

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823
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The October 5, 2020, virtual meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order by Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey at 7:30 p.m. There was a 6:30 p.m. Work Session on the 2021 Budget.

Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

MEMBERS PRESENT (via Zoom):

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

EXCUSED:

Ms. Gina Thompson

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Mr. Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager

Minutes

Brachbill moved to approve the minutes. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Prendergast moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Written Communications were received by Council.

Brachbill moved to appoint Tosti-Vasey as delegate for the PML Summit with Johnson as alternate. Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion carried

Cleeton moved to apply for the Liquid Fuels funds as outlined in the letter from Centre County Administrative Offices. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried.

Oral:

Kyle Uhler spoke about a proposed Eagle Scout Project which would entail restoring the historical snowplow.

Johnson moved to help Kyle out and have the Borough supply a T-Tag or other vehicle to help Kyle remove the plow for renovation at Talleyrand Park Railroad Station. Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Erika Bove, Consultant with Design Design discussed the Wayfinding Signage Project Update.

Mayor:

Wilson reported on the bandshell project which is moving forward with a steering committee. He also discussed the metering of parking on the streets and in the parking lots until 8 p.m. Chief Weaver discussed speeding and pedestrian targeting initiative in downtown and the school area.

Finance and Government Performance:

Brachbill moved to accept the August 2020 financials. Hombosky seconded. Motion carried.

Prendergast moved to approve a \$2.00 fee to offset Code related staff time. Motion was amended. Eaton moved to approve a \$3.00 fee to offset Code related staff time. Walker seconded. Motion to amend failed. Original motion passed unanimously.

Streets:

Victorian Christmas was discussed, relative to the event's COVID-19 protocol.

Cleeton moved to conditionally approve all of the separate events associated with Victorian Christmas on December 11-12, 2020 to follow COVID-19 guidelines, the PA Department of Health and as agreed to, a meeting with the Streets Committee. Opening Ceremony will be at the courthouse, teas at the bed and breakfast establishments throughout town, carriage rides emanating from South Allegheny Street and circling the block with fire police assistance, entertainment around town, the Santa House set up at the Courthouse with COVID-19 masking. No one will be in the Santa House with Santa but all outside with pictures one at a time. Concerts will be on the Talleyrand Park lawn at gazebo with social distancing markers. Downtown will be decorated on Allegheny Street and West High Street to Talleyrand Park and such decorations will be put up on November 21, 2020 and remain in place throughout the end of the year. If fire police patrols traffic control surrounding the carriage rides and fair are not available, payment for regular police overtime will be needed. Notice of liability insurance with the Borough named as an additional insured for this event is also required and provided to the Borough, if not already on file. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried.

Cleeton moved to approve to set up the arts and crafts at Allegheny Street between Howard Street and Burrows and then on West Howard from Allegheny to Spring Street and possibly Aikens

parking lot, with all vendors being distanced 20 feet from center. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hombosky moved to approve the closure of Allegheny Street between Howard Street and Linn Street. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried.

LTAP update and report was received by Council. The Street Ordinance is being revised.

Parks and Recreation

Hombosky moved to approve payment of the invoice for Lycoming Supply in the amount of \$34,942.52 for the Talleyrand Walkway Bridge. Eaton seconded. Motion carried.

Human Resources

Eaton moved to initiate the employee review process beginning in 2020. Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Eaton moved to approve that Stewart begin the process of posting the job opening at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Safety

Brachbill moved to remove the mask and social distancing ordinance from the table. Hombosky seconded. Motion carried.

Brachbill moved to move the mask and social distancing ordinance to legal counsel. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried.

Water and Sanitation

Authority meeting to be held on October 6 at 6 p.m. Riff Raff collection is October 5-9, 2020. Hazardous Waste collection requires a pre-registration for 2020 collection.

Energy and Environmental Conservation

Climate Change Plan meeting to be held on October 9, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

HARB

Prendergast moved to approve the certificates of appropriateness for 413 West High Street and 247 ½ North Spring Street. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Special Committee Reports

CCMPO meeting and SAFR grant were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Prendergast moved to approve Trick or Treat night for October 29 with a rain date of November 1, 2020. Eaton seconded. Motion carried.

The Gamble Mill Revolving Loan, anti-discrimination ordinance, Solvency Fee, Driving Electric Week and Zion Road stormwater were discussed. Spring Township supported the stop sign at Pine, Mill and SR144 and the Spring Township police are open to a committee type meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bellefonte Chamber Annual Meeting and Action Minutes were discussed.

Brachbill moved to try the action minutes out for Council. Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Johnson moved to approve a request for a monthly report for nuisance code violations. Walker seconded. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Brachbill moved to adjourn. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Executive Session