

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 7, 2018 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823**  
[www.bellefonte.net](http://www.bellefonte.net)

**6:30 p.m. - Work Session – Sidewalk Repair List – Keith Rupert, Code Administrator;  
Chicken Ordinance**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The May 7, 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. Jon Eaton  
Ms. Melissa Hombosky  
Mr. Douglas Johnson  
Mr. Michael Prendergast  
Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey  
Ms. Anne Walker  
Mayor Tom Wilson

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager

**EXCUSED:** Ms. Renee Brown  
Mr. Evan Duffey

**GUESTS:** Emma Gonsalvez, *The Express*  
Tami Shuster  
Bud Dover  
Scott Rhoat  
Ellen Mates  
Sean Yoder  
David Provan

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Brachbill moved to approve the April 16, 2018 meeting minutes;  
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).

*Communications: Letter from Bellefonte Little League re: Annual Tag Day Fundraiser*

*Communications: Letter Request from YMCA re: Summer Camp Program*

*Communications: Letter request re: 12<sup>th</sup> annual Herbies Hometown Loop*

*Finance: Stover McLaughlin Invoice (Detail)*

*Finance: March 2018 Treasurer's report*

*New Business: Approval of Resolution to Hang Banners re: Old House Fair*

**Hombosky moved to approve the Consent Agenda;  
Brachbill seconded the motion;  
Motion carried.**

**Tosti-Vasey moved to pull the New Business Item of Approval of Resolution to Hang Banner re: Old House Fair and moved to Communications;  
Johnson seconded the amended motion;  
Motion carried.**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**WRITTEN:**

***Banner Calendar***

Staff created a calendar re: banner locations and requests as of May 7.

***Memo re: Old House Fair Banners***

They are looking to put banners on High Street, Allegheny and on the Veterans' Bridge.

**Brachbill moved to approve a banner be placed on High Street between Spring and Water from May 28 through June 11 and on Allegheny Street from June 4 through June 11 and deny the request for the banner on the Bridge as this request was received after the Bellefonte Cruise request.**

**Prendergast seconded the motion;  
Motion carried.**

Banners are on a first come first serve basis. The calendar will help to keep track of requests. Tosti-Vasey stated that with the summer weddings, it would nice if there were no banners on the suspension bridge.

Brachbill inquired why the banner hanging requests could not be done administratively and not through Council. PennDOT road requests for banners need a resolution to go to PennDOT for approval as those roads are state road. The only exception would be the bridge. Stewart stated that staff can approve the others if Council would like.

Suggesting the other High Street location for banner when requests come in was offered by Tosti-Vasey. Hombosky did not like the banners along the waterfront as it detracts aesthetically.

**Brachbill moved that any banner requests not on PennDOT roads or waterfront walkway, be approved administratively;**  
**Johnson seconded the motion;**  
**Motion carried.**

*Resolution 0507201801 – Allowing Old House Fair Banners on High and Allegheny Streets;*

**Brachbill moved to accept Resolution 0507201801;**  
**Prendergast seconded the motion;**  
**Motion carried.**

*Email from S. Hannegan re: 2018 Work on Soldiers and Sailors Memorial and Curtin Monument*

Work will be underway shortly after The Cruise in June and will continue to the end of August.

*Letter from Watermarke Church re: Banners*

They are hosting an event in Talleyrand Park and they are looking to put the banner up around September 10 through 17 2018 on the Bridge.

**Prendergast moved to allow the banners on the Bridge from September 10 through 27, 2018;**  
**Johnson seconded the motion;**  
**Motion carried.**

*Invitation Memo re: Centre County Local Government Roundtable*

This event will discuss the Chesapeake Bay Initiative. They have a meeting 7-8:30 p.m. on May 30, 2018 at the Boalsburg Fire Hall. Dinner will be provided. This will forum will also occur in four other locations around the bay catch area. They are trying to find out what the concerns are with community members before they finalize plans. This is a public meeting with dinner. Tosti-Vasey will attend.

*Email request from Jodi Nedd, Elections Coordinator*

They are looking for volunteer poll workers for the May 15 primary election. Bellefonte Southeast is listed as needing volunteers. There are others in Centre County as well. You do not have to reside in the districts you volunteer in. They do offer a stipend.

*Letter Request from Chamber of Commerce re: Banners*

They wish to put up a banner as early as possible this Month to Celebrate their anniversary. They request the Veteran's Bridge as their first choice.

**Hombosky moved to approve two banners on the Veterans Bridge from May 8 through May 31, 2018;  
Prendergast seconded the motion;  
Motion carried.**

*Thank you letter re: Soap Box Derby (Ohio)*

*Thank you Letter re: Bellefonte Easter Egg Hunt*

***Letter from CC Planning and Community Development re: West Nile Virus Surveillance and Control Program***

They run the West Nile Virus program at this time of year with a grant to help with the program. If anyone has any issues with dead birds or large masses of mosquitos, you should contact the Centre County Planning Office and they will investigate it. They also remind residents to eliminate any standing water that may be on their property.

Hombosky mentioned that there are a lot of mosquitos on Dunlap near the waterfront. Stewart will notify the County.

The street cleaner water was discussed as being a bit stagnant. That can be corrected per Stewart.

***Memo re: CCMPO Public Comment Period (2019-22 Centre County TIP)***

Public comments are being taken on May 8, 2018 5-7 p.m. at State College Borough, regarding the 2019-22 Centre County Transportation Improvement Plan. Written comments will be accepted until May 25, 2018. Water Street near Talleyrand Park was a concern of Council and would like Water to be added to list to be considered. The infrastructure is not good in this area and is failing. The railing and sidewalk were repaired but the infrastructure was pushed to another time.

**Johnson moved to write a letter to CCMPO regarding the Water Street failing infrastructure asking that to be considered for addressing;  
Brachbill seconded the motion;**

Johnson also discussed fixing the railroad crossing area in front of the Subway. It has been under the temporary fix for a while. Council drafted a letter regarding this issue. Seda-COG did a paving and will come in a do another paving right up to the end of the tracks. The rubber material will not be put in for a few more years yet, per Stewart.

**Motion carried.**

Stewart will work on getting an update on the track rubber material replacement issue. He received an email back about six months ago.

***Letter from PHMC re: 2018 Certified Local Government Grant for \$12,000***

The Borough received grant funding in the amount of \$12,000 from the Pa. Historical Museum Commission that will help the HARB administrative support system and help with the Old House Fair, and some education requirements. The money will be spent from August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019.

***Letter Request from New Beginnings to use Gazebo at Talleyrand Park***

They would like to use the gazebo for Father's Day weekend (The Cruise weekend). They are paying the fee. Any conflict with The Cruise will be worked out.

**Johnson moved to grant New Beginnings rental of the Talleyrand Gazebo on Saturday, June 16 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. upon presentation of a letter from The Cruise that they are agreeable to this;  
Prendergast seconded the motion;**

There was concern about parking and the actual agreement with The Cruise. Parking is not a guarantee.

**Motion carried.**

***Letter request from Elks re: Flag Day Ceremony***

The Elks wish to use Talleyrand Park for their annual Flag Day Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on June 14, 2018. Set up to start at 5 p.m.

**Prendergast moved to approve the Elks' request;  
Johnson seconded the motion;  
Motion carried.**

***Letter Request re: Bellekey Fundraiser***

Bellekey would like to host a fundraiser on Friday, September 7, 2018 – a progressive dinner. They would like to do this event by the waterfront. The request includes West Lamb Street from Water to Dunlap – more appropriately Thomas Street, be closed for the duration of the dinner. The event will take place 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Set up possibly begins at 3:30 p.m., per Hombosky but that has not been discussed yet.

**Brachbill moved to tentatively approve the request from Bellekey to have a progressive dinner at the waterfront for Friday, September 7, 2018 pending a set up time;  
Hombosky seconded the motion;  
Motion carried.**

Brachbill discussed the set up and guidelines of the dinner. Hombosky stated that they would like to keep the event like the Tasting Trail. Alcohol sales will be behind the barrier. Dinner tickets do not include alcohol.

***Letter from Arts and Crafts Fair Committee***

Their event is going to be downtown this year due to construction taking place around Talleyrand Park. The event is Friday and Saturday, August 10-11, 2018. They are asking to close the diamond – Allegheny over from Howard down to Bishop and the T area near the Courthouse down to Spring Street. The closing will be Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. Meters will be bagged

prior to that. In around that time frame the area will be closed to parking. The fair needs to get things set up in time for Friday a.m. start.

**Prendergast moved to approve the closure of the Allegheny over from Howard Street down to Bishop Street and the T near the Courthouse down to Spring Street starting Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. through Saturday August 11 at 8 p.m.;  
Eaton seconded the motion;**

Hombosky stated that one of the business owners mentioned to her that it may be better to have the booths in the street and not against the sidewalk. Wilson stated that there would not be enough room to get emergency personnel and fire through. The booths are not on the sidewalks but in the parking stalls on the street. Hombosky stated that this blocks the view of the businesses.

Johnson questioned how much space the fire company needed to get a fire truck through. Once that is known for sure, then the booths could be set up according to the requirement of the emergency personnel.

**Motion carried.**

**ORAL:**

#### **Hearts for the Homeless, East Linn Street – Update**

Stewart stated that he received an update on Hearts for the Homeless. Some information was ascertained from the Code contractor. The organization is having financial trouble and are not closed as of today, but it is probably only a matter of time until they do close. There were some Board members that stated it will close but the director disagreed.

Johnson stated that they did not remove the snow from the sidewalk this past winter.

#### **Summer Festival at Centre Crest**

Centre Crest contacted Wilson regarding their summer festival. The date is June 23, 2018 at 10 a.m. through midafternoon. It is an open house. Entertainment is scheduled and things for the residents to do. The contact person is Bobby Salvaterra. She is the recreation person at the facility. 355-6777.

## **Bellefonte EMS Update**

Scott Rhoat, Director of Bellefonte EMS spoke before Council. He passed around an updated fact sheet as of yesterday. He gave a status for 2018. They had 863 dispatched incidences for Bellefonte EMS and of those 39% were in the Borough of Bellefonte. The total last year was just shy of 2600 dispatched incidents with 43% in the Borough. The EMS staffs the facility 24/7 with an in-house crew. Paratransit transports year to date in 2018 are 285. They purchased a new ambulance. It replaced a 21-year-old vehicle that had 326,000 miles on it. Their oldest is a 2002. That will also be replaced. Paratransit vans include a 2014, a 2003 being the oldest. Rhoat discussed costs and personnel and funds briefly.

Brachbill inquired about support at their meeting about a year ago. It appeared that only the Borough showed support. He inquired about any of the other townships coming forward. Unionville, Milesburg Borough did meet with Rhoat. Milesburg was looking at some support in their 2019 budget.

Rhoat explained that House Bill 699, increasing the Medicaid reimbursement would assist them financially. It passed through the House and is sitting at the Senate Appropriations committee. For 2 months it has not moved. He had conversations with Senator Corman and his aid twice over the last few months. Senate Bill 1003 deals with treatment/transport reimbursement. As of now, these types of calls are a 100% loss for the EMS.

Council thanked Rhoat for his time and getting the word out about their financial needs.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Safety Committee Minutes April 11, 2018

Brachbill was unable to attend the Safety Committee Meeting this month.

## **Centre County Library Update**

Hombosky reported that the new Library executive director will attend the next Council meeting. There has only been one meeting since she came on.

## **Spring Creek Watershed Commission**

Tosti-Vasey reported that the Pa. Groundwater Symposium will be held on May 8, 2018 in State College. The commission is staffing a table highlighting the Spring Creek Watershed Atlas which is an online atlas for the public available at <http://springcreekwatershed>. The event will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

### **EMS Week Proclamation**

Wilson proclaimed:

*“To recognize that the Week of May 20–26, 2018, is Emergency Medical Services Week*

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; now

*THEREFORE, I, Thomas Wilson, Mayor of the Borough of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, in recognition of this event do hereby recognize that the week of May 20–26, 2018, is*

#### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

*With the theme, EMS Strong: Stronger Together, I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.” (applause)*

#### **Bellefonte Intervalley Area Chamber of Commerce 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Proclamation**

Wilson proclaimed the following:

“Whereas, the Bellefonte Intervalley Area Chamber of Commerce was incorporated on May 6, 1938, and

Whereas, the Chamber of Commerce is a community organization consisting of businesses and professionals whose purpose is to advance commercial, industrial and civic development and to encourage the economic and social progress of our community for the benefit of all citizens; and

Whereas, our local Chamber has been in continuous service since its organization and has been involved in the creation of job opportunities and the expansion of the local tax base through its efforts to recruit new business and industry to the area; and

Whereas, our local Chamber has served as a catalyst in the attraction of visitors to our area; and

Whereas, May 6, 2018, will mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of the Bellefonte Intervalley Area Chamber of Commerce; and

Now, therefore, I, Thomas Wilson, Mayor of the Borough of Bellefonte, acting for and on behalf of the citizens of Bellefonte Borough, do hereby recognize the contributions made by our local Chamber of Commerce to our economy, businesses and quality of life for the past 80 years and do hereby proclaim the week of May 6, 2018 as Bellefonte Intervalley Area Chamber of Commerce Week.” *(applause)*

*This proclamation was then followed by a reenactment of the ribbon cutting ceremony that was held at the Chamber this morning.*

### **Quarry Land Development - Recreation**

Wilson reported on the efforts last year to develop the quarry lands adjacent to the Borough. It is in Spring Township. People from Maine and Washington involved in taking old industrial lands and converting them into public lands were involved in this. They looked at what Bellefonte has and suggested that area was a gold mine for recreational development.

The Borough has been working with Graymont and with corporate headquarters in Vancouver, Canada; locally, they seem to be behind it. The international headquarters are not to sure about turning this land over. They have agreed in part, to a long-term lease or easement, but they wish to keep the mineral rights. Development of this area for recreation purposes would be a great plus for the Borough and the area in general. This will be put on an agenda in the near future. Right now, it is at a standstill. Wilson opined that with the proper community involvement by the citizens of the Borough and Spring Township, this may be able to become a reality. Tosti-Vasey suggested putting this on a work session agenda to discuss.

Brachbill invited Wilson to attend a future Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority meeting.

### **Softball Tournament to support Alzheimer’s Association**

Wilson attended a softball tournament to support Alzheimer’s Association. He thanked Mike Meister for putting this event together. The event was held at Hess Field last Saturday. It was also supported by local radio and television.

### **OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS – HARB Items**

#### **ZONING/PLANNING:**

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes April 23, 2018 Draft

Stewart summarized the rezoning discussion for the areas around Centre Crest, including that property itself. He believes at the next meeting there will be a recommended draft for approval to Borough Council.

A brief discussion was held on the commercial business – nonconforming along Cherry Lane. The decision was to deny the expansion in this area. The property owner can appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Speeding through alleys and lanes of the Borough to avoid backup by cut through traffic from Pleasant Gap was discussed briefly. Brachbill would like to see more police presence.

**HARB:**

**Certificate of Appropriateness: 120 W. Curtin Street, 141 S. Allegheny Street, 145 W. Linn Street**

**Brachbill moved to approve the Certificates of Appropriateness for 120 W. Curtin Street, 141 S. Allegheny Street (accepting the HARB recommendation that the sign only covers the window openings), and 145 W. Linn Street; Johnson seconded the motion; Motion carried.**

**HARB Meeting Minutes April 24, 2018 Draft**

**Bellekey Update**

Update on Handicap Parking Spot Recommendation. The survey and recommendation were that a space could be in front of the old shoe store, as it is the best location and the store itself has very little foot traffic.

Brachbill did not like this location due to traffic coming around Bishop Street. There are spaces on both sides of the diamond. There is room to put ADA parking/van parking in these areas. There is a space coming up the hill; it is not a parking stall but can be one. There is one on the other side as well.

Eaton stated that in reading through the Bellekey notes, there was concern that there is another space close by and the concern was that any more in the area would take away traffic in that area. The two spaces that Brachbill mentioned are actually not ADA spaces.

Wilson liked Brachbill's idea of where to put the spaces as it is central, and it is flat and not on the turn with people coming off Bishop Street making the right turn onto Allegheny. That may be the reason it was moved from that location to begin with.

The police parking near the courthouse was discussed briefly. Wilson stated that there is no one ever parked in those spots and thinks that those spaces could be shared. The farmer's market occupies the spaces.

The alternative locations will be referred to Streets to evaluate.

**BUILDING AND PROPERTY – Point Person, Anne Walker**

**Parking Lot A – under construction**

Ms. Walker discussed the parking lot construction. There was an issue with aligning the curbing with the gas line. There were two options 1) move it back to line up with the poles; 2) move it out further into Locust Lane. The second option was decided on. Curbing is 26 inches deep and

changed to 18 inches which is sufficient given its proximity to the gas line. There will be a swale in the middle near the Knupp building to help with runoff. Curbing will be added to the back of the Knupp's building where the refuse containers sit.

ELA has requested an addendum for additional services from the original contract for Parking Lot A. This would include the Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP), which had been put on hold; everything else reiterates the original contract, except there is consideration for Locust Lane to be one way due to the narrowing of the roadway; traffic would flow from Howard to West Pike. Additionally, there will be a pedestrian crosswalk on West Pike.

At a pre-construction meeting, FNB representatives indicated they are still reviewing the elevation requirements of the drive thru ATM and receiving drawers. They will review this further and determine if any changes need to be made. If changes are needed, ELA will revise the design and incorporate them into the construction drawings. If additional design services need to be done, they will be billed on a time and material basis.

Tosti-Vasey stated that this issue was listed under New Business. A motion is needed to authorize additional services from ELA – the completion of the HOP and changes in the curbing as well as the piano key style crosswalk totaling \$4,590.00.

**Brachbill moved to authorize the additional services in the amount of \$4,590.00;  
Prendergast seconded the motion;**

Prendergast stated that he walks through there a lot and wondered who gave approval to move the curb. Stewart stated that the Borough approved it as there were no options. The utility poles are in line with the curbing. There was no budget to have the poles moved. It was later discovered that the gas line was there as well. It is unknown why they PAONE call did not show that. The HOP is necessary for the construction of the parking lots. The HOP was started, and staff asked them to wait to see where the numbers came in on the parking lots. They had to go back and start up on the HOP application again. The other items were unknowns which includes concrete blocks, which require contouring and building up the lot where it is soft.

Stewart confirmed that anything relative to the bank would be the bank's cost. Contractor is working with the bank to work that out. This work is not included in the Borough's cost.

Brachbill called the question.

**Motion carried.**

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

Nothing to report.

**PARKS AND RECREATION** – Point Person, Melissa Hombosky

**Rental Fee for Non-Profits – Talleyrand Park**

The non-profit rental fee waiver policy was discussed. Stewart stated that some information was gathered on the non-profit use of Talleyrand Park. In 2015 Council modified the fee structure so non-profits were exempted from the reservation fee but not the administrative fee. There are issues about administratively approving these applications, with no need to come before Council with them.

Tosti-Vasey stated that the ordinance does not clearly state that non-profits be granted a waiver from fees. A clause can be added. Resolutions can be done for the non-profits as they come up. For the Borough there will be a listing. This will be discussed further at a future work session.

### **Bid opening – Talleyrand Park Bridge Project**

Tosti-Vasey read the bid results:

Clearwater Construction, Mercer, Pennsylvania  
\$1,247,000.00.

Lycoming Supply, Williamsport, Pennsylvania  
\$709,516.00.

McCrossin, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania  
\$1,028,225.60.

Glenn O. Hawbaker, State College, Pennsylvania  
\$788,111.50.

The bids will be sent to the engineer working with the Borough and Seda-Cog. He will evaluate the numbers, etc. and have a report by the next meeting. Scope of the work includes the construction of a pedestrian bridge by the railway connecting the two sections of the park.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES – Point Person, Renee Brown**

Nothing to report.

**SAFETY – Point Person, Randy Brachbill**

Brachbill stated that there will be a Fire Executive meeting on May 24, 2018 at 7 p.m. in chambers. There is also a Nittany Valley Joint Planning Session on May 17, 2018 in Spring Township.

**WATER/SANITATION – Point Person, Doug Johnson**

Johnson reported on the construction at the treatment plant. There have been at least two construction meetings.

Financial report reflects all finances in order.

A resident came to the Authority meeting to request water service to a possible development on the books for about 10-15 years. He had questions for the Authority and the product was that as long as he complies with the specifications that the Borough requirements, water would be able to be supplied at his location.

An outside firm was hired to do the commercial backflow inspections only. That process has been started but there was a discrepancy in the initial letters that were sent out. The initial correspondence was not approved by the Borough and therefore caused confusion to some customers. Stewart recapped the backflow requirements of the DEP. Stewart also stated that about 70 of the approximately 300 letters went out without Borough approval and were incorrect. The owner of the company called and did apologize. Damage was already done at that point. Staff is playing catch up dealing with the customers and explaining the situation.

Water Withdrawal Report was in the packet. A major leak was located at Fishburn Road. It is estimated that ½ million gallons daily was lost at this break. The area is up off Route 150. Many of the leaks in that area never surface due to the limestone in the area. A few hydrants were also replaced in that area when the crew did the leak repair.

**STREETS – Point Person, Jon Eaton**

**Sidewalk Repair List 2018**

The Borough ordinance enforcement officer has completed the survey and a list of problematic sidewalks was compiled. The Borough will be providing a letter to homeowners regarding their sidewalks and the repair procedures that will be acceptable.

**Eaton moved to authorize Keith Rupert, Ordinance Enforcement Officer, to send letters to homeowners regarding sidewalk repairs;  
Prendergast seconded the motion;  
Motion carried.**

### **Street Paving Project – Bid Opening**

HRI, Inc., State College, Pennsylvania  
\$161,510.00

Glenn O. Hawbaker, State College, Pennsylvania  
\$202,724.40

The streets committee will review the bids. Stewart stated that the budget numbers are a little over with these bids. This will need to be reviewed at a work session with Council.

### **ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION –Point Person, Mike Prendergast**

#### **PSU Sustainability Project – Penn State Students**

Prendergast reported on the PSU Sustainability Project Final Report. He was expecting something on the solar panels, but the report was on a water bottling project. Students and the faculty decide on whether they have the right students for the projects recommended. This project was recommended some time ago. They have been working on it for two semesters. This is the final report. It gives some basis on where to go from this point. It does reference funding outside of the Borough resources. Council would like staff to put the report on the Borough website.

Council commented on what a nice job the students did on the report.

#### **Electric Vehicle Charging Station Research Update**

Tosti-Vasey stated that Mike Shadow, after seeing the article that Walker mentioned in her report, sent information regarding applying for free Tesla Level II destination chargers for the municipal lots. Holderman sent in a request for chargers. From that information, the Borough will see if Tesla will give these chargers to the Borough for free.

Tosti-Vasey's son did some research on chargers. The DEP offers Alternative Fuel Incentive Grants (AFIG). Approximately \$5 million in grants is being made available this year for school districts, municipal authorities, political subdivisions, nonprofits entities, limited liabilities, or partnerships in Pennsylvania to support the cost and purchase and installation of the necessary refueling equipment. The grant application opened on May 4, 2018 and will remain open through 2018. There will be two reviews for applications received by 4 p.m. on July 13 and a second one for December 14. That information was forwarded on to Stewart and Holderman.

Relative to the parking lots, most of the chargers are 220 volts at the most. Conduit has been run to all the islands and they should be good to go with whatever is decided. Level III chargers are the fastest chargers like the ones up at Weis. The cheapest one for that level is \$8,500.00. That is not what is desired for the lots. Level II range from \$379 to \$1,000.00 per unit. The pedestals to mount the chargers range from \$435 to \$1,075.00. The higher end includes a cord retractor to keep the electric cords off the ground.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

## **Delegate Selection for PSAB Conference in June**

**Brachbill moved to appoint Tosti-Vasey as the delegate and Johnson as alternate;**  
**Prendergast seconded the motion;**  
**Motion carried.**

## **Fees – Parking Lots**

Stewart wanted Council to keep fees for the new parking lots in mind as the lots are being renovated. The fees need to be modified. This will be on the May 21 agenda. Something should be acted on at that meeting, so everything is in place when the lots are ready to reopen.

## **Advertising the Chicken Ordinance**

There was discussion at work session about the wording of slaughtering of chickens. Brachbill would like the ordinance reworked per the work session meeting and have a new draft to review. Currently under Section 193.1.5 it states that no one shall slaughter any chicken in the Borough. The alternative was the slaughtering of chickens in sight of the public shall be banned within Borough limits.

**Brachbill moved to keep the no slaughter rule in place;**  
**Hombosky seconded the motion;**

State College Borough has this in their ordinance and it works.

**Roll call vote:**  
**Walker – ay**  
**Brachbill – ay**  
**Eaton – ay**  
**Hombosky – ay**  
**Johnson – nay**  
**Prendergast – nay**  
**Tosti-Vasey – nay**

**Motion carried 4 to 3.**

## **Porch Storage Concerns**

Stewart mentioned that research is being done on this issue. It appears that the property maintenance code discusses items around the exterior of the property but there is an exception as the code does not apply to homeowners, single family residences. By the next meeting, Stewart should have a full researched answer on this issue. Brachbill believes that the State College Code ordinance does have language on porch storage.

## **Bike Rack Placement**

Stewart stated that the bike rack issue is being researched as well. Hombosky stated that she reached out to a member on the Springboard committee; he is at CPI and some of the CPI

students could do bike rack projects. The Borough would have to supply the material. Old meter posts could possibly be used.

### **Intersection Visibility**

Stewart discussed the intersection parking visibility. Locust Lane was resolved but there was also an alley intersection that did not have good visibility. Cherry Lane and Ridge Street were discussed. Eaton asked the public to bring any sight distance issues to Council's attention. Walker stated that the curved mirror at the Holmes and Water Street intersection is very effective and she inquired about the cost of them as they may be useful in other parts of town.

Brachbill stated that the Little Library that is on Linn Street is causing people to stop in the middle of the street (Linn and Wilson). This is a concern and he is advising the public not to do this. You should park on E. Linn to look at the box and not park in the intersection on Wilson and Linn.

Hombosky stated that people illegally swerving over Howard Street to mail a letter in the postbox adjacent to the Post Office is still happening. This happened to her today during a very busy time. She offered to write a letter to the post office to put a box on the other side of the street. The post office will not do it as this was discussed prior. There is another box behind the YMCA which is picked up every day at 2:45 p.m. Johnson recalled that the post office has been asked to put one on the other side of the street before, but the post office cannot do it.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Food Truck Ordinance**

Sample ordinance was in the packet for Council to review. There is nothing on the books right now and Stewart suggested being proactive and getting something down as food trucks are becoming more popular. State College Borough permits them even on private property. There is an ordinance that speaks to food carts around the park but nothing for food trucks. The ice cream truck is permitted as a solicitor as they are not parked anywhere.

#### **Modification to Parking of Recreational Vehicles**

Stewart stated that this can be a future work session topic. This would relate to parking on the street. Some complaints have filtered into the Borough about multiple RVs parking in front yards/driveways and ruining the streetscape.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

David Provan, 421 E. Curtin Street spoke before Council regarding the Arts and Fest letter. He came to answer any questions Council may have. He is the streets committee of the Arts and Crafts fair. He apologized for the letter not getting to Council sooner. Because of the various projects this summer, it is better that the fair is not at Talleyrand. He recapped closing the streets. Brachbill inquired about changing the set up of the vendors per the earlier conversations of Council regarding EMS/Fire access. The vendors currently will face the inner street. Tosti-Vasey explained that Council is asking to have the vendors' tents back to back with each other facing the sidewalks so as not to deter from the businesses. Provan stated that a lot of the vendors keep

inventory behind their tent. He is expecting about 60 artists. Provan thanked Council for their time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business coming before Council,

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.