

COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 2, 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: Brown, Dainty, Hay, Taylor, Aikens, Beigle, Heidt, Halderman

Members Excused: DeCusati,

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

Staff Present:

Guests: Genaro Armas; Adam Christiansen; Chief Fred Bruno, Bellefonte Fire Department Chief; Jennifer Zeigler; Karen Knisely; Melanie Morrison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Heidt made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2008. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as written.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Sarah Edge, Office Manager, ClearWater Conservancy, Spring Creek Watershed Commission, thanking Council for the 2008 Pledge Contribution in the amount of \$415.00.

- A letter from Matthew D. Nedrow, Sergeant First Class, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, Readiness NCO, requesting permission for Company C, 2nd Battalion, 112th Infantry 56th Stryker Brigade, scheduled for departure to Iraq in September, to march from the Armory on Bishop Street to the Bellefonte Train Station. The Bellefonte Train Station has historically been the departure point for soldiers heading off for war. The soldiers would board buses in the municipal parking lot adjacent to the Train Station. The mobilization date has not yet been finalized.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to permit this departure march from the Armory to the Bellefonte Train Station in September. Mr. Aikens seconded the motion. Council suggested perhaps the soldiers could board the train and travel a short distance before boarding their buses if that would be possible. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Kevin Snook, Carnival Committee, Logan Fire Company #1, requesting the following assistance from Bellefonte Borough for the 36th Annual Fourth of July Celebration, which will be held July 1st through July 5th:

- Permission to conduct the annual Fireman's Parade on Saturday, July 5th, at 5:00 PM.
- Use of Borough barricades for traffic restrictions at the carnival grounds and for High Street resident's front properties notifying local residents of "No Parking" and "No Walking Access" to the carnival, due to the orange barrier fence that will be set up in the rear of the High Street properties bordering the Armory grounds.
- Use of three (3) Borough dumpsters and daily garbage pickup the week of the event.
- Use of the Borough street sweeper and an operator to clean up the grounds around the Armory and the parking area on Monday, July 7th, and calling the Fire house at 355-3100 to inform them that the sweeping as been completed.

Mr. Heidt made a motion to approve the requests. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Ellie Trulick, Secretary/Treasurer, Marion Township, informing council that according to Second Class Township Code 1512 (2), Marion Township is required to reimburse Fire Protection providers for a portion of their Workman's Compensation Insurance and providing a copy of HB 481, which gives the formula they use for determining the amount. They would like Bellefonte Borough to provide the numbers used for the calculations that determined the amount of the invoice they received.

- A letter from the PA State Mayor's Association providing information regarding "Mayor of the Year Award" nominations. The nominations are currently being accepted.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to nominate Mayor Goldman for the "Mayor of the Year Award". Mr. Hay seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Erdman Anthony providing plans for a retaining wall replacement on S.R. 0144, Segment 320/0620. The plans need to be reviewed and the location of overhead and underground facilities needs to be verified

- A letter from Maryann DePasquale, Fair Director, Bellefonte Arts & Crafts Fair, informing Council that the fair will be held on Friday, August 15th from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM and Saturday, August 16th, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The request is to close the following streets from 7:00 AM Friday, August 15th, through 8:00 PM Saturday, August 16th: North and South Allegheny Streets from the Bishop Street intersection to the Howard Street intersection and West High Street from Allegheny Street to the Spring Street intersection (S.R. #144 and #550). The request also includes permission to hang a banner across West High Street or North Allegheny Street advertising the fair one month prior to the fair. Also included in the request is

permission to hang the banners on street lamp posts to advertise the Arts & Crafts Fair when the Annual Bellefonte Cruise banners are removed. The Fair Committee would like the streets swept in the downtown area the Wednesday evening prior to the Fair; three dumpsters placed at the rear of the YMCA, and the use of 12 parking places in two of the downtown municipal parking lots (the Omega Bank lot and the lot behind the Brockerhoff) for use as disabled parking for artists.

Mr. Heidt made a motion to approve these requests. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Mrs. Kim Gasper, BAHS Special Education Teacher, Cross-Country Coach, Race Director, informing Council that the Bellefonte Area Cross-Country Booster Club is in the process of organizing the 2nd annual Herbie's Hometown Loop, which is a four (4) mile run/walk and 16 mile (non-competitive) bike ride on Saturday, August 16th, beginning at the Bellefonte Area Middle School and running the same course as before. All proceeds will benefit the Jeremy Herbstritt Memorial Fund.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. This race runs in conjunction with the Arts & Crafts Fair. A voice vote was unanimous.

- An email from Eric Ebeling requesting permission to close the 400 block of Beaver Street the weekend of June 21st. The closure would include the 400 block of Beaver Street from Armor Street to Wilson Street on Saturday, June 21st, from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM with a rain date of Sunday, June 22nd, from 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM.

Mr. Aikens made a motion to approve this request. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

ORAL

- Genaro Armas owns the property at 176 East Curtin Street and is requesting the Borough reconsider permitting them to appeal the Public Inspection report from April. They submitted their letter before the twenty (20) day deadline, and then received a letter from Mr. Shuey informing them that they did not submit the proper fee. After discussion Mr. Shuey informed them the appeal would go through. They then received a letter informing them the request was denied because the fee was not included in the allotted time. Mr. Armas feels the public inspection appeals process was not formally outlined on the Public Inspection Report.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to permit Mr. Armas the ability to re-appeal. Mr. Heidt seconded the motion. Mr. Armas must have his appeal filed and payment paid within twenty (20) days. A voice vote was unanimous.

Council members would like the appeal fee to be reviewed to see how it could be reduced. Council members would also to see a breakdown of the fees and a report on any pending appeals.

- Adam Christiansen, 181 Valentine Hill Road, regarding the SBWJA sewer project. The project is on the agenda of this meeting for approval if Council so desires.

- Chief Fred Bruno provided Council members with a copy of the April fire department

report. There were no questions regarding his report. There will be an apparatus replacement strategies meeting on Wednesday, June 25th, at CPI during the Shared Services monthly meeting. Mr. Stewart encouraged all Council members to attend this meeting. There is an engine that will not pass pump certification. The tanker will only be good for approximately two (2) or three (3) more years. Chief Bruno would like to develop a strategy for a replacement program for equipment replacement. A consultant has been hired through the shared services and he will be conducting a Power Point presentation at the meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- There were no special committee reports.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Goldman had nothing to report.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to appoint Megan Weaver Tooker as an alternate on the HARB board. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 1) 384 East Curtin Street/Peter and Barbara Roberson – dormer window replacement and change in dormer siding color and material.
- 2) 313 East Linn Street/Tami Schuster – Painting. Installation of signage for bed and breakfast.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve both Certificates of Appropriateness. Mr. Aikens seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – Mr. Stewart informed Council that pumps will be ordered for the fountains in the Talleyrand Park area. The new waterline has been run to the fountain in front of the Train Station. The base of the fountain in the Big Spring area is being parged. The horse fountain is waiting for a pump. When Bob Dorman returns from vacation he will finalize the ordering of the parts.

The building permit was obtained for the building at the landfill. A sewer/septic tank approval had to be obtained. The bids will be updated.

Finance – Ms. Dainty informed Council that an estimate will be provided in July of what has been spent to date on fuel and gas and include an estimate of what the situation may be at the end of the year.

Park & Recreation – Mr. Taylor feels the tennis court at Governors Park is getting worse. Mr. Stewart met with Tracey Benson and a representative from the company that installed the material over the tennis courts. The tennis court is not fixable.

The work crew did some work around pavilions at Governors Park where the run-off from rain created dips.

Personnel – Mr. Hay is in the process of reviewing the initial proposal from the Municipal Workers. Another meeting is not yet scheduled. Council members would like to be informed when the meeting is scheduled.

Safety – AED units will be mounted in the Borough Building – one either in Council chambers or in the hallway and one in the crew room. Two police cruisers will have a unit to use also.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle would like a report of how much riff-raff was collected.

The average water usage for May was 3.2 million gallons. There will be a Water Authority meeting on Tuesday, June 3rd. The Authority is waiting for a response from the Spring Township Water Authority in reference to the Weis area.

The receipt from the Engineer was submitted to SBWJA and that should conclude the final bill. The solicitor is drafting a letter to SBWJA regarding the issue of payment.

Mr. Stewart said Spring Township is interested in sharing equipment for recycling.

For refuse collection the refuse collectors keep a list of how many cans a resident places out.

Streets – The approach on Wilson Street to Howard Street needs to have the big yellow sign replaced that warns of a stop ahead because it is worn out.

Technology – Mr. Heidt had nothing to report.

Mr. Stewart informed Council that when a person is available the phone is answered, but many times all employees are either on the phone or busy with other tasks.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Heidt made a motion to approve Minor Act 537 Update Revision Spring Township, Centre County. Mr. Aikens seconded the motion. This is for Valentine Hill Road. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Aikens made a motion for approval of amending Ordinance #1210 pertaining to the regulations and time lines for emergency escapes and number of exits. Also amending interconnection of carbon monoxide alarms. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A public meeting is not required, but it was advertised as required. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Hay made a motion to proceed with having the Engineer move ahead with obtaining bids for the Streetscape Project with bids being returned before the Council meeting of July 7, 2008. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

- The letter from BJ Clitherow, Forever Broadcasting, was turned over to Park & Recreation for review and recommendation.
- Computer bags are available for Council members to transport their laptops.

EXONERATIONS

- There were no ticket exonerations.

POLICE REPORT

- There was no police report.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Mr. Heidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting of June 2, 2008 at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Aikens seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.