

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
March 20, 2017
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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 electronic devices be turned off.

Mrs. Dunne reported that Council held an Executive Session prior to the meeting for personnel matters.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Brachbill, Brown, Dickman, Dunne, Hombosky,
Johnson, Tosti-Vasey

Members Excused: Beigle, Mayor Tom Wilson

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

Staff Present: Vana Dainty, Keystone Community Coordinator

Guests: Anne Walker; Al Jones; Emma Gosalvez, The Express; Taylor Lake; Don Franson; Peter DeMartina; Emily Pantalone; Kayne Adams; Christine Gerardi; Marc Gluberman; Daniel Leavy; Kevin Lloyd; Brandon Wagner, Ilona Ballreich; Robert Lingenfelter;

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mrs. Dunne asked for Public Comments regarding the Centre Crest plans. John Stepp, Penn Terra Engineering. They presented the plans at the public hearing and asked if there were any questions. Mrs. Dunne feels Borough Council needs to see the plans.

PENN STATE SUSTAINABLE PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

- There have been two student groups working with the Borough on the landfill. They have combined their efforts and have a summary of their project to present to Council. Ilona Ballreich is with the Sustainable Communities Collaborative at Penn

State. She provided invitations to their Sustainable Communities Campus and Community Expo that will be held April 24th from 5-7 p.m. in the State College Borough Building. All the student partnerships will be presented at this.

Mrs. Dunne turned the program over to the students. The students introduced themselves and explained the project. The students are two groups of four biological engineering teams. They are working on this for their Senior Capsalon project. The end goal for the one team is to design the site layout for the composting site. The other team was designing the composting process design. The projects objective is the Bellefonte Borough is looking to improve their composting facility. They are trying to maximize the amount of space they have at the facility. They have to make a suitable path for the composting. They have to make sure they aren't violating anything with the DEP permits.

One of the members of the site design team said essentially they are taking an existing compost facility and aim to increase it to a larger scale. To do that, they have to do a site design, which takes into account the final products, where the composting will be done, as well as the flow of traffic. To do all of that, they have to take into consideration the requirements of being a certain distance from the property line. As long as they remain within all the permit regulations, they can continue with what they have laid out. They want to make sure this is as cost effective as possible, and they want to make sure grant money is optimized. To do that, they make sure they have an optimized amount of product going through the site at once. They want to make sure as seasons change you keep flows or minimum flows. In terms of the consumer, they are making sure it can handle a variety of vehicles. One of the target specifications was keeping the size to five acres. Once you go over five acres, there are harsher regulations. If storm water collects on the site, it will lead to a lot of pollution-type issues.

They use the pass volume calculations to create their composting pad. It was drawn and dimensioned in auto cad. The pad is 104' in width and 345' in length. The pad is a little lengthier than a football field, but narrower. For the composting pad they are still in the process of designing the material they are going to use. It is either going to be compacted concrete or asphalt. They are leaning more towards asphalt because that is the material that more companies use for composting pads. After a lot of concepts he showed the preliminary concept selected. They decided to move the brush pine and chips to the right side and leave the grass clippings to the left side. They felt this left more room in case Bellefonte would want to create a larger composting facility. It also gives the composting equipment more space to turn and move around the composting materials.

Peter explained the process design. To go from the raw materials to the final product it is the equipment, the recipe for the composting and the process. There are four main streams of yard waste. There's grass and leaves, brush and tree branches. All four can go into the composting recipe, but they found the brush and tree branches should be separated from that because the brush can be chipped into mulch and the tree branches can be chipped into wood chips. The grass and leaves have to be composted. Pine needles are very acidic and that could ruin people's crops. Also, pine needles have a lot of sap so you might ruin the machines. They are trying to figure out what to do with pine needles.

They created a process flow diagram that went from leaving the homes in the Borough to the finished compost. It is a 16-week process, twelve weeks for composting and four weeks for curing. During the winter months they estimate it to be a 20-week process given the winter weather conditions as well as a possible lack of materials during the winter months.

Their final goal is to have Bellefonte Borough sell the compost so you want to ensure the quality of it and to do that you have to have a carbon/nitrogen ratio around 30. This will ensure that the composting process happens the fastest, and it will cause the compost to be more fertile and sweet smelling. To do that they use an equation and they came up with different formulas for the compost. They decided to use the brush and wood for mulch and just use the grass and leaves for compost. Using the volume size they determined how much leaves and grass would be put in each pile. They also decided to go the extra step and involve food waste and biosolids import for future compost. The problem with food waste is each food has a different carbon/nitrogen ratio so that would just be an estimate.

Christine said they want the site to be expandable so they would like to include biosolids and food waste. Chipping brush to mulch allows for another product to be sold. It is a simple task. You just put the brush into a chipper and let it sit for six months and that makes a sellable product of mulch. The biosolids and food waste they hope to have a plan to incorporate them for the future. They require more regulations and permits, but they prove to be super beneficial for the composting site. The biosolids right now—they got a data sheet from the Borough. The composition of the biosolids are allowed to be land applied; however, the pathogen count is too high, which makes them class B biosolids. If you compost them for 12-16 weeks, it would reduce the pathogens and make the biosolids class A. It is actually really bad to send food waste to the landfill because it emits greenhouse gases. If the residents incorporate the food waste once the permits are obtained, it would be super beneficial. They are looking at equipment for the process. The two main things they are looking at are the screener and the grinder. The screener is extremely important for the process because the compost must go through the screener before sitting for a month to be sure all the particles are small enough to be sold as compost. The grinder isn't necessary for the process right now, but it can help speed up the process. The Borough is looking to acquire a chipper from Ferguson Township, so the students aren't looking at chippers. The bagger is something in the future that can be used onsite to sell bags of compost instead of selling it by the cubic yard.

Right now they are within five acres. If you go over five acres it can still work, but there are more regulations. The food base is harder to incorporate because it has to be turned over every day when it comes in. The students are not too familiar with the permits and applying for them.

Mr. Holderman thought the students did an excellent presentation. He is looking forward to Monday, April 24, to see the final results at the expo and also getting the report. He knew there was talk of a large pad, but he wasn't thinking of one as big as a football field. That will be quite a pad. There is so much in the report that will be helpful to the Borough. Mr. Holderman asked where in the pile you take the temperature and was told it is in the center of the pile. If the temperature gets too high, it will kill the process.

With the process, you start with all the ingredients originally. If you buy a grinder, then you grind it up and make the pieces small. Then you mix it in the recipe. As soon as a large pile is built, it has to be turned every three days, or more often if the temperature is too high. As you keep turning it, it will keep breaking down. There is a Windrow compost turner that will turn the compost. According to permit, you can only have 275 cubic yards of finished product on site.

Mr. Holderman informed the students that the Borough is looking for ideas for future projects.

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 March 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes
- Communications – Letter request re Bellefonte Little League Annual Tag Day Fundraiser
- Communications – HBI Requests for Talleyrand Park
- Mayor – Police Report
- Finance – Voucher Summary February 2017: \$708,599.07
- Finance – Treasurer’s Report February 2017

Ms. Tosti-Vasey requested the minutes be pulled from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Brachbill made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the minutes removed. Ms. Tosti-Vasey seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Page five under Water/Sanitation should say that Mr. Beigle is vacationing where it mentions that the water isn’t as good where he is. Mrs. Dunne would like to make an addition for clarification under Human Resources, bottom of page 4, Ms. Tosti-Vasey made a motion to refer the proposed Nepotism Policy to the Labor Lawyer. Under Finance and Government Performance, line 2, review the Police Budget rather than report.

Mr. Brachbill made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holderman said the minutes tonight will be sent to Holly and the person that the HR Committee selected, so there will be dual minutes for the next meeting. The new individual doesn’t know names so it may be good to mention who is making the motions for her sake.

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- Preconstruction Conference Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2017, in relation to the SR144 West Linn Street Wall Project are in the packet for review.

- The PennDOT Release re Bellefonte Wall and Roadway Project – in the CDT on Friday, March 17, it said the work would begin Monday, March 20. The utility work is being done now, but the actual street closure won't be done until school is out on June 5.

- A letter from Claudia Wilson, a resident, thanking Borough Council for making the parks more dog friendly. Her letter also appeared in the CDT.

- The Summary Report from the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) meeting that was held February 28, 2017. A while back Council requested that funding be directed towards I80/I99 exit 161 to improve it. In the newsletter it was noted that approximately \$300,000.00 will be directed towards the engineering study phase of that exit study.

- Email regarding 2019 Twelve Year Program Update – PennDOT is updating their plan and they are looking for information or comment through an online survey. There is also an online public meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 21. Ms. Tosti-Vasey would like the link to the survey put on the Borough website so the public can participate.

- Email from ClearWater Conservancy announcing their annual Watershed Cleanup Day will be Saturday, April 22. They would like help from the local municipalities. Mr. Stewart suggested Council may want to consider a resolution supporting the cleanup day.

- A letter from the owner of Wine and Café on the Park regarding the purchase of land between them and the railroad tracks.

Mrs. Dunne referred this to the Building and Property Committee for review and recommendation.

- A voting delegate form for May 2017 required by the PSAB if a delegate is sent to the conference. Mrs. Dunne is planning to be the voting delegate. Mr. Johnson will be the alternate.

- An email from the County regarding the CDBG Funding informing Council that the program is in jeopardy. There is a proposal to cut the program. They are requesting support from Council.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey made a motion to draft a letter to Thompson, Toomey and Casey opposing the elimination of the CDBG Program. Ms. Hombosky seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A memo from Mr. Stewart regarding a request from the Bellefonte Museum for a parking space in the municipal lot to park a donated vehicle.

Mr. Brachbill made a motion to approve a free permit for them. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. They have not received the vehicle yet. If the permit is

approved, it doesn't designate a space. The permit fee for that lot is \$40 per month. Ms. Tosti-Vasey feels every non-profit should be treated similar. If there are permits for non-profits that are at a reduced rate, then the museum should have the reduced rate. Mr. Brachbill moved to table his motion until information is brought back from Streets. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to table the motion.

Mrs. Dunne referred this to the Streets Committee for review and recommendation.

- Email related to the PUC Decision re Wireless Infrastructure Siting. This is a success for municipalities.

- A letter from Centre County Planning regarding Public Accommodations and Fair Housing Public Meeting. The meeting will be April 27, 2017.

- Mr. Stewart said comments were received today from Centre County Planning related to the Centre Crest Parking Lot plan. They are at the table.

ORAL

- Mr. Kevin Lloyd, Big Spring Spirits Tasting Trail Event – When Mr. Lloyd came before Council the last time he discussed having the tasting trail event in conjunction with the cruise. After much thought he felt it would be a disservice to his group because they would be competing for resources with all the cruise people. With the cruise event it would be difficult because a lot of roads would be blocked off. Logistically he didn't feel like it made a lot of sense for them. They would like to do this on Sunday, June 18, which is Father's Day, from 3-7 p.m. When they changed the day, they thought instead of the Waterfront, perhaps the park extension by Big Spring Spirits would be better for them. It has power, and there is parking at the Match Factory Complex. There are twelve Central PA Tasting Club members. Four of them are in Bellefonte. The event would consist of giving free tastings of people's products in addition to selling by the glass or the bottle. If sold by the bottle, it would be clear that they could not be opened and consumed in the park. They thought about having up to three bands that would each play for an hour. They also would like to have up to five food vendors.

In terms of security and liability, the park already establishes two sides of the perimeter. The vendor tents could be laid out in an L-shape that would form a boxed-in area. Attendees would be checked as they came in for their age, and they would receive a wrist band so it would be clear to the vendors that they are of age. There would be volunteers staged around the perimeter to make sure that no open containers are in the park area.

For insurance all the members have their own insurance.

The parking would be easy at the Match Factory lot for attendees.

You would pay \$10 to get a wrist band that would allow you to sample anything or purchase anything. Anyone else could just attend and not sample anything. They

didn't discuss having non-alcohol drinks for children. They could offer soft drinks at the registration table.

Mr. Lloyd is planning to rent port-a-potties for the event. The restrooms at Big Spring Spirits would be available also.

They plan to have up to four people to police the perimeter as well as volunteers to run the registration desk.

Mr. Lloyd said they would be responsible for trash cleanup.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey made a motion to accept the Central Pennsylvania Tasting Trail Event proposal for Sunday, June 8, at the Talleyrand Park Extension. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The proper insurance forms will be provided. It was recommended if the parking lot gets filled they should contact Ken Martin to remove the chain to the gravel lot behind the APS for additional parking. A voice vote was unanimous

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Draft IDA meeting minutes from March 8, 2017, are in the packet for review.
- Draft Safety Committee meeting minutes from March 8, 2017, are in the packet for review.
- Mr. Brachbill reported the COG meeting scheduled on March 14, 2017, was cancelled due to the weather.
- There was a Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission meeting last Thursday. At that meeting it was time to have re-election. At that time a re-alignment was proposed that took them from 2017 to 2026, which made it easier to determine who was next. Each office of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer can be held two years by the same municipality. Based on the history 2017 is Bellefonte's turn to be Chair, Spring Township to be Vice-Chair and Walker Township is Treasurer. Bob Dannaker and Mr. Brachbill flipped a coin and Bob won so Mr. Brachbill was appointed Chairman. Dave Capperella is Vice-Chairman. Jim Heckman is Treasurer. The Secretary position is open. There is a group that is looking at regional fire planning and the NVJPC is trying not to let that muddle in with their plans. They need information from the Bellefonte Fire Departments. There was discussion about putting a Police Service Chapter in the Public Safety Chapter. It was kept on the agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Wilson had no report.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- John Sepp, Penn Terra Engineering, addressed Council regarding the Centre Crest Parking Lot Land Development Plan. He presented the final land development plans for the parking lot in back of Centre Crest. The plan shows the existing building on Howard Street and the parking lot behind the building. It will be a 70-stall paved parking lot with a very large retention basin that takes up approximately half the project. The basin will be 120' x 100'. In the hundred year storm, it will be approximately 3½ feet deep. The water will be conveyed via a new pipe that will be constructed down the existing Centre Crest driveway and tied into the storm sewer system that runs down Wilson Street. The pipe under the driveway will also be replaced. There will be lighting installed in the parking lot as well as landscaping. There is landscape screening along the parking lot to screen the headlights. The parking area is over 100' from the property line. The retention basin has been oversized to account for the hundred year storm from the site. There was a meeting with the neighbors tonight at 6:30 p.m. to answer any questions they had pertaining to the project. A review was received today from the County Planning Office with very minor comments, most of which were labeling and calling out different things in the legend. Ms. Dainty has reviewed the plan in Zoning; Don Franson has reviewed the plan in terms of engineering and they are both satisfied with the detail and design of the plan. The County Conservation District reviewed as well. Once they get their MPDS permit and receive Council approval they would like to begin the construction of the project.

Mr. Brachbill asked on the High Street side if there would be any kind of fence around the retention area, which there will not. The retention pond is designed to hold water only for a couple days. It won't be a pond that will have water in for a long period. A geotechnical firm was hired to do infiltration tests, and they confirmed that the water would infiltrate through the ground into the pond area naturally.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey was reviewing the contour lines and asked if it will be steeper at the top to shove the water down. Mr. Sepp said the one portion would be built up a little bit and the other portion would be excavated. The total depth of the pond is 4', but for the hundred year storm it would be 3½'. The bottom of the pond is flat so it would be the same depth throughout the pond.

Creating this lot will alleviate most of the parking concerns.

Mr. Johnson asked where the employees access the building. Mr. Sepp pointed out a stairway that they use.

Mrs. Dunne asked if Mr. Pierce's concern about a fence around the edge because of the depth of the retention basin and the children in the neighborhood was adequately answered. Mr. Sepp said this is the size of retention basins in most residential neighborhoods. He also noted that the vast majority of retention basins in Centre County are not fenced.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey asked where the handicap parking spaces were located. Mr. Sepp said it would not be in this lot because everybody has to use the stairway to get up. The handicap parking spaces are in the front of the building. With the additional parking spaces, if the regulations require additional handicap parking spaces, they will be added on the other side. It was noted that these parking spaces are intended for the employees. When the required staff was added to allow them to have full occupancy of the 240 beds, it involved a lot more employees. There are also many volunteers that need to be able to park also. Mr. Sepp feels this will be viewed as a standalone parking

lot, and he noted that there would not be ADA access to the parking lot. Ms. Tosti-Vasey feels this would affect the ratio.

Mr. Stewart asked about the pipe underneath the driveway. Mr. Sepp noted the pipe would be replaced with an 18" pipe, and there will be a catch basin at the upper end of the pipe and stubbing out another pipe to catch any overflow. Mr. Stewart said there was concern about the flow of water between the houses. Mr. Sepp said they are not planning to run a pipe between the houses through an easement. The pipe is coming out of a catch basin in the pond. The pipe is approximately 8' down in the driveway.

Mr. Brachbill expressed concern about fencing around the retention pond because children are very curious about new things. Mr. Sepp was once told that it would make more sense to fence in the streets because children have a much greater chance of getting hit by a car. Mr. Johnson suggested posting "private property" signs. Mr. Stewart said the Land Development Subdivision Plan doesn't require a fence or it would be there. Mr. Sepp suggested monitoring it and if you see it as an issue then Centre Crest could install fencing.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the plans as presented on the contingency that the County corrections are made and that the Centre County Conservation District approval is received. Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion. Mr. Franson has reviewed and approved the plans. He won't sign them until the ENS and NPDP permits are received. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve Nathan Day as a member of the Bellefonte Borough Planning Commission. Ms. Dickman seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. The Planning Commission is now permitted to have alternates.

HARB

- None

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- None.

BUILDING AND PROPERTY – Ms. Dickman reported a committee meeting will be scheduled soon.

FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE – Mrs. Brown reported Council approved the Current vs. Prior February 2017 and the Budget vs. Actual February 2017 in the Consent Agenda. Ms. Tosti-Vasey had a question regarding the budget vs. actual. She noticed that the bulk water and the sewer budgets are listed as 2016. That is a typo.

- The audit is ongoing.

- Mr. Johnson had a question about a letter received regarding supporting the Library Summer Reading Program and asked if Council would like to discuss it. Mrs. Brown indicated Council did not budget extra money for the library. This has been turned over to the Finance Committee to get more details.

PARK AND RECREATION – Ms. Hombosky reported there will be a Park and Recreation meeting on Monday, March 27, at 5:15 p.m. Ruth Fleck will come in to discuss the steps needed to get the Liberty Swing up and swinging. Ms. Hombosky said the Committee met on site and have other ADA issues that need to be explored.

- Mr. Johnson asked if there will be temporary “no fishing” signs installed along the Waterfront walkway before fishing season begins. Mr. Stewart said that is the goal. Ms. Hombosky asked if small signs could be installed on the bank. She has seen so many people fishing there and she feels the signs at either end won’t be observed. Mr. Holderman said it will be an enforcement issue. Ms. Dickman feels there are those that do not have the finances to purchase equipment to go into the water to fish as well as ADA people and she has concerns about not allowing them to fish there. Mr. Brachbill said the ordinance has already been passed.

- Ms. Brown reported that according to Rodney there are evidences of dogs in the park because everyone isn’t cleaning up the messes.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Ms. Tosti-Vasey reported there was a Personnel meeting on March 13. The next meeting will be immediately following the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting on Monday, March 27. The finalist for the maintenance position will be interviewed during that meeting.

- The Committee is waiting to hear back from the labor lawyer regarding the Nepotism Policy.

- For the Police Contract they are putting together the final contract from end to end. They preliminarily accepted it, but they want to make sure the i’s are dotted and the t’s are crossed in the same places. There will be no arbitration.

SAFETY – Mr. Brachbill reported the information from Centre Region Code was at the table. It is the packet from the meeting that wasn’t held because of weather.

- Mr. Holderman reported that the informational meeting for code proposals was held today at 3:00 p.m. Nobody attended the meeting, which is normal for an informational meeting. The proposals for code services are due at the April 3 meeting. Currently April 24 is scheduled for the special meeting to interview any potential vendors. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Council members do not feel it is necessary to have C-NET coverage at this meeting.

WATER/SANITATION – Mr. Stewart reported there has been discussion with Nestle Waters of North America about purchasing water from the Big Spring. Their desire is to

get non-chlorinated water similar to what is sold to Coca-Cola, but would be willing to take chlorinated water. They are exploring sites to use. If this would happen, it would go through the Water Fund. Mr. Johnson said Bellefonte has a valuable resource. He feels the Armory property would be ideal to create a water outlet—Bellefonte's own brand of water through Nestle. He feels sometimes Council is not entrepreneurial enough. He feels the Borough should look closely at it. Council members would like to be involved with the Water Authority in this decision. The next Authority meeting is Tuesday, April 4.

STREETS – Mr. Johnson reported the Streets Committee met on March 10. They had several employees and staff at the meeting as well as a representative from Domino's Pizza and the Bellefonte Mews in attendance.

Things discussed at the meeting were:

- South Thomas Street Parking Issue – In dodging the fireplugs, driveways, zones and space needed to make turns out of the street, it would only create one more space and it is unclear if it is worth that to get one more space because all the existing spaces would have to be shortened to get that space. Chris Burger suggested squeezing some parking spaces on South Thomas Street from Potter Street behind CVS. Mr. Brachbill suggested if the lines need repainted it may be the time to create that additional space. Mr. Stewart said that would make the spaces tighter and more difficult to get in and out of. It was suggested that the residents be sent a questionnaire asking if they are willing to give up 2' of a parking space to create one additional space. The survey will be considered after a recommendation comes from Chris Burger regarding creating two or three extra parking spaces behind CVS.
- Rain Garden on High Street – Mr. Stewart said the main issue is the lamp post near the walkway. The plan shows that lamp post moved back approximately 4' towards the building. The lamp posts would not be aligned. Also, near the entry door the sidewalk is uneven with a difference of approximately 2". The Streets Committee recommends that the Borough Manager make the recommendation to the County to let the lamp post where it is and to address the sidewalk difference.
- Fifteen Minute Parking in front of Bellefonte Mews – It was recommended to add 15 minutes with flashers.
- Intersection of East High Street and Ridge Street – It seems that it is a driver's responsibility to come to a complete stop. Matt Auman suggested painting a line block at the stop sign that would enhance the people to stop. Mr. Brachbill feels signage needs to be placed on the Howard Street side informing vehicles of oncoming traffic. Mr. Stewart said a traffic study must be done before a stop sign could be installed. Council recommends placing signage that says "slow, dangerous intersection". A drastic option would be to change Ridge Street to one-way in one direction.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey made a motion to do a survey to talk to the residents along Ridge Street to see what their experiences are and what their recommendations are for making the street one-way heading north from Cherry Lane to Howard Street. Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion. A voice

vote was unanimous. In the meantime the line blocks can be painted. It would have to be done when the pavement warms up.

- West Linn Street Parking – There will be a meeting with PennDOT on April 3. There are eleven spaces that may be impacted. It is hopeful that only 50% or less will be impacted. It appears that emergency vehicles would be able to get up Shugert Lane. A representative from the Bellefonte Fire Department will be brought in to the meeting. In the meantime there will be questions about how to keep spaces rather than taking them out. Ms. Tosti-Vasey noted at the intersection of Shugert and Church there are four spaces that are owned by the people who own the Trinity Building (old Armory building). They are almost never used and possibly they would be willing to allow those spaces to be used.
- Storm Water Issue on North Spring Street and Simpson Street – There is a recommendation to install two inlet boxes that are precast 2' x 4' and eliminate the little jog on Spring Street to make it straight. A box will be installed on that side. The amacite portion that is being removed will be filled with topsoil, new curbing will be installed and it will be reseeded. On the other side of the street there will be another precast inlet box. That will relieve the problem of flooding in that area. The Borough staff will do that job. The cost will be approximately \$5,000.00 - \$7,000.00. The Borough staff feels it will cost less than that. It will be completed before the end of summer.

For Simpson Street they met with one landowner who would have the greatest impact from the current plan but after discussion with Borough staff there is reconsideration as to what to do. The funds are not available to do the entire project this year. This is still in discussion. The resident would rather wait until the entire project can be completed.

- West Lamb Street Parking Space – the last space on the south side of Lamb Street will have the line moved back three feet to accommodate a handicap parking space that is assigned to a resident. This will be available to anyone with handicap parking.
- Street Lamp Damage – At the corner of West Linn Street and South Spring Street a lamp was damaged. Borough staff has ordered a replacement part.
- There is a planned meeting with the Borough solicitor on Friday, March 31, at 2:00 p.m., to discuss the procedure to go forward with residents purchasing unordained or abandoned streets in the Borough. There is a resident willing to be the guinea pig on this.
- The landfill at Musser Lane will officially open on Saturday mornings beginning April 1 from 8 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. It is open through the week if you give a \$10 deposit to get a key from the office staff. The key must be returned the same day you check it out. The brush and grass collection containers will start on Wednesday, April 5.
- Mrs. Brown feels the sample historical street sign she saw was much larger than the signs that are placed around town. The sample was Allegheny Street, which is why it was longer. Mr. Stewart said they are standard size.
- Mr. Johnson and Mr. Holderman had discussed a handicap parking space in front of the Bellefonte YMCA. There is a lamp post that interferes with

access. Mr. Holderman said that will be fixed when the parking spaces are lined this spring.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Council seat vacancy – Evan Duffy did not qualify regarding his ward residency for one year to fill the Council seat vacancy. Ms. Tosti-Vasey made a motion declaring that the nominee failed to qualify for the South Ward Council Seat Vacancy. Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. Council appreciated Mr. Duffy coming forward so quickly so this could be handled in an organized way.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey made a motion to repeal Resolution 03062017-01. Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey made a motion to appoint Taylor Lake to the South Ward Council vacancy. Ms. Dickman seconded the motion. Mr. Johnson noted that there is also the opportunity to not appoint Taylor and re-advertise the vacancy. A roll call vote was taken: Brachbill-yes; Brown-yes; Dickman-yes; Dunne-yes; Hombosky-yes; Johnson-yes; Tosti-Vasey-yes. The motion passed.

- Ms. Tosti-Vasey made a motion to approve Resolution 03202017-01 to appoint Taylor Lake to fill the South Ward Council vacancy. Ms. Hombosky seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. She will be sworn in at the April 3, 2017, Council meeting by Mayor Wilson.

- CDBG 2014 Funding/Pedestrian Bridge in Talleyrand Park/Use of Bulk Water Funds – will be discussed at the April 3, 2017, Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Centre Area Cable Consortium – There will be a CACC Technical Committee Meeting on Monday, March 27. Mr. Stewart is on the Technical Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council, Ms. Brown made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting of March 20, 2017, at 10:00 p.m. to go into Executive Session. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.