

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2018 - 7:30 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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6 p.m. – Work Session – Centre Crest Zoning and Planning
6:15 p.m. Executive Session – Personnel; Real Estate Matter (held after the Council meeting)

CALL TO ORDER:

The January 15, 2018, meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

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: Mr. Randall Brachbill
Mr. Evan Duffey
Mr. Jon Eaton
Ms. Melissa Hombosky
Mr. Douglas Johnson
Mr. Michael Prendergast
Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey
Ms. Anne Walker
Mayor Tom Wilson

EXCUSED: Ms. Renee Brown

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

GUESTS: Emma Gonsalvez, *The Express*
Sean McCauley
Gabrielle Yunis
Todd Smith, P.E., ELA Group

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Hombosky moved to approve the January 2, 2018, meeting minutes;
Prendergast seconded the motion;
Hombosky amended the motion as follows:**

**Hombosky moved to approve the January 2, 2018, meeting minutes, pending
the insertion of missing names;
Prendergast seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

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 Report
Finance – Invoice from Stover McLaughlin*

**Johnson moved to approve the Consent Agenda;
Brachbill second the motion;
Motion carried.**

REGULAR AGENDA:

COMMUNICATIONS:

Written:

Email from Sean McCauley re: Yarn Bombing Art Project Outline

*Letter Request from Faith Centre re: 12th Annual Walk/Run 5K/10K
Race starts at the middle school. Race is April 7, 2018*

**Johnson moved to approve the request to hold the 12th Annual Walk/Run
5K/10K on April 7, 2018, subject to the condition that there be no markings
on the road and no white paint;
Duffey seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

PSAB Flyer re: Resolution Submissions

This process will be reviewed at a work session at a future Council meeting. A delegate must be chosen for the State convention.

Letter to PA State Historic Preservation Office

This letter is regarding the grant funds application CLG – Certified Local Governments. Given Bellefonte's historical district, the Borough is in that category. Additional funds are being sought for another round of funds for the architecture review board process, staff assistant, and assist with the Old House Fair.

**Brachbill moved to submit the letter as written (the spelling of Tosti-Vasey needs to be corrected);
Hombosky seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

Letter from Kim Gasper re: Red Raider Rally Run

Bellefonte Area High School is putting together the Red Raider Rally Run. This has been done in the past. This will be in conjunction with the Big Spring Festival, May 19, 2018. The run would go around Talleyrand Park, up High Street and head up towards Roopsburg Road in Spring Township.

**Johnson moved to approve the Red Raider Rally Run on May 19, 2018, in conjunction with the Big Spring Festival, subject to the approval of Spring Township as well;
Prendergast seconded the motion;**

Brachbill offered that the route is dangerous, unless they are shutting the roadway down. If the road will be closed, it probably will not be a problem. He also had concerns with the residents being able to get to and from their homes. Stewart indicated that the letter discusses a meeting with the police chief and himself. Johnson offered that a meeting with the police chief will most likely resolve safety issues.

Motion carried.

Letter from CC Library and Historical Museum re: Summer Learning Program

The library is seeking financial assistance for their summer reading program. Council referred this to finance point person for a work session at the first meeting in February.

Memo re: Proposed Zoning Amendments

Stewart composed memo regarding two proposed zoning amendments. One relates to the school district (lights at the high school) and one relates to a tattoo business. The Planning Commission may review these amendments.

There is no zoning definition for tattoo business. It falls under the Adult Business category. This was zoned out and is not in central business district. Stewart thought that Council may want Planning Commission to review these proposed amendments.

Oral Discussion:

Gabrielle Yunis spoke on behalf of the tattoo business. It would be her business, and she would not tattoo anyone under the age of 18. She would like her business viewed as more of an “art space.” She attended Penn State for art. She believes that it could help the Borough and reach out to the art community. She would like to utilize the space to promote other local art. She would participate in the First Sunday events in the Borough. She would like to be part of the pop up art market like State College hosts from time to time. She is not only a tattoo artist, but she does other types of art. She presented many ideas to include the community in events. She offered that tattooing has come a long way.

Wilson supported her business and complimented her on her business plan. He stated that it does fill a niche, and he liked that she would bring in other artists and engage the art community in Bellefonte.

Yunis has a location in mind on High Street. She has not pursued it further because of the zoning glitch. She has been in the business for about five years.

Further discussion was held on what defines an adult business. Stewart indicated that the ordinance is vague and does not say anything about a tattoo business. The cleanest way is not to make an interpretation but perhaps to amend the definitions; that way it is crystal clear to staff. Amendments are reviewed by the Planning Commission, and they would make a recommendation to Council.

Brachbill moved to allow the zoning amendment to go to Planning Commission for consideration for tattoo studio to be moved out of the classification of Adult Business;
Prendergast seconded the motion;
Motion carried.

The lights at the high school are higher than the ordinance allows. The zoning needs to be changed or the school needs to apply for a variance. Stewart explained that there are also some setback issues relative to a new concession stand and locker room area.

Hombosky moved to refer the high school lights ordinance issue to Planning Commission;
Duffey seconded the motion;
Motion carried.

Memo re: Land Use Webinar Series
Available to view at the Bellefonte Borough offices.

Letter from FEMA re: Modified Flood Hazard Information
LOMR for the water front property (flood maps were changed). The process is finalized. Holderman was thanked for his leadership on this project.

Letter Request from St. John's Catholic School
Field Day at Governor's Park on May 16, 2018. The school is asking to use the fields.

Brachbill moved to approve the request to use Governor's Park for the St. John's field day;
Johnson seconded the motion;
Motion carried.

Copy of Tosti-Vasey's report re: PA Electric Vehicle Coalition

Letter via Tosti-Vasey email re: Martin Luther King Day. She was requested to read the letter aloud for the record:

“I have a question that I would put to Council this evening. I would ask that you question Council if they felt any concern that tonight’s Council meeting was held on a day that is considered important to the nation, even though it may be represented by only 1.88% of the population in Bellefonte, according to the Data USA online. I am talking about the Martin Luther King holiday which is celebrated today. It strikes me as odd that a town that only a year ago celebrated representation as a stop on the Underground Rail Road through the art exhibit and one that has a rich history of abolitionists in our Quaker background thanks to such great Quakers like Mr. Thomas, to which Thomas Street in your district was named, could place so little value on this day of celebration. It sends the message to the 1% of us that have lived in this city for generations that “out of site is to be out of mind” except when it is convenient or there is an advantage to it. My family has lived here and quietly walked among you for generations, off and on. We are woven into the fabric of this community. My great great grandfather’s portrait has been displayed in the Centre County Library and Historical Museum for generations and has recently been displayed at the art exhibit at the Underground Rail Road in the Bellefonte exhibit. So here is my question. Do you as a Council ever think that it may be insulting or disrespectful to the African American community when you have Council meetings on the Martin Luther King holiday which we have fought so hard to get recognized on the national level or do you think so little of us because there are so few of us in Bellefonte that you just don’t know. That is my question that I hope you take a minute of your precious time tonight at Bellefonte’s City Council meeting that it is on the calendar (sic). There is no malice behind the question just awareness. Sometimes our privilege blinds us from things that are important to other groups of people. Thank you - one of the Bellefonte’s 1%. Signed, Michael B. Miller, Sr.”

It was suggested that perhaps meetings are not held on Martin Luther King holidays in the future. Tosti-Vasey asked staff to assure that this does not happen again. Council apologized for the oversight.

Question re: Defend in Place policy

This relates to the elderly and people with disabilities who cannot escape via a fire escape. The email was forwarded to Brachbill and Walt Schneider. Tosti-Vasey asked the Fire Executive Committee to research this and present to Council what types of policies the Borough has, if any.

ORAL:

Sean McCauley re: Yarn Bombing Art Project Outline

McCauley asked Council for permission to do a public art piece. This would be in conjunction with First Sunday in June. This involves “yarn bombing”. The general idea is done with knitting and crocheting. It would be wrapped around objects in public, i.e., lamp posts, tree trunks. This is an international art trend. He thought it would be cool to do this in Bellefonte especially because the Bellefonte Art Museum is involved in the First Sunday event. He has been in touch with a knitting group from Bellefonte.

Stewart inquired about how long the yarn pieces would be on display. McCauley responded that the time that it would stay up would vary. If some of the pieces got dirty or wet, it would be taken down. It is not something that would be left up if it did not look nice. He would like to have it up for First Sunday.

Lori Fisher, Director of the Bellefonte Art Museum, stated that this year is the 10th anniversary of the Bellefonte Art Museum. This project ties in with the museum's summer project. Summer projects are something that the museum has been doing for about five years. Each June and July a theme is picked. This year's theme is "Imagination Celebration." Throughout the inside of the museum there will be participatory art. Individuals and families can come into the museum and participate in creating the exhibits themselves. This will begin in June and, as the summer progresses, the exhibit will transform. The museum also likes to partner with other groups. Co-creating is being promoted this summer with other organizations. These organizations include The Potters Guild, The Art Alliance, possibly a theater group and this project would tie in nicely with that idea. She believes that this art event will be good for business and the community.

McCauley showed Council some examples of the art on a flash drive presentation. He is asking Council's permission to wrap these on items around Bellefonte Borough.

Brachbill inquired about who will be monitoring these art pieces and when it would be time to take them down. Most of the knitters live in Bellefonte, and McCauley also works in town, so an eye would be kept on the knitting.

Wilson liked the idea and read that these projects are usually done in the warmer weather. He would like to see something done earlier in the Spring and during some of the earlier events. He suggested the Arts Festival, and maybe The Cruise. The museum summer project opens in June. McCauley would like to have the knitting up by then. Hombosky stated that the local businesses do not make much money during The Cruise, and she would like to see the art work left up for a while after The Cruise. She thinks that maybe this will provide some more attraction and therefore consumer traffic during this time.

**Hombosky moved to approve the Art Bombing project in June in the downtown area
Prendergast seconded the motion;**

Johnson mentioned sidewalk art – the three-dimensional art. He asked if the museum would consider doing this with other artists. He thought it would be nice to have similar 3-D sidewalk going on at other times in addition to this knitting art project.

Yarn textures and types were discussed briefly.

Brachbill asked that the flowers and the hero banners are not interfered with. McCauley mentioned that he will not cover up anything historical or meaningful in that way. Approval will be needed from the Talleyrand Committee to go into the park itself.

The motion was reiterated to include a four-week time frame. It would be put up the Saturday before the First Sunday. Motion was amended by Duffey as follows:

**Duffey moved to approve the yarn bombing art project beginning on Saturday, June 2, 2018, and be on display through June 30, 2018;
Johnson seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

Tosti-Vasey mentioned that the Talleyrand Park Committee will meet on January 16 at 4:30 p.m. at the Train Station.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

IDA Meeting Minutes January 10, 2018 DRAFT

Safety Committee Meeting Minutes January 10, 2018 DRAFT

Civil Services Commission Meeting Minutes January 8, 2018

This commission assists with the hiring in the police department relative to eligibility. The reorganization of this committee was discussed briefly.

PA Electric Vehicle Coalition Report

Tosti-Vasey reported on a webinar meeting she attended with the coalition. Most of the time was spent on discussions regarding a road map to increase the likelihood of increasing electric vehicles for individual and municipalities. There is a Bill before the State Legislature H.B. 1446 – The Pennsylvania Clean Transportation Infrastructure Act. This is currently in the House Transportation Committee. It will also go to the committee that deals with public utilities. This would create a framework for building an infrastructure by combining the expertise of the transportation and public utilities sections. This would establish a state goal of expanding the electric transportation uses by at least 50% over the baseline forecast for 2030. This would create a regional plan and would require electric utility and infrastructure investment proposals based on the regional frame work created. It would also create statewide interstate highway and turnpike electric and natural gas fueling networks.

A regional infrastructure planning committee would be set up with the DOT, the DEP and Public Transit, local utilities, County and Municipal representatives and electrical distribution personnel. It would also determine current usage and determine what is needed and where and how to serve low income persons and the rural communities and develop a regional transportation infrastructure development plan.

She is requesting a motion to send a letter to the members of the Transportation Committee as well as Representative Kerry Benninghoff and Senator Jake Corman in support of this bill. This would help get some funding to the Borough for the charging stations proposed at the parking lots and other projects and assures that money does not end up in just Philadelphia or Pittsburgh.

**Prendergast moved to approve sending the letter as proposed;
Eaton seconded the motion;**

Duffy inquired about the push for electric cars. He stated that relative to sustainability, it is flawed and generates more emissions than diesel vehicles that are currently on the market. They are a safety hazard to first responders. There is a lot more that goes into getting these vehicles cut apart, and they are an extremely large fire hazard and can burn for days. He stated that people just buy into the Kool-Aid that they are amazingly environmentally friendly. The batteries are extremely environmentally hazardous, and the current ones have a shelf life. He understands the issue of being environmentally friendly, but he believes that the electric car is overstated in its

ability to provide that opportunity. He is not saying not to send the letter, but he has concerns about making such a big deal about the electric cars.

Discussion was also held with the utility companies and making proposals for the charge stations. He believes that if it was profitable and feasible, they would have already been doing this kind of thing.

Tosti-Vasey interjected that part of the road map that she discussed involves utility companies that are already on the ad hoc committee looking at the pros and cons and development issues. One of the concerns is the lack of ability to travel distances in the electric cars. Tosti-Vasey added that her vehicle can go 254 miles on a charge. There are a few other companies that have developed a 300-mile charge car. The utility companies are saying that in working with the vehicle companies over time they believe that they can mitigate some of the negative impacts.

Johnson stated that the bill may apply to areas of 500,000 people or more. Affordability of electric cars was discussed as well. Brachbill mentioned that the bill states nothing about communities and just plans to find out who will own it and how much will be made when distribution begins.

Walker inquired about research, and Tosti-Vasey stated that the research is ongoing, and this legislation is to get the ball rolling. Each regional plan would be subject to state commission approval. The bill is expected to be voted on by the end of this month. There will not be another Council meeting before then.

**Hombosky called the question.
Motion carried.**

Memo from R. Brachbill re: January Special Committee reports

Brachbill reported on the Public Safety Committee Meeting. A review of the emergency drinking water response plan and public safety priority such as accepting Centre Region Fire Code agencies and emergency management program. He thought these would be of interest to the Borough. A work session topic would be to discuss fire protection and other safety concerns in Bellefonte. He stated that the drinking water and public safety priority should be two things to be considered.

Stewart interjected that the Authority has policies and procedures in place already. The information will be reviewed, and a report will be given at the next Council meeting.

Hombosky mentioned BelleKey and if it is a special committee of the Borough. Stewart did not think so but offered to discuss this.

Brachbill stated that there is a Nittany Valley Planning Session on January 18 at Walker Township; Bellefonte Fire Prevention Committee meeting on January 25 at 6 p.m. in Council chambers, followed by the Fire Executive Meeting at 7 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report from Wilson.

Hombosky mentioned that she did a ride along with the police. She hopes to do another in April. She gained a greater appreciation for some of the trouble that the Borough encounters.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS – HARB Items

BelleKey Discussion

Hombosky discussed BelleKey. She is now a sitting member. She gave a brief background of the organization. She volunteered to be a member to keep Council in the loop of things that are going on within the organization. A work session will be scheduled to discuss the setup of the organization and the differing timelines under the contract with the state (DCED), per Stewart.

ZONING/PLANNING:

Nothing to report.

HARB:

Certificates of Appropriateness: 101 N. Allegheny Street; 204 W. Linn Street; 105 S. Allegheny Street

**Brachbill moved to approve the three projects as recommended by HARB;
Prendergast seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

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BUILDING AND PROPERTY – Point Person, Anne Walker

Executive session will be held after the meeting.

Brief discussion was held on the Wine Café. Holderman indicated that the Borough provided all that they could to the owner. The ball is in their court. The last email that he received was that he was going to hold off and did not want to know if he wanted to proceed.

Email was received today regarding a pre-bid meeting on Parking Lot A and H. It will be Wednesday, January 17, at 10:30 a.m. at the Borough building, per Holderman. ELA Group will be leading the meeting.

FINANCE AND GOV'T PERFORMANCE - Point Person, Evan Duffey

Nothing to report.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Point Person, Melissa Hombosky

Talleyrand Park Committee meeting January 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Looking for non-voting council representative to attend the Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority meetings (Council is to get minutes and update on pool).

Stewart reported that this was a group created to manage the pool. The pool is old and needs to be upgraded. The pool was transferred to the recreational authority. Not much has been done since then. A lot of the focus was the YMCA and their plans. Now that that project is tabled, the pool is coming back into the forefront. At the end of 2017, financial contribution commitments were being acquired to match a grant that was available through the State. Bellefonte was trying to see if other communities were committed. There were some discussions again in December regarding a full or partial commitment regarding the grant match.

Holderman spoke with Mike Bonchack (Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority chair). They will send committee members to the Spring Township meeting on February 5 and Benner on the same evening as well as Walker. They still feel that there is a \$50,000 commitment from Benner, but it hasn't been voted on. Spring said \$102,000. Bellefonte made a commitment of \$140,000 based on a \$500,000 grant. Now the grant has been reduced to \$300,000. Council's interest in this commitment is sought. This would be over a minimum 5 years payback period.

Holderman further mentioned that the pool will be opened in 2018. They will know in February about the grant. That is the submission deadline. Feedback on what the Borough is thinking on terms of how much we can contribute would go a long way. Their meeting is the second Wednesday of the month at the YMCA at 6:30 p.m. They welcome a Council member to attend. At the February meeting a determination will be made regarding commitment. Walker volunteered. She inquired about having a number to give them. By that time, Holderman indicated that a number will be determined. Holderman will email Bonchack and copy Walker Township on the email. Anne Walker agreed to attend these meetings as a non-voting member on behalf of the Council. Bellefonte's commitment amount will be discussed at the February 5 work session in order to have an answer on our commitment amount for the \$300,000 grant in time for the February Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority meeting.

Hombosky resurrected the clean-up of Krauss Park since it was not able to be accomplished this past fall. Volunteers are sought for this project. She proposes April 7th for this to happen. Tosti-Vasey stated that something should be put on the website for volunteers.

HUMAN RESROUCES – Point Person, Renee Brown

Bellefonte Borough Authority Vacancy –

Badger has resigned from the Authority. Vacancy needs to be filled. This will be listed on the website to get a volunteer.

Volunteer Application – Gregory A. Wendt –

Conditional approval to be reappointed to the IDA. The condition has been met.

Centre County Library Board Appointment – Hombosky said she is available and can do this.

**Johnson appointed Hombosky to the Centre County Library Board;
Prendergast seconded the motion
Motion carried.**

Volunteer Application – Gay Dunne - she is interested in the alternate vacancy.

**Johnson moved to appoint Dunne to HARB as an alternate;
Brachbill seconded the motion
Motion carried.**

Memo re: Mark Edwards to NVJPC – He is a local planning commission member. He is interested in this position.

**Brachbill moved to appoint Edwards to the NVJPC;
Johnson seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

Alternate to the Civil Service Commission – Stewart did some checking into the legalities of this. There can be an alternate who would have to be approved by Council. This should go on the website as well. A form was requested to be sent to Dave Provan as he knows of someone that is interested.

SAFETY – Point Person, Randy Brachbill

Comparison monthly Code Stats December 2017

Comparison of Monthly Existing Structures Code Stats – October 2017

Centre Region COG Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2017
Joint Meeting Public Safety Committee Public Services and Environmental Committee Minutes
November 14, 2017.

Brachbill was unable to attend either of these meetings

Johnson had a question about the hiring of a public relations person when Centre Region Code was hired on for their services. Holderman indicated that it was discussed for 2018, and he will check to see if they are advertising for this position. It is not on the COG website. Staff will check into this.

WATER/SANITATION – Point Person, Doug Johnson

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Daily Water Withdrawal Report – December 2017

Pennsylvania Water Specialties – Backflow Prevention

The backflow prevention services were discussed briefly. Stewart explained the backflow devices and the process. This will be an annual activity. The Authority must comply, so it will need to be done. Commercial meters and backflow preventers will be included in this contract, with no cost to the Borough. A listing of certified backflow inspectors is listed in the company website. Only certified inspectors can do this work. The responsibility is on the owner and NOT

the Authority, per Stewart. The kick off meeting has not been scheduled yet. The agreement was just recently finalized.

Memo from R. Stewart re: Recent News about Nestle

Stewart talked about the Nestle interest in the Big Spring. They favored non-chlorinated water. Loading station and trucking accommodations were discussed. The size of the facility would be 30 plus acres. There is nothing in the Borough that could accommodate that. They backed away from the Borough, and they are trying to work with Spring Township, who has a backup well that is permitted. Stewart did not have specific details. Wilson indicated that Nestle wanted to label the water “private spring” and not a municipal source. If the plant was up the road, the Borough would still benefit from the location as a side. He is hopeful that Spring Township gets the contract as the Borough will benefit from it.

STREETS – Point Person, Jon Eaton

Street trees along West High Street to be trimmed in the downtown area. Holderman stated that staff is meeting with some vendors this week. Cutting will be done sometime before early March.

Spring leaf collection was discussed.

Hombosky stated that when she was on the ride along with the police, she noticed some streets have ADA restricted parking spots on the street. The police have no way of knowing if those persons are still living there. Stewart stated that the spaces are checked annually. The requestor needs to bring in proof of need. A resident can apply, but they do not own it and it is open to anyone with a disability with a placard. Wilson will notify the police department that staff has this procedure, as Hombosky indicated that they do not seem to know this.

There is a street light out at 372 High Street.

Tosti-Vasey asked about the proposed LED lights along High Street. Nothing was ever chosen. PSU did a study and they gave recommendation on how to brighten downtown up, as there were complaints. There was additional LED lighting added to some of the poles a few years ago to brighten up the intersections. The test lights are still up, and Council was encouraged to check them out. They are located in front of and across the street from the Post Office.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION –Point Person, Mike Prendergast

Spring Creek Watershed Commission Meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at the Bellefonte Borough

PA Electric Vehicle Coalition Representative – Tosti-Vasey

Tosti-Vasey stated that she may begin to travel to the meetings as she feels she is missing out on some information being discussed in small work group sessions that occur offline from the conferencing webinar.

OLD BUSINESS:

Joint Meeting – Planning Commission and Council – discussed prior in the meeting

Legal Opinion re: Contributions to Economic Development Initiatives –

Follow up legal opinion regarding contributions to the I-99 Interchange project as well as the 322 connections to an economic initiative headed by the Chamber of Business and Industry. Was it permissible under the Borough Code? Solicitor said yes. Private entity contributions (Crider Exchange) was discussed. The Solicitor indicated that there is nothing that he could find that would prevent the Borough from contributing to a feasibility study, etc., on this project. Tosti-Vasey stated that after a conversation with Brown, who researched the code, if it was a private entity in the Borough, there is no problem but if a private entity outside the Borough, then it would not be permitted. Tosti-Vasey would like to hold off on this discussion until she can be present at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Set dates for Community Yard Sale – May 18 and 19 (Penn State Spring Commencements May 4-6), Mother’s Day May 13); Riff Raff week May 21-25; Trick or Treat Night – Wed. October 31; Holiday Parking - November 23 – December 31.

**Duffey moved to approve the dates for the Community Yard Sale, Riff Raff, Trick or Treat Night and Holiday Parking;
Prendergast seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

Economic Development –Rapid Response Team – Currently Council members Tosti-Vasey, Brachbill and Johnson; consider appointment two alternates.

Tosti-Vasey explained that this group is comprised of Council members who assist with a company that wishes to start a business in Bellefonte where a rapid response is needed. Stewart indicated that this is a vehicle to get answers to these businesses in between meetings and then fill everyone in at the next meeting. Brachbill and Johnson were on the team and Tosti-Vasey was an alternate. The group has never met since appointment two years ago. Two alternates are requested.

**Johnson moved to appoint Duffey and Hombosky as alternates;
Prendergast seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

National Incident Management System (NIMS) 100 training requirement

Stewart stated that this system was started by the federal government after 911 and then revamped after Katrina. This training is for elected officials, and points of contact, who may be trying to coordinate activities for an emergency to understand the incident management lingo of the system in place. When this came out, there used to be shorter classes, now it is primarily all online for the level required. It is the 100 level. Stewart encouraged Council members to comply with this mandate. Certification is put on file. Duffey explained it further and indicated that is all online, and it is not difficult to complete. He can email a link to the training site. One time is good to go. There is no cost for the training.

New Council member training was discussed briefly.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business coming before Council,

**Brachbill moved to adjourn the meeting;
Prendergast seconded the motion.
Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.