

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
July 1, 2019 - 7:30 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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6:30 p.m. Work Session

- Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan
- Sustainability Project Ideas

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The July 1, 2019 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.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey
Mr. Randall Brachbill
Mr. Jon Eaton
Ms. Melissa Hombosky
Mr. Douglas Johnson
Mr. Michael Prendergast
Ms. Gina Thompson
Ms. Renee Brown
Ms. Anne Walker
Mayor Tom Wilson

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager

EXCUSED: Mr. Donald Holderman, Ass't Borough Manager

GUESTS: Donald Townsend
Edward Choma
Maria Day
Carol King
Debbie Cleeton
Michael Houser
Randy Green, Solar Shield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Thompson moved to approve the June 17, 2019 meeting minutes.
Johnson 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 Request re: 3rd Annual Parkview Heights Block Party*
Communications: *Bellefonte Little League Duck Derby*
Communications: *Bellefonte Arts and Crafts Email re: Additional Street Closure*
Communications: *Letter Request from The Church of the Good Shepherd*

**Brachbill moved to accept the consent agenda.
Prendergast seconded the motion.
Motion carried.**

REGULAR AGENDA:

COMMUNICATIONS:

WRITTEN:

Bellefonte EMS (invitation)

This was an invitation to attend the Bellefonte EMS Meeting on July 30, with tours available at 6:30 and operations and funding discussions at 7 p.m. RSVP by July 25.

Grandfamilies Picnic Flyer

Event geared toward older residents raising children – Spring Creek Park 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 20, 2019.

Land Use Webinar Summer/Fall 2019 Flyer

Cohen Law Group Wireless Update re: HB 1400

Update on the wireless devices in the right of way. Municipalities will maintain control over the right of ways.

Letter from CC Suicide Prevent Task Force

The resolution will be voted on at the next meeting. There are various events on this topic. The resolution should be approved by the beginning of September. September 10 is the official Suicide Prevention Day.

DEP Invitation to open House July 15

Open house at the Moshannon district office at 5 p.m.

Letter of Resignation from Dennis Reiter

Housing appeals board member has resigned. Letter was at the table. A letter will be sent thanking Mr. Reiter. Notice of the vacancy will be posted on the website and the new appointment will be made at the first meeting in August.

**Brachbill moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Reiter and approving a letter be sent to him thanking for his 40 plus years of service to the Borough.
Brown second the motion.
Motion carried.**

Letter Re: Blind Water Tasting Contest in Altoona

The borough will not participate.

Bellefonte Arts and Crafts Fair

The committee has requested permission to hang two banners on Veterans' Bridge two weeks prior to the event. The event is August 2-3. This request has been cross-checked.

**Johnson moved to conditionally approve the request to hang the banner from July 15 to August pending confirmation that there are no conflicts.
Prendergast seconded the motion.
Motion carried.**

Letter from Pleasant Gap Fire Company

Their parade is July 25 and they are requesting fire police assistance.

**Brachbill moved to approve Bellefonte Fire No. 1's fire police assistance on July 25 at the Pleasant Gap parade.
Prendergast seconded the motion.
Motion carried.**

Email re: Outdoor Volleyball Tournament YMCA

They wish to use Governor's Park and a pavilion for this event on August 10 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. They wish to reserve the night before.

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

ORAL:

Ed Choma, 236 Bishop Street.

He complimented The Cruise and thought it was a nice weekend.

He discussed the streetlight once again (Ridge and Bishop). The light was angled and helped persons on the south side of Bishop. On the north side it angled into their bedrooms.

Anything that Council could do to help with this problem, would be helpful. Allegheny Power probably did the work, per Stewart as they will not let the Borough crews work on them.

HARB – Roof Project – 251 N. Spring Street

Maria Day spoke to Council on behalf of HARB. She spoke regarding the denial of the metal roof at 251 N. Spring Street. HARB does not approve of the type of roof that was applied at 251 N. Spring Street. HARB has specific types of metal roofs and this was not the roof that HARB approves. The project was started, and the Borough stopped the work and told the property owner to come into HARB. HARB is tasked with following the guidelines of the Secretary of Interior for the presentation of historical homes in the Borough. HARB wishes to maintain what was the original look of the house. Certain types of metal roofs are sometimes appropriate. The home at 251 never had a metal roof and it is not appropriate to have one now. There has been no documentation of a metal roof ever installed at this home. It was asphalt shingle installed prior and HARB would not have had an issue with that.

HARB stated the application of the metal roof to the 251 home is not appropriate. The company that did the work was Solar Shield. Their prior products have been denied in the past due to their inappropriateness to homes in the historic district. Standing seam would have been appropriate but this was not the type constructed at this home. This company has installed the same flat metal roofs on three prior occasions, and they have been reprimanded about this. They are well aware of HARB's stance on the product.

The company rep attended the last HARB meeting and he was told that the product was unacceptable. Their "install first and ask permission afterward" creates a line between Council and HARB and creates an awkward position between Council members and residents of the Borough. HARB will continue to oppose the flat metal roof type installed by Solar Shield and they will continue to oppose these types of roofs as not acceptable by the Secretary of the Interior Standards.

The roof is not appropriate for the historical district. HARB asked that Council support HARB's recommendation to deny the project at 251 N. Spring Street.

Day thanked Council for their consideration.

Randall Green appeared before Council to clarify his position on the roof. He is the owner of Solar Shield. He stated that the roofs were rejected by HARB and Council approved the installations of the roofs before the jobs were started.

He stated that he appeared before Council tonight, representing the Housers at 251 N. Spring Street. The difference between a standing seam metal roof and a ribbed metal roof comes down to cost and not every single homeowner is able to afford a standing seam roof. The cost is higher. Many customers chose out of affordability. To keep up the soffit and fascia is also an ongoing expense.

He asked that Council not deny the homeowner a project wherein they are replacing their roof and soffit and fascia in trying to keep up with the home. He argued that the homes cannot be rebuilt for a cost of yesterday. They cannot always afford HARB's construction recommendations.

He also stated that Solar Shield was sent a mapping of all the historical homes. He stated that number of ribbed roofs are staggering, and his company has not installed all of these roofs. He feels that if there is a suggestion then consistency must be upheld. There are a dozen of homes in the district today with the ribbed metal roof. As a governing body, Council cannot treat some roofs one way and others another. There needs to be a system in place to communicate the HARB regulations. He appeared before HARB and was denied within minutes to be denied.

When he appeared at HARB, Walt Schneider indicated that there are considerations for fines for the contractors and homeowners. He inquired about removal of the rippled roofs that has already been installed. He asked if they were trying to make an example of Solar Shield who came through HARB.

Hombosky stated that she did not appreciate the tone of the contractor and she was irritated about how he spoke to Council members and she stated that he should have been more respectful in speaking with Council.

Johnson inquired why he did not go to HARB before starting this project. Green stated that his crew called for a permit from Code and they indicated that they did not require a permit. He stated that the person called the Borough and got a permit for the dumpster. He did not receive a phone call back the Bellefonte Borough regarding the roof. He stated that they were not trying to put the roof on without permission.

Johnson asked why he went forward with a project that there were no approvals granted. He also inquired about the roof installed being less expensive than a shingle roof. He stated that if the roof would have been installed as shingle it would have been affordable. Solar Shield does not do shingle roofs, per Green. They will not install product that they do not believe in. Johnson

stated that he would not have proceeded with one nail until the contractor had permission from HARB and Council.

Green reiterated the fact that there are dozens of ripple roofs and the soffits and fascia redone. 50% of the homes have aluminum and vinyl. Not all went through HARB and Council and he is asking for consistency.

Prendergast stated the contractor knew that HARB and Council needed to approve the roof. He did not get the approvals. He knew what roof would have been approved he did not do it. Green also did not tell the homeowner that it did not comply with HARB. Green knew and he had the knowledge and he knew what would be denied. He still sold the homeowner a roof that would not be accepted by HARB.

Johnson stated that HARB has invested a lot of time looking into these projects. Brachbill stated that when HARB started there were certain requirements that fell into the historical district, but they still fell under the same guidelines. He stated that the roofs being counted prior, could have been grandfathered in since HARB originated to be fair to the homeowners. He asked Green to try to understand the history. The times that the modifications were allowed, the reasoning seemed sound. In this case, there seems to be the assumption that the job could be done without approvals. Council needs to support the requirements of HARB.

Tosti-Vasey asked that Council move on to the rest of the agenda.

Michael Houser spoke to Council next. He stated the house next to his has a ribbed metal roof. It had a metal roof prior to the current roof. He lived in his home for 14 years. He is trying to maintain the character of the house. He repointed all the bricks. His home was built in 1887.

The color of his front porch changed four times – he changed the color. This did not go through HARB. He is doing what he can to keep the house look good. No one discussed the masonry work that he did. He thinks that HARB is a hinderance to the town. There are places in the town that are eye sores as HARB hinders construction. HARB made the comment that they would work with the roof. HARB is supposed to be there for the community.

He stated that he is trying to keep the home structurally intact and keep up with the character of the house. Both homes next to him have soffit and fascia. Even with regard to the miscommunication he is trying to get the roof put on to last a long time. His goal is to keep the character of the house up. He asked Council to approve the roof to keep the home dry. He volunteered to fall on the sword for this project.

Garden Club

Stewart thanked the Garden Club for the beautiful planted areas around the Borough. They look beautiful. A thank you letter will be sent.

Census

Carol King spoke with Bellefonte Council on behalf of the Census Bureau. She partners with elected officials and key communication leadership regarding awareness of the Census 2020. She spoke about the requirements and community response in the 2020 Census. She stated that the Census is required by the U.S. Constitution and discussed privacy issues with information. She also spoke about the importance of participating in the census. She also stated that the Census is hiring in Centre County both full time and part time and if anyone is interested, they can go to [Census2020.gov/jobs](https://www.census.gov/jobs) website. They are opening an office in Centre County. She is available to speak with groups that may be interested in more information.

Tosti-Vasey stated that she and Wilson are meeting at 2 p.m. on Tuesday relative to the Census count and invited King to attend.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CCMPO Meeting Summary June 25, 2019

Summary was provided in the packet.

Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes June 27, 2019 Draft

The Civil Service Commission meeting was held. They oversee police officer testing. They had a meeting to review the process. Richard Torso is a new member to the committee. They meet on an as needed basis. Testing and candidate selection were discussed at that meeting.

Centre County Mental Health Issues Public Hearing June 27, 2019

A public hearing was held on June 27, 2019. Hombosky, Tosti-Vasey and Wilson attended. Tosti-Vasey reported that she arrived at the meeting late. She was in the overflow room downstairs. There were about 150 persons who attended – 30 in overflow. A presentation was made by the office of mental health and substance abuse. They provided an overview of policies and law. They discussed how the County implements the mandates. There is a booklet available at Mental Health Services office. It gives an overview of services available. The presentations are on the Centre County website for viewing.

About thirty persons spoke about concerns. There are long waiting periods for services and crisis mode needs to be had to get services. HIPPA rules prevent parents from receiving information on their adult children. Consent was discussed as well. Service providers, consumers, and family members all made statements. There was talk regarding “302” (involuntary commitment) calls and concerns about who goes out on the calls. There was discussion of understaffing in the County and results of incarcerations instead of treatment. There are time limits with limited services available and persons often relapse if the aftercare treatment was not made available.

There was also discussion on mental health versus police issues. The meeting was held on mental health issues since mental health services are provided through the county while policing is handled by local municipalities and the state police. State College is creating a task force for the

intersection of mental health and policing issues to be set up this month. They are looking to include all groups.

Wilson stated that he requested via email over the weekend, a meeting with the Commissioners. He wants to meet with them. He chose not to speak at the meeting as most persons there had personal stories that needed to be told. He wanted to speak about the mental health issues regarding the 433% raise in 302s. He worked in the field for seven years as a crisis intervention specialist and coordinator. On behalf of the residents of Bellefonte and the police department, he wants to meet with the county commissioners to help them understand where the gaps are – straight talk. He would like to serve on the State College task force as well. He thanked everyone who showed up at the forum.

Hombosky stated that the forum was sad, and she felt hopeless when she left. A lot of the problems are at a national level with healthcare and she appreciated that the commissioners held the forum. The forum ended around 10:30 a.m. Questions will be answered on the County website and the forum was videotaped by C-Net. She stated that the funding is underbudgeted. There are only seven beds for Centre County available in the Danville State Hospital for crisis intervention. Hombosky stated that the current state of healthcare was discussed as well. There are many non-profits to fill some gaps, but it is not enough.

Chief Weaver also attended the meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Wilson offered Q&A with the police department. Chief Weaver was present at the meeting.

Johnson thanked Weaver for being there at the Cruise and all the other police officers on duty and great job covering the entire weekend.

Wilson stated that he received some complaints about the firing of fireworks in the Borough. He spoke with Stewart and they will look into some restrictions on the firing of fireworks in neighborhoods. It is unnecessary and it upsets pets. He asked residents to be considerate of neighbors. If it is in the power of the Borough, there could be a ban. Be kind to your neighbors.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS –

ZONING/PLANNING:

July Planning Commission meeting was cancelled. The waterfront developer will not pursue a change in zoning with the PC regarding a zoning ordinance change on height restrictions. They feel that the current limitations are suitable for what they have planned, per Stewart.

HARB:

Certificates of Appropriateness: 101 N. Allegheny Street, 251 N. Spring Street (Separate Vote)

**Prendergast moved to have the roof replaced.
Thompson seconded the motion.**

Although Houser made some good points in trying to save the house, Prendergast stated that the contractor knew that the roof was not the correct roof, and although less expensive, he had already been down this road before and Council has as well. Council was forced to make decisions based on the contractor putting the roof on without prior HARB approval. Prendergast stated that the prior roof was not given approval, but the second roof would need to be approved. Wilson stated that that roof was an extenuating circumstance. To be put in this position again, is not something that Council should be going through. Council needs to comply with HARB and also wants to advocate for the resident. Prendergast stated that HARB does get picky sometimes. Wilson stated that it is a black and white situation. HARB's regulations are what they are, and Prendergast stated that within the historical district they need to go through HARB.

Stewart encouraged Council to focus on this project and that HARB is ordinance regulated. Hombosky stated that she is in favor of ripple roofs as they are more economical. She does not feel it is appropriate for a governing body to tell a homeowner how much money they will spend on their home. HARB has no bearing on expense and cannot be a consideration for HARB members. She stated that she does not wish to put undue stress on someone. Hombosky stated that she is upset about having to speak about this type project at two meetings.

Prendergast discussed the other ripple roofs that were installed. He believes that there was only one that came through when he was on Council. The question comes down to how long the other roofs were installed. He has no way of knowing. They may have been grandfathered in. He does not think their existence has a bearing on this current project.

Brown inquired of Maria Day of how many of the other roofs that were replaced came through HARB. She stated that the other roofs did not have metal on them prior to the current metal roof. She was speaking about the most recent projects. Of the three homes on Spring Street Hombosky inquired about when they were approved. Stewart stated that when the Logan Street roof came up, they raised affordability in that case and Council allowed it. Stewart stated that he found 3-4 cases with quick review. Fisher R.E. has a metal roof and that went through HARB. One of the homes on Spring went through HARB. There is a house with a ripple metal roof that went through HARB. There has been a difference in the different Boards of the years. Day stated that they are attempting to set a HARB standard to stand through changes in the Board. With regard to standing seam versus ripple roof, she stated that relative to cost, asphalt roofs may be installed with little or no difference in cost between a noncompliant ripple roof and an asphalt shingle roof.

Prendergast stated that he is in the historical district and his roof is shingle. The roof construction was prior a metal roof at one time. He cannot go down to the exact type of metal roof it was, but he inquired about HARB approving a metal roof at present. Day stated that the roof would

typically not be approved. Standing seam, concealed fasteners are no maintenance. The rippled roofs need fasteners to be adjusted from time to time. Standing seam is superior to the rippled roof. Asphalt is also maintenance free and last a very long time.

Day stated that HARB also has concern for structural integrity of the buildings and maintenance in the future. HARB understands that the metal roofs are out there but HARB cannot just start approving future rippled roofs cart blanche.

Brachbill stated that the roof does not meet HARB and the issue is the contractor not following HARB regulations. He does not wish to punish the homeowner if the contractor is at fault. He was on Council when the contractor came through to Council prior and it has been three times and Council needs to draw the line somewhere.

He wished to amend the motion to make the roof non-conforming and not remove it. He also asked that a permitting process begin for any more future roofs in the historical district either by Code or HARB. The contractor and owner needs to come to HARB before the job starts.

Brachbill moved to make the roof non-conforming, to not grant a Certificate of Appropriateness, but allow the contractor to continue with the work, and a note will be placed in the deed file that this roof is noncompliant in the historic district and that any future roof will need to conform with HARB. This roof project does not receive a certificate of appropriateness. Johnson seconded the motion.

Discussion was held with whether the roof on the home a temporary roof was. Hombosky stated that in order to proceed with the roof that was purchased, a letter should be place in the file for future roofs to be compliant. Eaton stated that this will become the usual practice of non-compliant roofs if this is the measure taken.

Stewart stated that at the last meeting, the issue was sent to committee and it will come back at some point. The preservations committee will be doing an assessment and the ordinance will need to be changed up per the National Trust. Tosti-Vasey stated that Council decided to hold off on revisions until after the assessment. The contractor issue will be included in this.

Eaton stated that he was concerned that Council asked HARB to do their job, and if Council does not support their decisions time and time again, Council established a precedent that the projects are reviewed based on arguments of affordability and a waiver. Hombosky stated that Council is the approving body and HARB is not the final decision.

Prendergast stated that Council is amending the motion that this specific case will be allowed but future roofs will need to be approved. The same contractor is doing the same roof, per Prendergast. Eaton stated that future contactors will take the example of this roof project and the prior roof projects that were installed without approval.

Brachbill stated that HARB has guidelines that they need to follow. They are pretty straight forward. In this situation, it is not that straight forward and has escalated. This was not due to HARB but due to the fault of the contractor by them not doing what they needed to do.

Thompson inquired about incentives for contractors to follow the rules. It appears that they are just getting away with it. No fines were imposed during the last situation. She inquired about consequences. Stewart stated that this will be explored in the near future. A permitting process may eliminate the contractor issues, per Brachbill.

Tosti-Vasey stated that when she put the solar panels on her home, she needed a building permit through Code. Her metal roof did not require a permit. Any roofing material should need to get a permit and be revised as such. HARB has a Code enforcement member on board at this time. Prior to any permit the installer/property owner working/owning property in the historic district would also need a HARB certificate of appropriateness.

Johnson stated that it is disturbing to him that the contractor moved forward knowing that the roof was not approved by HARB. He stated that the permitting process was circumvented and went forward with the project. It may not have been an issue if the rules were followed. They tried to get away with the project. Johnson stated that he is not happy with the way this project has been brought to Council. Hombosky concurred.

Thompson stated that this will continue to happen without any teeth to the consequences. Walker does not like that if other people do it is okay to do.

Brown asked Houser if he was aware that he is in the historic district and when he purchased his home if he was advised that he was in the historical district. He opined that HARB needs to do a better job of keeping track of projects in the Borough. He stated that they need to have more information on the projects before they can make denials of projects. He agreed with the permitting process for roofs. Guidelines versus law was discussed by Houser.

The permitting will be addressed in the future.

Roll call vote on Brachbill amended motion.

Brachbill yes

Brown yes

Eaton no

Hombosky yes

Johnson yes

Prendergast yes

Thompson no

Tosti-Vasey no

Walker yes

Motion carried 6/3.

Thompson stated that she would like to see some accountability. Fees were discussed. \$1,500.00 fee was suggested to a contractor who does not come through HARB with their projects, per Brachbill. Fines are separate by ordinance. Fees are by resolution which is a weaker approval process. Typically, fines are not listed in a fee schedule.

**Brachbill moved to place a hold on metal roof construction in the historical district until permitting study has been completed and the review of the HARB ordinance is complete.
Johnson seconded the motion.**

A public notice would need to be circulated to residents in the historical district. Thompson liked this idea to get everyone to follow the rules and comply. Brachbill does not wish future contractors to take advantage of the Borough.

Motion carried unanimously.

Hombosky inquired about the fines and discussion of such. When the home on Allegheny was before Council and the ordinance related to fines, the code enforcement officer stated that it was a weak case to go after the contractor. He stated that the office can try and see where they end up before the judge. Council asked a committee to review the HARB ordinance to see what needed to be amended to fix that weakness, per Stewart.

Brachbill stated that the moratorium on the metal roofs may be the beginning of fixing the issue. He stated that the opportunity was had the last time and here Council was at the same situation at the meeting tonight.

Hombosky would like to continue this discussion in a work session next week. Shannon Wright will be invited to that work session. Thompson stated that it would have helped to have Wright at the Council meeting tonight.

101 N. Allegheny Street

**Brachbill moved to approve the certificate of appropriateness for the copper roof project at 101 N. Allegheny Street.
Prendergast seconded the motion.
Motion carried.**

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BUILDING AND PROPERTY – Chair, Anne Walker

On Street Parking Meter Quote Memo

Walker reported that the quote was received. The quote was 320 Single Space Solar Power \$450 a piece \$144,000 with grand total of \$154,175. They take both coins and credit. Under an hour, the meters will only take coins. Memo was in the packet.

Tosti-Vasey stated that understood that the motion can move forward for installation in August and charges would go up immediately after that. A motion could also be made to accept the quote but not do the work until after Thanksgiving during the holiday courtesy parking time.

The short-term meters were discussed as well. One suggestion was to put regular meters in and put a sign up for flashing lights – fifteen minutes. That would require the meter reader to closely monitor them. The other option was to use some of the older meters as some are still functional. A sign for 15 minutes parking was suggested as well.

Thompson stated that with the new meter, the 15 minutes may be inconvenient, and the sign may not work due to the meter reader having to monitor all of the time. There are about 6 15 minutes meters downtown, per Stewart. They are difficult to enforce. The older meter parts are an issue. There is money in the budget due to the delay in Parking Lot D, per Stewart.

Thompson moved to approve the new parking meters with the use of the old meters for the 15 parking spaces, beginning after the holiday courtesy parking period 2019.

Walker seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

HARB Ordinance Revisions on Hold until review by Pa Historical Museum Commission (Brian VanSweden)

FINANCE AND GOV'T PERFORMANCE - Chair, Gina Thompson

Budget v. Actual June 2019

Current v. Prior June 2019

PARKS AND RECREATION – Chair, Melissa Hombosky

Hombosky thanked Steve Wheeler of the Bellefonte Garden club for the mulch.

The fish/duck feeders have been replaced. It was noted that people are still feeding the ducks with bread.

Wilson reported that in the park there are 95 ducks, 25 geese and 50 fish. Prior to this, he thought the fish were gone. Being an attraction to Bellefonte, the fish are still present, and Fish and Boat Commission has given Gene Stocker permission to stock the creek and he would be glad to help.

Brown stated that an employee at the train station saw two people fishing on the other (Talleyrand Park) side of the bridge. She told them they were not allowed to fish there, and they needed to go, or the police would be called.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Chair, Renee Brown

Police Contract 2020-2022

Consider approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement

Brown reported on the collective bargaining agreement. The agreement has been accepted. It will run January 2020 and run through December 2022. Three (3) copies, if approved, need signatures.

**Hombosky moved to approve the 2020-22 police contract.
Brown seconded the motion.
Motion carried.**

Tosti-Vasey remarked that it was nice to see the contract accepted at the first meeting. She thanked the union for making the process easy for all.

SAFETY - Chair, Randy Brachbill

Chapter 35 Review by Solicitor conference call held; expecting recommended revisions

Chapter 35 came back this afternoon. Comments will be discussed, and it will be brought to Council at a meeting in the near future. Chief Snyder needs to review it as well as the other chiefs.

WATER/SANITATION – Chair, Doug Johnson

There is an Authority meeting on Tuesday in Council Chambers at 6 p.m.

RFP issued for Big Spring Cover Design, permitting

This has been advertised, and it is on the Borough website and on several association websites as well, per Stewart. It is under a 60-day time frame for response with a meeting on site in August for questions from engineering firms.

Fountains by Big Spring – waiting on estimates

Stewart reported that they are investigating into some parts replacement. Council was in agreement that the water fountain should be operable.

WWTP

The Authority and Council will be invited to a site visit at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The magnetite process is new, and it is being fully charged and debugged. At the completion of these tasks, the site visit will take place.

STREETS – Chair, Jon Eaton

Bike Racks – consider joint committee meeting with DBI design committee

Eaton would like to schedule a meeting with DBI and the streets committee relative to the bike racks. DBI finalized some of their design concepts.

Sidewalk Ordinance – Amendments being considered

The sidewalk ordinance discussion will be discussed at the next planned streets meeting.

The proposed amendments concerned commercial sidewalks and alternate materials. This needs to be finalized.

Eaton wishes to speak about parking on Reservoir Hill and policy for short term meters. He would prefer to have two separate meetings due to the topics being discussed. Two doodle polls will be sent out.

Bellefonte Wok possible parking

Wilson stated that on Cherry Lane near the Bellefonte Wok, the owner of the restaurant wanted to know if there was any possibility of getting one or two pull offs for pickups. The lines in the Cherry Lane alley were painted to denote the walkway, and Wilson offered that people should be able to temporarily park there to pick up take out. He would like to see a sign for pickup and delivery only.

Eaton inquired about fire trucks being able to get down the lane. He thought it would work as long as there was not a safety issue. Tosti-Vasey inquired if it is marked for pedestrian walkway, if cars would be able to park there anyway. Johnson stated that he wanted the lines painted in another alley as it would be too narrow.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION –Chair, Mike Prendergast

Sustainability Projects – consider proposing projects

Prendergast discussed the work session discussion relative to the projects. There were about 10 projects discussed i.e. bike paths, walk paths, ADA access to parks, rain gardens, tree inventory etc.

Johnson offered that the police department was toured a few months back relative to the possible expansion/renovations. Council was going to investigate an architect to speak with the Borough staff about what they may think would be appropriate for the police space. The conditions are pretty bad. Johnson inquired whether the student organization would work with to create a design that may work. This would fall under sustainability. This will be added to the project listing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sale of Gamble Mill complete; Waterworks Building property to close soon

The new owners were in the office relative to funding via a grant. Application is due by the end of August. There would be no word until early next year. The owners are interested and that will be pursued. The waterworks facility should close this week and the site will be completely transferred over.

Hydro-Electric Demonstration Project at Gamble Mill Spillway

Stewart reported that there will be a demonstration on the spillway because it has a higher drop. Over the years, a number of grants applications were submitted and this time around they feel they have a good chance of getting the grant. It may tie into workforce housing. It would consist of a pipeline in the raceway with a structure on top of it. The budget numbers have to be run, and Alan Uhler is going to assist with this. Stewart wanted Council to be aware that this project is out there. It is a sustainability project to educate the community about hydroelectric.

Shannon Wright suggested putting solar on the roof of that building and the Borough could use part of that solar for lighting at the waterfront. The raceway is still owned by the Borough. It would be a separate project from the Gamble Mill.

Eaton commented that the state fish commissions need to be advised, relative to noise pollution that may disturb the fish. Stewart would pass the concerns along to the appropriate persons. Light pollution was previously a concern.

Nittany Valley Comp Plan – consider approval

**Brachbill moved to approve the Nittany Valley Comp plan sending recommendation to add historical preservation and expand environmental sustainability and update currently shown zoning maps.
Eaton seconded the motion.**

Discussion was held on rewording ag preservation to maintain green spaces. Brachbill stated that it was included in his motion.

Motion carried.

Centre County Borough's Association – will be circulating draft bylaws, planning for a meeting

There are five boroughs that wish to be part of this organization. It is enough to get it started. Bylaws have been provided and they will be shared to everyone in draft form in preparation for a fall meeting, per Stewart.

Remote Origination Points – CNET

The cost of the origination points is about \$3,200.00. Council needs to discuss and decide on whether this is an option. If Monday night is kept, the origination point would not be needed. If the meeting night would be moved, the origination point would be used. July 8 is the deadline for making this decision.

Tosti-Vasey stated that originally CNET did not need a decision until January but now Comcast is pushing them for a response. They need to know from Bellefonte if they wish to move forward.

The points allow for live streaming and a new date would not need to be chosen right now.

Brachbill inquired how the Council would benefit by moving the date.

Thompson moved to approve the remote origination point which will require the Borough Council meeting(s) to be moved.

Brachbill seconded the motion (for discussion).

Thompson stated that she does not really want to move the meetings.

Johnson called the question.

Eaton asked why the meeting needed to be moved. Tosti-Vasey stated that other authorities could use the point as well. This is about live coverage and as long as there are no other live meetings at the time it could be used. If more meetings are added the cost would rise. Stewart stated that this is not the intent. There would not be additional costs added to the one-time \$3,200 equipment cost.

Brown wanted to know if this would save the Borough money down the road. The answer was no, and it is meant to give the community a live view of the meetings. Tosti-Vasey stated that the origination point can be put in and it could be used only for other ABC meetings.

(talking amongst members)

Tosti-Vasey stated that they could say they wanted the remote origination point for future ABC meetings. In the future, if another Council wishes to move the dates, they can. If the remote origination point is not put in now, the Borough is out for the next ten (10) years.

Prendergast would like to amend the motion not to include changing the meeting dates.

Stewart stated that they could argue that when Bellefonte wants to use it, they should be able to use it. It can include live events, at the Borough's choosing.

Hombosky inquired whether Stewart thought this was a good use of funds. Stewart offered that he thought it was i.e. the zoning hearing board meetings would be good to get out to the public.

Brachbill inquired whether or not this was in the 2019 general fund budget. Stewart stated that it could be done. Tosti-Vasey does not know the installation date and it may end up being 2020.

Prendergast amended the motion to approve the remote origination point with no change to the meeting date at this time.

Thompson seconded the motion.

Amendment and Main Motion both carried 7/2.

NEW BUSINESS:

CDBG Public Meeting June 26

Stewart attended the public meeting was attended on June 26, 2019. There is a new planning director.

Presentation Pennsylvania Conference Update

June 19-21 HARB and members of DBI and the Bellefonte Historical Preservation Foundation went to the Presentation Conference in Harrisburg. Sue Hannigan attended as well. Tosti-Vasey stated that there were place making ideas, ideas to revitalize theaters, updates to the certified local government program, and types of grants available, how to nominate buildings to the national register, etc. There were two handouts at the table. She also provided a summary of a report related to tax credits. Funding was discussed as well.

They were also notified at the conference that they would be sending a certified local government agreement and that arrived today. That will be placed on the next work session. Tosti-Vasey stated that it needs to be executed by September 20 and following that there will be an assessment for meeting the new standards and update inventory over the next four years.

Lengthening Meter Times (past 5 p.m.)

Brachbill would like this added to a discussion with the Building and Property Committee in the future.

Microphone at the Podium

The speakers were not able to be heard by some Council members.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business coming before Council,

Prendergast moved to adjourn the July 1, 2019 Council Meeting.

Thompson seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.