

## **COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 16, 2008**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order at 8:00 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.

### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Dainty, Taylor, Hay, Aikens, Beigle, DeCusati, Halderman

Members Excused: Brown, Heidt

Officials Present: Mayor Stanley Goldman  
Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager

Staff Present: Russell Shuey, Code Administrator

Guests:

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 2, 2008. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as written.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **WRITTEN**

- A letter from Janice Stramara, Fiscal & Office Support Services, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission informing Bellefonte Borough that it has been awarded a Certified Local Government grant in the amount of \$15,000. This grant supports the HARB Administration program. The grant begins August 1, 2008 and runs for the fiscal year.

- A letter from David D. Engle, Esquire, attorney regarding Ann Gasper and the Bellefonte Farmers' Market Association.

- A letter from BJ Clitherow, Forever Broadcasting (Froggy Radio Station), requesting the use of Talleyrand Park on October 24<sup>th</sup> for a safe trick-or-treat night.

Mr. Aikens made a motion to deny this request as proposed. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. The opportunity is available to resubmit this request with more detail showing that a 501(C)3 non-for-profit organization is involved. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Jacqueline Douty requesting approximately \$150.00 in sewer fees be waived due to a sewer condition she was not aware of.

Mr. Aikens made a motion to waive the current fee of \$150.00. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

### **ORAL**

- Mr. Beigle informed Council that there are weeds at the corner of Robin Road and Fairview Drive need to be cut back because of visibility problems. There is a drain near the Lanny King property that needs to be cleaned out because water is backing up.

- Mr. Halderman will be the SEDA-COG representative from Centre County. Mr. Halderman informed Council of various issues before the State legislature. Mr. Halderman suggested letters be written to representatives asking them to support various bills before the house.

Mr. Halderman informed Council that several Boroughs are installing GPS devices in Borough vehicles. This will be discussed in the future.

- Mr. Beigle had a conversation with some gentlemen from Allegheny Power. They informed him that the utility bills for residents will rise approximately 12% in 2009 and another 3% in 2010. They also informed him that electric heat is cheaper than oil or gas at the present time.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- There were no Special Committee reports.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Goldman offered his congratulations to Vana Dainty for her graduation from Leadership Centre County.

Mayor Goldman informed Council that everything went well with the car show.

### **OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

### **CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS**

- There were no projects.

### **COMMITTEES**

Building & Property – There was no report.

Finance – Ms. Dainty made a motion to file for audit the May 2008 vouchers in the amount of \$1,079,350.79. Mr. Hay seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

May 2008 Vouchers

General	14155-14290, 106	\$195,587.62
Streetlighting	466-473	\$ 10,811.62
Bellefonte Fire Dept.	633-652	\$ 48,213.12
Fire Equipment	1104-1108	\$ 31,415.73
Parks & Recreation	877-899	\$ 17,356.24
Water	5745-5801	\$ 99,806.29
Sanitation	6913-6963	\$464,218.67
Refuse	1289-1313	\$ 67,525.85
Swimming Pool	316-322	\$ 2,037.42
CDBG	417-420	\$ 14,967.68
Special Projects	-	\$ 0.00
Highway Aid	112-115	\$127,410.55*
Capital Projects	-	\$ 0.00
	Total:	<u>\$1,079,350.79</u>

\*Includes transfer of \$102,000.00

A treasurer's report from Kay Zinsner has been provided for Council to review. Any questions should be forwarded to Ms. Dainty. A question was raised regarding the Fire Equipment budget. Mr. Stewart will get details regarding this.

The Budget versus Actual Year to Date (YTD) information through May has been provided for Council to review.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve and sign the CATA agreement for services in the 2008-2009 fiscal year in the amount of \$15,323 for operation and \$2,278 for capital. Mr. Aikens seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Park & Recreation – Mr. Taylor has received complaints regarding the new surfacing on the tennis/basketball court at Governors Park because they are too wet to play on. Tracey Benson would like to address Council on the details regarding this situation. The Bond company has been notified of the situation. The rubber surfacing only lasts five to six years.

The new sod in Talleyrand Park needs to be watered. Events people need to be made aware that they are not permitted to drive in the park.

Personnel – Mr. Hay is still collecting information regarding the Municipal Workers Contract and is still awaiting a proposal from the Police Department.

Safety – Mr. Aikens informed Council that the crosswalk will be painted soon between Talleyrand Park and the Café on the Park.

Mr. Aikens feels Columbia Gas has done a fine job in restoring Howard Street. The curbing needed to be installed as it is to keep the water from running into the house.

Mr. Aikens thanked police officers from other Municipalities for helping out during the Bellefonte Cruise.

Mayor Goldman requested that the Borough repaint the lines at the intersection of Howard Street and Wilson Street. The dash marks need to be placed at the edge of the intersection.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle reviewed a letter from Chuck Thompson, P.E., Project Manager, Nittany Engineering & Associates, LLC regarding the sewer treatment plant upgrade bid results. These bids will be discussed at the Authority meeting on July 1, 2008 and awarded at that time.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati informed Council that there is a PSAB Alert regarding maintenance work under prevailing wage laws. The recommendation was to hold on paving projects pending a Department of Labor and Industry decision.

It was requested that the street sweeper begin to clean the residential areas.

Technology – It is too early to determine what the savings is by using laptops rather than paper packets.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Mr. Beigle made a motion to adopt Resolution 6-16-08 authorizing the submission of the Growing Greener II Grant Application for the Talleyrand Park Big Spring Bridge Project in the amount of \$150,000. Mr. Aikens seconded the motion. Walter Schneider will be the designer of the bridge abutments.

- A draft copy of the Calendar of Events is in the packets for Council members to review and provide recommendations on.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

### **EXONERATIONS**

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the ticket exonerations. Mr. Hay seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

### **POLICE REPORT**

There was no police report.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- With no other business to come before Council Mr. Aikens made a motion to adjourn the meeting of June 16, 2008 at 8:55 p.m. Mr. Hay seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.