

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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5:30 p.m. HR Meeting
6:15 p.m. Executive Session – Personnel
7:00 p.m. Elizabeth Lose, Centre County Planning
7:30 p.m. Council Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

The December 18, 2017 regular meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Ms. Gay Dunne, President.

Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence (to pay respect to fallen Armed Forces members and Council members who have passed).

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gay Dunne, President
Randall Brachbill
Melissa Hombosky
Doug Johnson
Joanne Tosti-Vasey (via conference call)
Joseph Beigle
Renee Brown
Tom Wilson, Mayor

EXCUSED: Courtney Dickman
Taylor Lake

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Don Holderman, Borough Assistant Manager

GUESTS: Emma Gonsalvez, *The Express*
Liz Lose
Andrew Davidson
Greg Davidson
Nathania Davidson
Zach Gay
Mike Bonchack

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Brachbill moved to approve the Minutes of the December 4, 2017, Council Meeting, as amended;
Mr. Johnson seconded the motion;
Motion carried.

A brief discussion was held on whether the minutes were circulated prior to the meeting to Council members for review. Mr. Stewart will check on this. Ms. Tosti-Vasey reviewed the minutes prior to the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(The following items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered 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).

Mayor – Police Exonerations

Mayor – Police Report

Finance – Voucher Summary December 2017 - \$1,077,872.54

Finance – Stover McLaughlin Invoice

Finance – Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Beigle moved to approve the Consent Agenda;
Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion;
Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA:

COMMUNICATIONS:

Written:

Release from PennDOT re: Route 144 and Route 150 intersection

Press release from PennDOT regarding the reopening of the roadway. Work will be completed in the spring of 2018.

Memo re: Purdue Mountain Road

Memo from Benner Township Supervisors providing an update on Purdue Mountain Road. There are additional concerns with the road and it will remain closed throughout the winter and possibly longer. Ms. Dunne would like to add this to the website.

Email re: “No turn on red” restriction for Lamb Street

The traffic light was replaced at the intersection of W. Lamb and Water St. There is a question about visibility as you pull up to the former stop bar. The stop bar was moved back as part of the project. A “no turn on red” discussion was held. PennDOT would like to know, since the signal is done, if there is still an interest in pursuing it. They will still do a study if the Borough desires. Mr. Brachbill would like to see a study done for “no turn on red,” as the bar moves you back so far that when you creep forward to see if anyone is coming from the left, the view of the signal

light is out of view. This would only be for travel coming down from N. Spring Street and not the opposite direction over the bridge.

Mr. Brachbill moved to approve moving forward with the PennDOT study for “no turn on red” at the intersection of W. Lamb Street and Water Street; Mr. Johnson seconded the motion; Motion carried.

Memo from J. Stover re: Drive Forward Campaign

This is a legal opinion from the solicitor regarding contributions to business entities, associations, specifically the CBICC. Ms. Tosti-Vasey offered that the issue that came up two sessions ago, relative to funding a private entity for a feasibility study re: the Crider Exchange, is missing from the opinion. Before the Council decides on that issue, she would like an answer for that project.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey moved to table action on contributions until more information is provided from the solicitor regarding providing funds to a private entity; Ms. Brown seconded the motion;

Mr. Brachbill mentioned discussion regarding BelleKey as well. Mr. Stewart understood the discussion was funding from a non-profit like the IDA or BelleKey. Ms. Tosti-Vasey offered that the letter that was sent to the County said that the Borough would assist in funding. That is where the legal question comes in. A statement made about funding outside of BelleKey and Ms. Tosti-Vasey would like to see a written legal opinion to show appropriateness.

Mr. Brachbill did not see any logic in holding the other two funding issues up. Of three funding questions, only two have been answered. The contributions to CBICC regarding Drive Forward and Economic Development Campaign Initiative were addressed by the solicitor. The only contribution question not answered was contributions to a private entity. This question was not posed to the solicitor yet. Ms. Dunne and Mr. Brachbill did not see any reason to hold the other funding issues up. Mr. Johnson agreed. The legal opinion references borough code. Ms. Brown had intentions of presenting more information on this topic, and did not realize that it would be voted on at this meeting. Ms. Dunne reminded Council that a vote for tabling this item carried on November 6. She suggested a vote to remove the item from the table from November 6 and move forward.

The question was raised whether a vote would take place to accept the solicitor opinion or to contribute. Mr. Stewart explained that nothing needs to be done this evening on this topic. The action of contributing to the CBICC remains tabled, if no action is taken on contributions. Mr. Beigle stated that waiting on a third opinion did not seem logical. There was ultimately no new action taken on contributions to any entities at this juncture.

Letter from Mr. Conklin (resident) regarding a Zoning Hearing Board matter – December 13, 2017 hearing.

The letter is regarding his concerns about safety on North Thomas Street. Mr. Brachbill indicated that he and Mr. Johnson were included in this email. He agrees with Mr. Conklin. Traffic is an issue out there now. Mr. Brachbill inquired whether this issue would come back to Council. Mr. Stewart stated that Council works under Borough Code. The Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB)

works under the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code and follows protocol established by that Code. Council is permitted to weigh in on an application before the Board. This should be done by Council as a group and not by individuals. It should be an official action by Council stating that Council opposes the granting of a variance is a good idea, or otherwise. Council as a whole would have to weigh in on the application. If the ZHB makes an opinion that Council is not happy with, Council has thirty (30) days to appeal to the Centre County Court and then legal proceedings proceed. If the applicant does not agree with the decision of the ZHB, he/she has thirty days to appeal to Centre County Court as well.

This variance is a use variance. Zoning allows residential uses above the first floor. The first floor needs to be commercial use. The applicant has asked for a use variance to allow residential on the first floor. This is the only variance being requested. If the applicant were to build a first-floor commercial unit and residential apartments above, there would not have been a variance application. The structure would, of course, go through the land development process and ultimately gain Council approval. Many of the items in the letter from Mr. Conklin are unrelated to the actual variance being requested.

Mayor Wilson offered that the density and lack of sidewalk connectivity in that area should be discussed by Council separately. Mr. Brachbill agreed. Mr. Stewart indicated that the Borough would be paying for the sidewalks, but the ordinance could be changed to require sidewalks via a land development plan. Mr. Conklin is asking that all the sidewalk issues are corrected before the variance is granted. That is not possible or permitted at this juncture.

Email regarding Contribution to Bellefonte P.D. (Mr. Johnson)

Mr. Leiter, who is a member of the Bellefonte Lodge No. 268, conversed with Mr. Johnson regarding the needs of the Bellefonte Police Department. He went back to the trustees of the Lodge, and the Masons unanimously agreed to financially support the BPD. They have generously agreed to purchase 10 flashlights at \$120 each; 4 refurbished tazers at \$400 each; 10 tazer cartridges at \$50 each; rain jackets, coats, 10 each, \$40.00 each; and spike strips. These were all items on the BPD wish list. This was donated to the Borough from the Carl L. Fisher Memorial Trust. Total contribution was \$4,152.00. Council thanked the Masons for their generous contribution.

Request by a local non-profit to place clothing collection bins throughout the Borough, wherever larger recycling bins are located

One is by the CVS municipal lot and the other one is at the edge of the M&T parking lot on Bishop Street/Zion Road next to Burger King. There is only one public property location, which is the municipal lot by CVS. The other properties are private. Ms. Tosti-Vasey inquired how this bin would affect the lot. Mr. Stewart stated that it would most likely take up one parking space beside the recycling bins.

Ms. Hombosky suggested that they reach out to CVS to see if they would allow it. She did not think that any more parking spaces should be taken. Ms. Brown agreed and stated that most people take their items to the Faith Centre and she did not want to see income taken from them, as an inner-Borough business. Ms. Dunne offered that that was a good point.

Mr. Stewart inquired if they would be permitted to seek approval from the private property owners. Council members would encourage this.

Oral:

Ms. Dunne explained that Mr. Bonchack was not present at the time to present on Kepler pool.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CCMPO Summary Report November 18, 2017 meeting – Mr. Stewart summarized this report. It discussed the Drive Forward Campaign and talked about the lack of a process for filling the MPO coordinator seats and the tech position.

Relative to the seats, Mr. Stewart did hear back from Marion Township that they do support Mr. Johnson's appointment to be the coordinator for the MPO. They asked that Rick Dillon be considered as alternative. Bill McMath is the tech representative. He has not heard from Benner or Walker Townships.

There was a note about SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority with updates. (As a side, Mr. Stewart sent Mr. Jeff Stover of SEDA-COG a letter regarding the railroad crossing at Water/Willowbank about the disrepair of the material on the track).

IDA Meeting Minutes December 13, 2017 DRAFT

Safety Committee Meeting Minutes December 13, 2017 DRAFT – after reading the minutes, Mr. Johnson stated that the Borough staff should be commended on the work to improve conditions at the pump station. Mr. Holderman was extremely pleased at how it was organized.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Wilson complimented the Victorian Christmas Committee on a great event this year. The bus tour was new this year, and there are things to be worked out with that, but all in all, that went well and was well attended.

The Santa Train this week was well attended and well received. Mayor Wilson stated that there is a lot going on to get people into town. He hopes that the public is enjoying the events. Ms. Brown interjected that there were 13 rides, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday on the Santa Train, 320 tickets per ride and they sold out. Ms. Dunne also offered that she noted that the traffic movement was working out according to logistics, even though the rides were scheduled close together. Police handled the traffic very well.

Mayor Wilson also noted that the swearing in for new Council members will take place at the Courthouse on Friday, December 29, at 9 a.m. Mayor Wilson will be present. If new members cannot make it at that time, they can be sworn in at the first meeting on January 2.

Mayor Wilson received a compliment from a resident regarding leaf collection. They said it was well done and complimented the Borough crew for making extra efforts to come back around.

On December 6 there was a workshop held by the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership in combination with Lock Haven University Small Business Development Center. The workshop

was on nature-based businesses. The workshop was held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Small Business Center and attended by Messrs. Stewart, Brachbill and Johnson and Borough Resident Jack Shuster. The Mayor also attended. The fee included dinner at \$15 per person. Speakers encouraged town/borough leaders and advocates to understand the need and benefits in development of nature-based activities. Outdoor recreation is trending and has become an \$887 billion industry. In Pennsylvania, outdoor rec including boating, biking, climbing, hiking, skiing, etc., generates \$29 billion in annual spending. Leaders are encouraged to leverage natural assets. This strengthens the environment, economy, and community. He thanked those who attended the workshop as their own time and money was spent to attend. He stated that with continued dedication, Bellefonte will move forward as a destination location for greater recreational opportunity. Efforts are in the works to assist Bellefonte and surrounding Townships to become a major player in outdoor recreation. Two presenters were Centre County businessmen; Ed Bowman of Tussey Mountain and Josh Hikey from Organic Climbing out of Philipsburg.

A few volunteers at the Santa Train received parking tickets. The Mayor would like to exonerate those tickets.

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:
ZONING/PLANNING:**

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes December 11, 2017 DRAFT

Memo from S. Wright re: Subdivision of Lands of Rose Plozner recommending approval

Mr. Beigle moved to approve the Subdivision Plan of the Lands of Rose Plozner;
Mr. Johnson seconded the motion;
Motion carried.

HARB:

Certificates of appropriateness for 106 N. Allegheny Street, 137 W. High Street, and 120 S. Water Street

Mr. Brachbill moved to approve the projects as recommended for approval by HARB;
Ms. Tosti-Vasey seconded the motion;
Motion carried;

HARB Meeting Minutes December 12, 2017 DRAFT.

Zoning Hearing Board December 13, 2017 NO DECISION –

Mr. Stewart inquired whether Council wanted to send a letter to the ZHB regarding the requested variance. If Council feels strongly one way or the other, a letter can be sent to the board setting forth Council's feeling regarding the application. Ms. Hombosky stated she did not feel that she had enough information to warrant an opinion one way or the other. Discussion was held regarding possibly setting precedence. Ms. Tosti-Vasey commented that she was for writing a letter to the ZHB due to the safety issues raised earlier and based on prior discussions about

development of the waterfront area regarding residential units. She believed if nothing is done now, and the ZHB does not know the opinion of Council members, then if an unfavorable decision is made, then Council will need to appeal to the Court of Common Pleas. If they have ideas in place now, they can weigh in on the objections of Council to the granting of this use variance. This variance will be continued until January.

Mr. Beigle moved to send a letter to the Zoning Hearing Board stating that Council would request that they follow the ordinance that is in place relative to the request for a use variance in the Waterfront District;
Mr. Brachbill seconded the motion;
Motion carried.

BUILDING AND PROPERTY: Courtney Dickman, Chair

No report.

FINANCE AND GOV'T PERFORMANCE: Renee Brown, Chair

Budget v. Actual December 2017; Prior v. Current December 2017 were at the table.

2018 Fee Schedule was discussed. Changes were highlighted in yellow. Some of the building code permit fees went down. Change in the sewer fee up by \$10.00 per quarter. Change in the recycling fee. It was \$7 and is now \$10.65 per quarter. This is a pass-through fee. Mr. Stewart explained that Centre County Solid Waste charges the Borough for the recycling business in the Borough. The Borough is keeping up with the cost per customer. Commercial recycling will go from \$32.80 to \$35.00 per month. There is a charge for replacement of curbside bins. Red bins are \$7. Broken trash cans and bin were discussed briefly. The Centre Region Code fees were discussed briefly as well, i.e. why they dropped .50.

Mr. Beigle moved to adopt the 2018 Fee Schedule;
Ms. Brown seconded the motion;
Motion carried.

PARK AND RECREATION: Melissa Hombosky, Chair

USDA Duck Removal for Testing – December 22, 2017 – Mr. Holderman discussed the USDA contract to test for diseases. They will be removing ducks on Thursday, December 22, for testing. They will take approximately 20-30 ducks. Ms. Hombosky stated that it did not look like there are that many ducks at the pond at this time. Ms. Brown agreed.

Funding for Centered Outdoors – Clearwater Conservancy – 2018 Season. Clearwater plans to use the same nine venues that were used last year because of the success of the program. They are proposing that Talleyrand Park be the venue on July 1 and July 4, 2018. Park volunteers would be present on July 1 and then, on July 4, a self-guided tour would be offered.

Resolution for the Little League Field – Mr. Holderman discussed the resolution. This is standard for the DCED grant applications. This is a \$150,000 grant for lights at Field 2 of the Bellefonte Little League Field. It was clarified that the Little League would be paying for the electric for the lights.

**Mr. Beigle moved to recommend that Resolution 121817-0018 be adopted;
Ms. Tosti-Vasey seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

Mr. Holderman stated that the sell-the-brick campaign will need to coordinate in January with the construction. Ms. Hombosky has a tentative meeting scheduled in January. Their choice vendor may not have the bricks available before Memorial Day. Mr. Holderman stated that would be acceptable. Marketing needs to begin in January. A test brick would need to be done to make sure that the inscription will be appropriate for the brick that is chosen. The contractor would match the brick.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Joanne Tosti-Vasey, Chair

Human Resources Committee met this evening prior to the Council meeting. Discussion was held regarding salaries for next year.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Randy Brachbill, Chair

Mr. Brachbill reported that the Centre County Code inspection report for October 2017 were in the packet as well as the monthly code stats. Unsafe conditions were discussed briefly. Most of these conditions were resident created, per the Code office.

The Fire Executive meeting on December 14, 2017 was postponed. It will be back to regular schedule starting in January.

Mr. Holderman added that the Undine Fire Department apparatus had loose glass. Turning this issue into the insurance company was discussed. They got a hold of an auto glass center and "Brian" repaired it for them for no charge. Mr. Holderman thanked the auto glass center for doing this. A thank you letter was sent.

Kepler Pool – Mike Bonchack – Chairman of the Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority
He discussed the Kepler pool and keeping it up and running. There is an initiative to try to accomplish this. The DCNR grant was discussed and it is a matching grant situation. \$300,000 needs to be raised. Letters of commitment are being sought from the four-member municipalities. He recalled that in October, Council voted to support this initiative. The vote was contingent upon all four municipalities joining in to the initiative.

Mr. Bonchack reported that Walker Township has opted out of supporting this cause. The cost is too high, and they were concerned about the math used to determine their share. He inquired where Council stood now. Mr. Bonchack stated that if the Nittany Valley Joint Rec Authority did not have commitment letters from the four municipalities that totaled \$300,000 the grant can not be sought after. Without the grant, the work at the pool cannot be done and the pool's future, after 2018 is very much up in the air.

Calculations per municipality were discussed. The calculations were based on a few different models. Population was the method used. That is the formula used for the fair share contributions made for ongoing expenses year to year. This was the argument used by Walker Township. They

suggested that if attendance numbers were used, it would have been a more favorable response to commitment from them.

The attendance numbers are acquired from the YMCA. They are good estimates but that is all and they are not accurate due to addressing. Walker indicated that if the numbers were recalculated based on attendance, they would be more willing to consider support. Spring already committed to \$102,300; and a verbal commitment from Benner Township for \$52,500. The Borough's cost would be \$84,600 leaving a deficit of \$60,600 from Walker Township.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey read back to the Minutes and corrected the Borough's cost to be \$140,000 with the expectation that the other three municipalities would also contribute, and the payment would be spread out over five years. Mr. Holderman clarified that that was based on a grant for \$500,000 and not \$300,000 which is the current amount being requested.

Mr. Bonchack indicated that the calculations are based on the 2010 census. 28% of the contribution would be from the Borough, 18% from Benner, 34% from Spring and 20% from Walker. That is based on 2010 population numbers from the census. Commitment to meet the match is needed. No bank security is needed on the grant application. Meeting with the banks would be the next step to spread the payments out over at least 5 years, up to 10 years.

Benner Township is in no matter what Walker decides to do. He has not gotten a directive from Spring Township yet. Walker will revisit the issue after the calculations are redone based on attendance and not population. Mr. Beigle argued that if the pool is there, then people are using it. He feels that they are being obstinate about being part of this initiative. He offered that it is a community pool and not Bellefonte's pool. It is for everyone in the area to use.

Mr. Holderman inquired about proceeding with the grant application and raising the deficit through some type of public campaign. He stated that a few years back, a lot of interested parties from the high school, parents of swimmers opined how important the pool was to their families. One of the families pledged \$1000. Mr. Bonchack stated that he thought that some money could be raised but he could not speculate how much exactly. In any event, the grant application needs to be submitted and the commitment letters need to be obtained. It was suggested to contact the Bellefonte School District.

Discussion was held about recommitting or holding to Council's original commitment. Ms. Tosti-Vasey offered that since the Borough already committed over five years, would the Authority attempt to raise the difference between the \$84,600 and the \$140,000 that was original committed for. It would put the burden of additional fund raising on the Authority. The commitment would then be there to do the grant application. Mr. Bonchack will communicate to Mr. Holderman after he hears back from Spring Township. Mayor Wilson stated that he felt that once there are solid numbers presented, then further discussion can be held on a commitment amount. The consensus was that the Borough was in, but the dollar amount was unknown currently. Ms. Dunne indicated that the Borough is not in favor of recalculating the percentages based on pool use.

The question was raised regarding the Borough staying with the original commitment of \$140,000 over five years. With four new Council members coming in January, Mr. Holderman indicated that this would be difficult to predict. Mr. Stewart indicated that after obtaining more feedback from the Authority, the Borough would go from there. He estimated on late January or

early February. Mr. Holderman indicated that this could not be proposed to the new Council members at the first January meeting, but perhaps the second meeting. He suggested that Mr. Bonchack come back for a work session to bring everyone up to speed. This would be the second meeting, January 15, 2018. Public opposition to the funding should also be heard.

WATER/SANITATION – Joe Beigle, Chair

Daily Water Withdrawal Report November 2017

Authority Meeting Minutes December 12, 2017 DRAFT

Mr. Beigle reported that the opening of the bids for the sewer plant project were done on Thursday. This will be turned over to the engineers and they will come back with a recommended bidder for this project.

STREETS: Doug Johnson, Chair

Mr. Johnson indicated that the globes in the street lamps are very dirty, with cobwebs, etc. Mr. Holderman indicated they are cleaned in early spring.

Leaf collection is over. Mr. Johnson would like to reactivate that truck in the spring for clean-up. Mr. Stewart indicated that this was not normally done but could be done.

Mayor Wilson reported that there is a trip wire on McAllister Street running across the sidewalk. It runs from one end of the walk to the other. Someone will fall. He does not know what this is, but it is a trip hazard. It is on the public sidewalk.

Ms. Brown also mentioned that adjacent to the courthouse lawn on the walkway there is something between the curb and the walkway, but it is loose and is laying on the walkway and on the road.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION: Taylor Lake, Chair

Proposal from the PSU Sustainability students on the water bottling facilities.

Ms. Dunne reported that the students will continue work over the next semester.

Mr. Holderman mentioned that an email was received from the Sustainability group earlier today and there are students available for some new projects this spring. They have some students that can do a study on solar panels for roofs. Council was asked if they would like a study done on the solar panels for the Borough Building. The stormwater project probably would not work so this is another option.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey attended the Sustainability Seminar in Harrisburg last week. One of the topics was the Going to Green Carbon Initiative. This is technical assistance through Widener and PSU to assist municipalities in reduction of carbon imprint. They spoke about LEED for Cities. The strategy is to expand green buildings and market places and homes. There is an online tool that assists communities in getting LEED certification. The basic requirements are city populations, and energy, water, waste, transportation and human experience and a base score. The town

would register and repeat the data for five years. Stacy Richards, formerly of SEDA-COG, presented on various energy savings and the lack of understanding and awareness. She discussed a project in 2005 at SEDA-COG regarding a sustainability audit in Bellefonte. Ms. Tosti-Vasey would like to review this audit and perhaps have the sustainability group look this over and relate it to the solar panel proposal. Additionally, there is a how to manual, and other informative tools. Ms. Tosti-Vasey offered that perhaps that audit from 2005 may be helpful. She stated that the DCED opened up a solar panel grant program in November that could be used by municipalities to assist in paying for solar energy by municipalities.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey also offered that she would like to see the Borough go ahead with the student assistance knowing that they may already be hooked up with the PSU/Widener project. She also obtained information on model sustainability ordinances available through Widener University that the Borough can review to aid in crafting a more sustainable community.

Mr. Beigle stated that the issue of solar energy was discussed years ago at different locations. One of the places was the sewer plant. He would like to see students look at the sewer plant instead of the Borough Building.

OLD BUSINESS:

Borough Meeting Dates 2018

Martin Luther King Day conflict was discussed briefly. Prior Council meetings were held on this date and the consensus was not to change the date.

**Mr. Beigle moved to approve advertisement of the 2018 Meeting Schedule;
Ms. Brown seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

The Junior Council representative was discussed. There is no one is interested in serving as the advisor. Mr. Johnson suggested a letter from Council to the School Board suggesting that perhaps they could solicit staff for an advisor. Mr. Holderman opined that if someone comes forward to volunteer for the good of the program then it would be successful. If it is forced on someone it will not be a successful program. Mr. Johnson inquired whether the faculty knows that an advisor is needed for this position. A letter to the school board maybe helpful to advertise at the meetings that this position is open. Mr. Holderman will send a letter. He said that there has been a lot of effort in trying to get an adviser. Mr. Holderman indicated that they went to the school many times – the superintendent and the principal were approached. It is just not high on their agenda. Mr. Stewart stated that he would be happy to craft a letter to the superintendent and Board president. Not limiting the student position to a Borough resident may help to open it up to someone elsewhere in the area that is interested in local government that doesn't live in the Borough.

NEW BUSINESS:

Departing Council Members – Thank you

Mr. Stewart thanked Mr. Beigle for his service on Council. He thanked him for many years of mentoring as well. Mr. Beigle will still be involved with the Authority. He enjoyed his tenure on Council.

Mr. Stewart thanked Ms. Dunne as well. He stated that she would meet with him every time prior to Council to review the agenda thoroughly. He complimented her on their working relationship and he stated that he appreciated all the time put in behind the scenes that no one saw.

Mayor Wilson also thanked Ms. Dunne for her time served. He also thanked Mr. Beigle for his thirty years of service. Ms. Dunne thanked Mr. Brachbill for filling in as meeting chair when she could not make it. Mr. Johnson thanked Ms. Dunne and Mr. Beigle as well. He commended them on their concern and care for the Borough. Absent members, Ms. Dickman and Lake were also thanked for serving the Borough in their interim roles as members.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business coming before Council,

**Mr. Brachbill moved to adjourn the December 18, 2017 Council meeting;
Mr. Johnson seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.