; Friday at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. If your meeting is less than 90 minutes long it actually airs twice within its scheduled block. Most of the Borough meetings air twice.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Draft IDA meeting minutes from June 11, 2014 are in the packet for review. The public portion of the meeting went very well. Most of the questions the audience asked had been addressed with the meeting with the IDA. There is a sample block by the old Cerro warehouse on Lamb Street. The color will be a little different.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Wilson presented the May 2014 Police Report and Police Exonerations.

Mayor Wilson had the opportunity to ride with an officer. It was very educational. There will be some discussion on the ride at the July 7 meeting.

Mayor Wilson thanked the Borough employees that helped with setting up, tearing down and the clean-up following the Cruise. He thanked the police department for their diligence in patrolling the area. He thanked HBI and the Cruise Committee for their hard work and dedication to the town. Because of these organizations we are able to enjoy the special events in town.

Mayor Wilson stated there will be a tour train coming into Bellefonte on June 28 at approximately 10:45 a.m. The train is from Lock Haven and will have approximately 280 people on it.

Mr. DeCusati thanked Mayor Wilson and gave a nice recommendation to the School Resource Officer at the high school graduation. The event went very well.

Mr. Halderman talked with Pat McCool and informed him that the Borough appreciates all the committee does to bring those people into town.

Mrs. Brown made a motion to send a letter of appreciation to Lock Haven and Clinton County for their participation in the train coming to Bellefonte on June 28. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- None.

HARB

1) 313 East Linn Street: Replace roof with sienna shingles; add handrails at front and side.

2) 125 North Allegheny Street: Signage for new Edward Jones office.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the Certificates of Appropriateness as submitted. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- HARB Draft meeting minutes from the June 10, 2014, meeting are in the packet for review. Mr. Stewart reported the entity providing code services is willing to have a person available for HARB as a building inspector so a zoning officer will not be required and the ordinance will not have to be amended.

BUILDING AND PROPERTY - No report.

FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE - Mr. DeCusati made a motion to accept the agreement between Bellefonte and Centre Region Code Enforcement as submitted. Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion. Mrs. Dunne stated there is the additional action of appointing a Borough Council representative to the Safety Committee where code issues are discussed. She asked if that would be the body that would modify the fee schedule referred to in #4 under permits. Mr. Stewart stated the person would be on the board to discuss rates and fees. The committee makes

recommendations that go through the appropriate channels. Mr. Stewart stated the attorneys have reviewed it and approve it. COG wanted uniformity in fees and Council agreed to that. Some fees went up and some went down. Open burning is not allowed in the Borough. The motion passed with Mrs. Brown voting no.

- Mrs. Dunne made a motion to adopt Resolution 061614-001, the Borough Fee Schedule for COG. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mrs. Brown voting no.

- Mrs. Dunne made a motion of support for the Kepler Pool Renovation Proposal presented to Council by Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority representative Howard Long. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mrs. Dunne will be meeting with the auditors on Tuesday and the audit will be available for distribution at the July 7 Council meeting.

PARK AND RECREATION - No report.

HUMAN RESOURCES - Mr. DeCusati made a motion to nominate Frank Halderman as the Council representative to sit on the COG Public Safety Committee. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. DeCusati reported staff selected someone to be the Code Compliance Officer. The person will be announced when things are finalized.

- The Borough will once again utilize the CareerLink Program for five students this summer. A retired person will oversee them.

- A memo is included in the packets regarding the Civil Service Commission and an issue the Borough is dealing with. The issue has been resolved at this point. Things are going to move forward with the promotional exams. The listing will be posted and then there is a 90-day time frame from when it is posted and when the exam can be given.

SAFETY - Mr. Brachbill reported the packet contains draft Fire Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from May 29, 2014; Fire Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from April 22, 2014; and Draft Safety Committee Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2014.

Mrs. Dunne and Mr. DeCusati thanked Mr. Brachbill for including the Fire Protection Task Force report.

WATER AND SANITATION - Mr. Beigle mentioned on the water withdrawal it was 4.5 million in one day. That was the day there was a gusher leak.

- Residents that have grass and trash removal containers received letters informing them what goes into those containers. Residents are not cooperating with what is put in which container. The landfill is open on Saturdays.

- Mrs. Brown reported the fountain in Talleyrand Park is leaking. There is a dual drinking fountain that could be turned off until it is repaired.

STREETS - Mr. DeCusati reported the schedule for the Streetscape Project is in the packets for review. The contractor will be back mid-July and complete the project, which will go into October.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION - Mrs. Dunne distributed a brochure that was published by the Spring Creek Watershed Commission that was meant in the interest of public education. They hope to do more outreach to the public regarding storm water pollution in the future. The question was raised that since the streams are monitored is there a change in the nitrogen. Council would also like to receive a report. She will get more brochures so they will be available for the public.

OLD BUSINESS

- West Penn Power no longer does re-lamping. They replace bulbs as they burn out. They are testing LED's, and it will be a year or two before they get a tariff to see what they charge for that. When they are available the contact person will inform Mr. Stewart.

NEW BUSINESS

- July 4 refuse will be picked up on Wednesday, July 2.

- PSAB Legislative Alert - There is a pending House Bill 1708 that would take funds out of State Aid, which the Borough receives to help with pension program costs for both police and public works.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to send a letter to both of our representatives letting them know that the Borough opposes House Bill 1708. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Halderman would like to add the Speaker of the House to that list as well. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Marsha Kyper will be scheduling a one-hour Stakeholder Group Interview with the managers of CATA's Municipal Funding Partners, for CATA's Strategic Plan Update. Council members are requested to email any feedback to Mr. Stewart.

- Draft Minutes - Council members are satisfied to receive draft minutes. Draft minutes are not approved minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Mr. DeCusati made a motion to adjourn the meeting of June 16, 2014 at 8:35 p.m. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.