

## **COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 5, 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, Beigle, DeCusati, Heidt, Halderman

Members Excused: Taylor, Aikens,

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

Staff Present: Russell Shuey

Guests: Pat Casher, CDBG; Mark Garlicki, HRG;  
Hugh Mose, CATA; Fred Bruno, Fire Department Chief

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 21, 2008. Mr. Heidt seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as written.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **WRITTEN**

- A letter from the Logan Fire Company requesting permission to conduct their annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The parade will be held Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00 PM. The parade route is the same as last year – starting at the Bellefonte Elementary School and ending at the Armory. Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Heidt seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from the Bellefonte VFW requesting assistance for their Memorial Day Ceremony to be held at 11:00 AM at the Courthouse on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve this request. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A request from Relay for Life to hang a banner in the downtown area. Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.
- A letter from Robert Garis regarding the grass clipping program. Mr. Stewart responded with a letter to Mr. Garis.
- A letter from Mark Watson, Bellefonte Little League President, requesting permission to conduct Bellefonte Little League Tag Day on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007, from 8:00 AM to Noon. Mr. Heidt made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.
- A letter from J. R. Toner, Undine Fire Company, providing additional information regarding their “No Parking Zone” request – one space along Penn Street. Mr. DeCusati made a motion to approve the request for a “No Parking Zone”. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.
- A letter from Catherine Dupuis, Artistic Director and President, Jazz PA, providing additional information regarding their request for the following street closures on July 26<sup>th</sup>: The Diamond, High Street between Allegheny and Spring Streets; Allegheny Street between Cherry Lane and Pike Lane. The group plans to have various venues around town where musicians would be situated. Jazz PA would like Bellefonte businesses to be available to provide food for the festival. Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the street closings for the Jazz Festival. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. Jazz PA will be responsible for seeing that the area is cleaned-up after the festival. The question was raised regarding why the Borough does not get reimbursed for additional police protection during special events. A voice vote was unanimous.
- A copy of a letter from Robert S. Decker, President, Nittany Engineering to Tom Fouse, HRI, Inc. regarding the Talleyrand Park restoration work. The project and letter will be discussed at the Bellefonte Borough Authority meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- An Update from the PSAB (Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs) and information on the June conference. The 97<sup>th</sup> PSAB Annual Conference will be held June 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort.
- An email from Dr. Dunn, BHCA. Dr. Dunn would like the Borough to increase the amount given to the Council of the Arts Grants in the amount of \$235.00. Mrs. Brown made a motion to provide \$235.00. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.
- A letter from Ronald J. Iadarola, Children’s Fair Committee, Bellefonte Children’s Fair. The 59<sup>th</sup> annual Children’s Fair will be held on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. at East Curtin and Armor Streets in Bellefonte. The rain date is June 8<sup>th</sup>. They would like permission to close the 400 block of East Curtin Street and Armor Street from East Linn Street to East Curtin Street from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. They are also requesting barriers to block traffic from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM that day as well as trash pick-up after the fair ends. They also request permission to have the Children’s Fair banner hung in the downtown area.

Mr. DeCusati made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Beigle seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- The Spring Creek Watershed Commission meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month and it is requested that a Council member attend the meetings. Mr. Holderman and Mr. Beigle will attend the meetings as available.

### **ORAL**

- Pat Casher addressed Council regarding the CDBG 2008 Application and provided a Farmers Market Update. The CDBG application is due in Harrisburg on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. The amount of money that Bellefonte Borough is eligible to apply for is \$122,544.00. The grant application was advertised and two public hearings were conducted regarding the street improvement project. If Council approves the grant application Mr. Stewart and Mr. Halderman would need to sign documents. Mr. Heidt made a motion to approve the 2008 CDBG application and also to provide authorization for the officers to sign the document. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. Mr. Casher deferred the Farmers Market update to the Council meeting of May 19<sup>th</sup>.

- Mark Garlicki, HRG, came before Council on behalf of Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority. Mr. Garlicki realizes there are many issues between Bellefonte Borough and the Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority. Mr. Garlicki feels a good point between Bellefonte Borough and the SBWJA facility is that it serves a wide range of sewer service areas and brings growth into the area. SBWJA would like to service the area close to Valentine Hill Road. There are six homes in that area. The location is just beyond the Borough line. One of the properties has raw discharge into a spring. The other five homes have systems that don't comply with current standards. DEP evaluated the area and have given verbal approval to move ahead with servicing this area. Spring Township Planning Commission has provided their approval. The Spring Township Supervisors will be passing a resolution that needs to be included with the module. Clearances were received from the environmental groups that need to be given. Tom Smith has provided a letter stating there is capacity at the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Garlicki needs Bellefonte Borough to pass a resolution if the plans meet the approval so that this area can enter into the Borough system. It is a total of 6 edu's with approximately 1,200 linear feet of line. Council would like the Borough Engineer and attorneys to review the document before a decision is made.

- Hugh Mose, CATA, addressed Council regarding the 2008/2009 budget. A copy of the draft budget was provided to Council members for their review. Council authorized an increase of 5% over what was budgeted for 2007/2008. CATA feels they will be able to add an additional early morning commute trip. It was requested that Mr. Mose verify the amount of increase that was budgeted. Mr. Mose expects ridership to increase with the rising fuel cost. During the past year the ridership on the Centre Ride service has increased approximately 13%. On a day of sampling ridership the busiest bus time for Bellefonte Borough is the early morning commute trip.

- Chief Fred Bruno, Bellefonte Fire Department, provided copies of his report for

Council members to review. Council members commended Chief Bruno for the fine job that he does.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- There were no special committee reports.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Goldman thanked the Postal Department and Rita for everything done to collect food during the annual food drive conducted by the National Association of Letter Carriers (ALF-CIO). Mr. Halderman read a proclamation from Mayor Goldman that proclaims Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 as "Stamp Out Hunger Day". Rita requested all Council members to put food by their mailbox on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, for the annual food drive. She also thanked Mayor Goldman for the proclamation.

### **OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

### **CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS**

- 1) 137 North Allegheny Street/Sekula Sign Corporation – sign changeover from Omega Bank to First National Bank – color changes to previously approved drive-thru sign.
- 2) 125 West High Street/Bellefonte Family YMCA – Install a 10' x 18' pre-fab shed next to the existing Trinity United Methodist Church shed.

Mr. Heidt made a motion to approve both Certificates of Appropriateness. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

### **COMMITTEES**

Building & Property – Mrs. Brown had nothing to report.

Finance – Ms. Dainty had nothing to report.

Park & Recreation – There was no report.

Personnel – There will be a union meeting on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 PM.

Safety – There was no report.

Water/Sanitation – Mr. Beigle informed Council that DEP did not approve the application from Nittany Engineering for a grant that would provide a heat pump unit that would capture energy from the treated wastewater stream before it exits the wastewater treatment plant. Nittany Engineering suggests that the Authority complete this upgrade, which would result in future energy cost savings.

The Authority will meet on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati will explore the ordinance to see if a loading zone can be moved. The Street paving list is being compiled.

Technology – Mr. Heidt asked Council members to contact him if they have trouble using their laptop computers.

The Borough voicemail system is crashing and replacement options are being explored. Mr. Heidt feels someone should answer the telephone as much as possible before the voicemail system begins.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Mr. Heidt made a motion to consider Resolution opposing HB 1063. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- The County administers the Gypsy Moth program and are to provide notice to residents when spraying will be done in their area. The only exception is a contract that Bellefonte Borough signed for Governors Park. Bellefonte Borough is required to notify tenants of the apartments by Governors Park. Mr. Stewart will get an update from the Gypsy Moth coordinator and try to notify residents when the spraying will happen.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Heidt made a motion to conduct interviews of the four applicants for the Council seat on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM. Council will vote on the appointment following the interviews. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous

### **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 May 5, 2008 at 8:53 p.m. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.