

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823
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CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The September 8, 2020, virtual meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order by Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey at 7:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL:

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
Ms. Gina Thompson
Mayor Tom Wilson

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Mr. Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager
Sean Weaver, Chief of Police

All votes taken will be recorded as unanimous when there is no audible opposition.

Written Comments re: Consideration of Mask Wearing/Social Distancing Ordinance 09082020-01 and Oral Comment were taken regarding Ordinance 09082020-01.

Consider Adoption of Ordinance 09082020-01

Stewart stated that the Borough had received less than ten emails and comments in favor of a mask type ordinance. There were approximately 30 comments against a mask ordinance and another 15 asking for a delay in passing an ordinance but also against it. Additionally, there was an online petition circulated with nearly over 1,000 signees proposing to be against a mask ordinance.

Wilson proposed that someone make a motion not to move forward with the ordinance approval.

**Johnson moved that Council not move forward with the approval of Ordinance 09082020-01.
Thompson seconded the motion.**

Johnson added that he had 146 signed signatures on a petition that was dropped off at his residence tonight at 5:15 p.m. Of the signatures, 88 were residents, and 39 were nonresidents. Borough residents, Claire Kimmel and Tracey Benson circulated the petition. The motion to not move forward was clarified.

Prendergast discussed the mask wearing and the dangers of COVID-19. The purpose of wearing a mask is to protect other people. To slow the progress of the disease, masks should be worn, and it is not only inconsiderate but irresponsible to refuse to wear one. All rights have limits.

Walker felt a sense of urgency on the ordinance and remarked that Bellefonte has been fortunate with their infection numbers. She felt that the ordinance needed to be passed in order to prevent numbers from increasing.

Brachbill stated that the purpose of the ordinance was to reinforce some of the state guidelines. An ordinance from another municipality was also being used and he agreed that Bellefonte may have overstepped their bounds for what the Borough is responsible for. He remarked that Council needs to let the public be responsible for themselves, and in most cases not everything can be cured. He was not opposed to tabling the ordinance but is opposed to some of the language and thinks that that is what got a lot of people upset. He offered that he will wear a mask where he needs to wear it to protect his family. He does not wear it all the time and does not plan on wearing it all of the time. There are reasonable purposes for wearing a mask or require a mask. The best thing the Borough can do is recommend. There are already guidelines in place, and nothing was changed. Creating friction between a non-mask wearer and a business owner was discussed briefly. Brachbill was in favor of tabling the ordinance.

Thompson had concerns that the ordinance was repetitive of what was already mandated by the State. Additionally, enforcement was a concern. She was concerned that this would create an extra burden and cost to the police department. She did not want to see extra strain on the police and local magistrates to decide on fines. She inquired of Chief Weaver about how this would go concerning the police department.

Hombosky agreed with wearing masks everywhere. It is a choice that she makes. She agreed that some of the language may need to be ironed out. She also had concerns with enforcement. She felt that the majority of resident's wear masks and care about the other residents. She also offered that is it the right of persons that do not wish to wear them. She stated that everyone is just trying to do the best they can for the community they care about. She has empathy for either side as we are all trying to get through the pandemic together.

Eaton was in favor of tabling the passing of the ordinance but would like Council to continue to work on the ordinance as there are some issues that the Borough should address. There was concerns about partying out of the Centre region by students. He was impressed with PSU's Covid

efforts so far considering how badly other universities are doing. Part of the ordinance was in support of the effort at Penn State. Constraining any student parties or other behavior that may become a problem later should be considered. He was in favor of tabling the passing of the ordinance, but not permanently.

Thompson inquired about tabling the motion. She offered that not moving forward with the ordinance would still allowed room later for another ordinance to be drafted and considered if appropriate.

Tosti-Vasey discussed a motion for a meeting in person, per the public's request, socially distanced.

Weaver discussed police involvement in enforcement. He is not seeing students coming into Bellefonte from Penn State. During the daytime the vast majority of persons are wearing masks when needed to do so and they have not received any complaints lately.

Jason _____ briefly discussed enforcement. He addressed Eaton's concern with PSU students coming to Bellefonte to drink. There is only one open bar in town and the rest would be private clubs. This limits outside activity from coming here. House parties were discussed briefly. The enforcement would be difficult due to the individual complaints that may arise. The fine side of this ordinance would be \$50.00 and a total fine with the magistrate fees is \$150.00. It could go up, at the discretion of the magistrate judge. Overtime would be involved with the officers having to go to hearings. State College police have gotten a lot of calls for mask-wearing, and they have to assign an officer just to take those calls. There will be some hurdles with the police department's relationship with the community.

Prendergast inquired about advertising after tabling the ordinance. He would rather see it worked on than tabled. If passed, Thompson asked if the ordinance could be amended later on. She asked the police about business owners who find resistance with a customer that refuses a mask. She understood that they could not call upon the police for assistance. Weaver stated that if the customer refused to leave, the police could be called to remove them, on a disorderly conduct level.

Brachbill stated that the ordinance is being tabled and that if Council wished to remove it from the table, then it can be discussed again, the ordinance can be revised, and a new ordinance does not have to be created. The changes are going to need to be advertised. He inquired if the safety committee could still review the ordinance, even if it gets tabled. A motion from Council would be needed, per Tosti-Vasey.

Cleeton would like the ordinance tabled for further discussion. She stated that persons do not live in a bubble and this is not about what you are going to "catch" in Bellefonte. She is in favor of wearing masks when feasible and appropriate. Johnson agreed.

Johnson inquired if the public will have a chance to comment tonight. Tosti-Vasey stated not if the ordinance gets tabled. A public hearing would be held at a later date. If the public felt the need to comment, however, they could. Johnson offered that public comment may have an impact on Council's voting decision.

Chris Morelli, 533 East Linn Street commented regarding ordinance in general. No matter what is done as an ordinance, it costs money. It costs for drafting, due diligence, meetings, voting, implementing, advertising, and additionally if not 100% foolproof citations will be contested and there will be a lot of police overtime in addition to all of the other costs. He is not in favor of any municipality that wishes to create ordinances for everything in the community. He believed that the state is qualified to make decisions on rules because they have a health department full of experts to come up with something to be done fairly across the state. Everyone is dealing with the same set of rules. He does not believe in following other Townships or communities just because Council thinks it is saving us money. It is not saving us money. The police have other important work to do. Council needs to deal with the facts and make sure that they have the correct facts and with regard to Covid, no one knows what the correct facts are. There is so much going on in the country with the pandemic, even the doctors are changing minds. Mr. Morelli would be in favor of not recreating the wheel that the state has already done for the state. If someone breaks those rules, then they should be enforced. If it is done tonight, he asked that the ordinance not be brought up again because nothing foolproof can be created. He thanked Council for the time.

Dave Wolf, 316 E. Beaver Street asked that nothing else, as representatives of the citizens of Bellefonte, Council asks the public what they want as a vote. Do they want the masks, do they not want the masks, or some other combination thereof? He thinks it is up to the constituents to tell Council how they feel and what they want to be done, as representatives of the community. He does not want to see businesses becoming police and having to chase down and find officers to get people to cooperate. Business has already been driven from the community, and he offered that more and more is being driven out. If the ordinance is imposed, more business will be chased away. They will go online or other communities that do not force mask-wearing. He understood that the police are on reduced hours as it is, and if that is true, they will be asked to take on a bigger burden. He does not think the ordinance is in the best interest of the community. There are some situations, i.e. walking your dog, or walking down the street, that he believed the ordinance would impose more of a burden and a headache as a community. Bellefonte is not Penn State and its residents are not the students.

Tosti-Vasey commented that the police are no longer on reduced hours.

Stacy _____ from 192 Amberleigh Lane offered that she is a business owner and she owns a cleaning business. She is also a mom. From her perspective as far as the ordinance is concerned, children are already being required to wear masks all day in school and now the ordinance would require them to wear them continuously when they are outside playing with friends, walking down the street. She stated that no one has COVID in her neighborhood and everyone is respectful. She believed that this asked a lot from children, already being asked a lot in school. Some are going virtual now and this puts extra pressure on the children. She stated that with regard to the police, this is already a stressful situation, and more pressure does not need to be added. She also considered that air is recirculating inside a building and airborne germs and particles are still going to be there. It may be more reasonable to look at this from a proactive space rather than a reactive space. The governor is going to permit 50% capacity in restaurants soon, and she felt that the state is moving in the right direction overall and everyone is already doing what they feel is right. She

offered that judgment needs to be trusted and when boundaries and mandates are set, that judgment is questioned and taken away. She does not go to downtown State College.

Jim _____, 1230 Summit Drive spoke regarding the ordinance. He initially heard the first motion as letting the ordinance go and it was seconded. Then it was turned into the ordinance being tabled right in front of his eyes, and he did not hear anyone say that they would table it. The initial motion was to let the ordinance go and it turned into tabling and he would like to see the vote be letting the ordinance go. He remarked that the Governor did a great job, and everything is moving forward. He asked that the ordinance not be tabled and that the Borough get rid of it. He thanked Council for their time.

_____ Confer, 100 North Allegheny Street spoke about their business in Bellefonte. Their store has been in Bellefonte for 40 years. She asked that the Borough not pass the ordinance, not table it, and do not change it because the parking meters have already gone up .25 for 15 minutes, and everyone that comes into the store's comments on that. If they have another fear of getting a fine from not having a mask on when they got out of their car, people are going to stop coming to the Borough. She offered that if .25 made that much of a difference to people, they will just go somewhere else, or shop online. She believed that the ordinance was creating extra issues for the town, which has already suffered from being shut down due to COVID. The ordinance is not helping anyone. If Council cared about the downtown businesses, she asked that the ordinance not be passed.

Rod Beard, 101 North Allegheny Street commented that in having reviewed the ordinance, he understood the desire to try to do something in this situation that we are in, but he cautioned about enforceability issues with the ordinance. Beard does not practice criminal law, but he has heard from others in that field, that enforceability of an ordinance like this is very questionable. The police have already alerted Council to some of the issues that will be faced with this ordinance. In an attempt to do good by the ordinance, it may backfire. He also commented that we do not know enough about the virus to think that an ordinance requiring mask-wearing is actually going to solve the problem. Other data indicates that masks may cause more problems and he does not know that a mask-wearing ordinance for a local jurisdiction would result in any benefit. The negative impact of this would be more substantial than any positive impact. He thanked Council for the opportunity to speak.

Brachbill offered that the ordinance was a request for the County in order to coordinate with other townships and boroughs around Bellefonte, and that is how the Borough got involved with the ordinance. When Penn State failed to honor their own mask up or pack up slogan, it turned Brachbill around. He remarked on the first week party by the first years at East Halls. He did not hear anything that was done with that incident and it tells him that he agrees that the ordinance, is not able to be enforced by the police or anyone else.

Brachbill called the question.

Tosti-Vasey voiced concerns about tabling the ordinance as long as there is a second motion to bring it back to the safety committee for further review to fix some of the problems. She agreed that the ordinance does need to be improved if Council were to pass it.

There was no further public comments. Cleeton asked if she voted no to tabling, what she would be voting for. Tosti-Vasey stated that someone else would come up with a second motion saying that the ordinance could go to a public in-person meeting as requested by the letters that came in and tweak the current ordinance.

Cleeton, yes
Eaton, yes
Hombosky, no
Johnson, yes
Prendergast, no
Thompson, yes
Tosti-Vasey, no
Walker, no
Brachbill, yes

Motion carried, 5-4.

Eaton moved to send the ordinance back to the safety committee so they can work on the topic, and if they chose to come up with something they can bring that back to Council.
Prendergast seconded the motion.

Thompson wanted to be sure that someone from the police department was involved with the safety committee review if one is done.

Stewart did another roll call vote on the second motion.

Cleeton, yes
Eaton, yes
Hombosky, yes
Johnson, no
Prendergast, yes
Thompson, yes
Tosti-Vasey, yes
Walker, yes
Brachbill, yes

Motion carried 8-1.

Letter from Bellefonte Historic Street Tablet Project

They asked if the Borough would be interested in having any of its buildings done, i.e. the train station.

Memo re: Flu Clinic

The provider is still interested in providing the clinic looking at September or October.

Eaton moved to approve permission to set up flu shot clinic in September and October at the Borough. The Borough would pay for employees and spouses and friends would be the responsibility for submitting the fee to their own insurance. Thompson seconded the clinic. Motion carried unanimously.

YMCA 2nd Annual Trick or Trot 5K Run

They would like to hold the annual race to start in the new area of Talleyrand and go out Axeman Road. The date would be October 31, 2020. They would stagger start times and they will have masks, etc. Everything is in the information received by Council. Tosti-Vasey referred this to The Parks and Rec committee for review.

Email from Robert Lamb with the Rotary

The Rotary is not doing the annual fall festival and are planning on doing a drive-up trick or treat program which they would like to have a Talleyrand Park near the gazebo side 10 a.m. to noon on October 31, 2020. They would like to bag the meters along that portion of West High Street on both sides.

Brachbill moved to approval bagging all parking meters as requested on October 31, 2020, from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Pennsylvania Municipal League Link Newsletter

The solvency fee has caused proposal of a House Bill 2708 which would allow municipalities to pay the annual solvency fee in a thirty-day window, which would lower the cost for some of the unemployment that was incurred during the pandemic. They are looking for support letters from municipalities regarding this topic.

Eaton moved to send letters to Senator Corman and Rep. Benninghoff in support of HB 2708 and the associated Senate Bill.

**Brachbill seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

Bellefonte Soccer Association Request

The organization would like to use Governor's Park or practices starting now through the end of October 2020 with practice during the week evenings Monday through Thursday and Saturday mornings until about 1 p.m. for games. They have a very lengthy safety program that they are required to follow. Tosti-Vasey asked for a conditional approval on the series.

**Prendergast moved to approve the soccer events from Monday thru Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. between now and October 31, 2020, to follow their outlined Covid-19 mitigation with the following additions limited by the state: limit the number of total people on each soccer field including coaches, players, and spectators with a maximum of 2 spectators per player, maintaining a minimum of 15 minutes between each practice to allow prior game members to leave and new to arrive and sanitize, disinfect each ball between each game, disinfect the benches and chairs every four hours. The Borough will maintain the right to cancel the events if the guideline are not followed. Borough to be added to the certificate of insurance. Walker seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

Invitation to participate in Centre County's hazard mitigation planning process

The meetings will be held on September 24, 2020, one at 2-3 p.m. and one 7-8 p.m. Once your register they will send the virtual link.

Email from B. Dann re: suggestions for website and communications with residents

Dann made some suggestions for the website and communication improvement. She relayed her ideas on how to update somethings on the website. Contact information was missing for Council members. She would also like to see bios on everyone on Council. She would also like to see an email listing to update residents on updates to the website. There was also a request to post pages on Facebook for each Council members. Not everyone has Facebook. Walker did not like the idea of posting personal information for safety reasons. Hombosky echoed her concerns. Costs were a concern to Hombosky as well.

**Hombosky moved to approve getting a price quote on updating the website with some information on Council members, and a quote on email updates to residents.
Prendergast seconded the motion.**

Brachbill offered that before Covid-19, the Council meetings were opened to the public and agendas are on the website before each meeting, and there are very few residents that attend the Council meetings. He reminded Dann that Council is always open, and Council's contact information is on the website and are available to speak with people. He would like to see more residents attend the meetings when normalcy returns. He appreciated the suggestions.

Thompson stated that better communication was discussed last year. She thinks the ordinance has brought to light that this is an issue and she thinks that the Borough should continue discussions on how to better communicate. She discussed social media as a good outlet to get information out there. Eaton echoed Hombosky's caution on safety and personal information. Thompson discussed her personal Council page. She opined that if Council had an official social media presence or more of a Borough social media presence, then it would not be on Council members to be out there.

Wilson reminded members that when they signed up to be on Council, they became a public figure. He stated that you cannot hide in a basement if you are a public figure and members should at least put some information out there letting residents know that that they are engaged, etc. Wilson has his cell number on his business card and people may call him anytime. Brachbill reiterated that his information is on the Borough website and he is easy to get in touch with.

Motion carried unanimously.

Email from P. Kennedy re Krauss Park

Trash has been accumulating and she believed that children may be damaging some of vegetation. This will be deferred to Parks and Rec committee for recommendation on closing the park at dusk. The police were notified about the issues at the park as well, per Wilson. Weaver added that the patrolling officer has been checking on Krauss and has not seen any issues or trash over the past month or so. Stewart had the road crew pick up some of the trash about four weeks ago.

Letter from M. Cooke re parking at 130 E. High Street

Cooke attended the meeting. She is a new resident. She discussed the parking situation at 130 E. High Street. She complained about the two-hour limit meters on the street. Most of the people that live there are residents, and there are not a lot of businesses besides the Dominos and the courthouse. The people that live there are in apartments, and to have the two-hour limit is prohibitive for the residents to feed a meter every two hours. She is a property owner. She does have a renter who finds the situation difficult. Because this is not part of the historical district she wondered if Council would consider allowing residents to get a monthly resident permit to park on the street in the area.

Tosti-Vasey stated that the Borough is currently reviewing the meter ordinance and this issue is timely. She deferred this issue to the Streets Committee. Hombosky would like to do a public zoom meeting and a forum to get feedback from residents and downtown businesses.

Email re: COVID safety plan for CC Democratic Committee postcard writing

Centre County Dem Committee wants to do a postcard session at Governor's Park on September 12 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. They want to use two pavilions and have presented a safety plan.

Prendergast moved to approve the postcard writing session.

Hombosky seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

ORAL/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tosti-Vasey stated that she received a text message. There was a Biden sign that was installed and stolen in less than 24 hours on Water Street. She asked that the police be notified.

Thompson reported that on Blanchard Street there are a few political banners hanging from utility poles.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Centre Region Code Comparison Stats July and August 2020

Centre Region COG Public Safety Committee Meeting August 11, 2020 Draft –

Brachbill stated that a discussion was held on the fire police vehicle purchase.

MAYOR – THOMAS WILSON

County – Determination regarding vandalism on courthouse property

Wilson discussed the vandalism on the courthouse property. He followed up with the County and indicated that Council did not take action on that item. There was a motion on the table without a second.

Wilson represented Bellefonte at the 100th Anniversary of the Airmail system which was one of the things that made Bellefonte remarkable early on. There was a fly in from the only remaining airmail craft in existence which was a biplane. Sen. Corman and Wilson loaded airmail for California on the plane. It was a nice event attended by a small crowd at the Bellefonte Airport.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

ZONING/PLANNING

HARB

Certificates of appropriateness for 120 South Water Street and 374 Phoenix Avenue

**Cleeton moved to approve certificates for both sign projects.
Eaton seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

HARB Meeting Minutes August 25, 2020 Draft

BUILDING AND PROPERTY, ANNE WALKER, CHAIR

Stewart reported that the kiosks are hooked up and ready to go. Paid metering started on September 8, 2020. The meter reading may be behind for a little bit due to staff shortage. Weaver suggested issuing some warnings or tickets to people for the street sweeper to get them conditioned for the winter plowing. The alternate street parking was suspended due to a lot of residents working from home due to the pandemic.

**Brachbill moved to reinstate alternate street parking.
Prendergast seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE – GINA THOMPSON, CHAIR

Consider committee meeting to begin 2021 budget talks. A doodle poll will be sent out.

PARKS AND RECREATION – MELISSA HOMBOSKY, CHAIR

Pay application No. 3 for the Talleyrand Park Pedestrian Bridge was up for approval.

**Hombosky moved to approve payment of Pay App No. 3 in the amount of \$67,718.94.
Prendergast seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

HUMAN RESOURCES – JON EATON, CHAIR

The pension plan was discussed briefly and consideration everything the plan was in good shape.

Eaton discussed the recent hires at the Borough.

SAFETY – RANDY BRACHBILL, CHAIR

Brachbill discussed a request for legal opinion regarding fireworks in the Borough.

**Brachbill moved to approve sending the letter for a legal
Advice for an ordinance banning fireworks in the historic district and
requirement of a permit to use consumer fireworks elsewhere
in the Borough.
Prendergast seconded the motion.**

Cleeton inquired why the ordinance would restrict only the historic district. She stated that other residents are concerned about their properties and the noise, etc. Stewart stated that an outright complete ban probably was not legal, so this is the alternative. Cleeton understood about the age of the buildings downtown.

Motion carried unanimously.

Brachbill reported that the fire department was awarded the fire assist grant which has a \$20,000 match on a \$400,000 plus grant. That money is in the fire budget.

The grant agreement should be read over carefully, per Stewart to see what it entails. It is a positive notice at this point and not official action is required of Council. Brachbill remarked that in Mr. Schneider's term as chief, he brought in over \$1 million in grant funds.

Follow up on the Joint EMS Municipal Meeting was given by Brachbill. They are still looking for the _____ for next year and most of the Bellefonte comments were to review the budgets and see what looks good and what does not at this point.

WATER/SANITATION – DOUG JOHNSON, CHAIR

Water Authority Minutes September 1, 2020 Draft

Daily Water Withdrawal Report August 2020

STREETS - DEB CLEETON, CHAIR

Cleeton reported on the committee meeting. The committee met last week at the intersection of N. Monroe and East Linn Street. Resident expressed concerns about traffic. They met to take a look at the layout. There is concern about speeding through an area with a lot of children. It was recommended that the police be contacted regarding increasing police presence, at least temporarily to dissuade speeders. This intersection should be added to the list of items that the committee will meet with LTAP about.

The LTAP information about the signage was discussed. The only approved signage is the Watch Children signage.

A meeting will be set up with LTAP regarding the concerns of the Borough.

Brachbill inquired about Spring Township getting back to the Borough on 144. They may have not considered this yet, as they only meet once a month, per Stewart. Brachbill inquired about the area of Badger and when it would be paved. There was a gas line or a leak in the area. Stewart will get back to Brachbill.

The street repair by The Big Spring was discussed briefly. Johnson stated that the repair contractor repaired it and the repairs were not as good as the road was originally. Stewart stated that the repair needs to be approved by PennDOT.

Johnson also discussed whether there was supposed to be a crosswalk between the annex and the courthouse. The County did that project. They never said that they were not going to do the work. Holderman stated that once they saw the water line coming down, the cost of the water line prohibited them from following through with it. Since that time, all personnel that was in charge of the project are gone from the County. He does not see that project moving forward.

Johnson would like to see something put there, perhaps a stamped pavement or painting of lines to create a crosswalk there. A lot of County employees cross there. Holderman will talk with the Planning Office and see if there is any plan.

**Johnson moved to contact the County to see what the status is of the crosswalk that was planned between the courthouse annex and the courthouse on High Street.
Prendergast seconded the motion.**

Walker mentioned that PennDOT has rules against crosswalks so many feet from a corner crosswalk. Johnson offered that the crosswalk was approved on a plan. Jaywalking was discussed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION – MIKE PRENDERGAST,
CHAIR**

A meeting was held on the Bellefonte CAP draft ordinance.

**Prendergast moved to review the plan and place it on the September 21, 2020 agenda for consideration for adoption.
Hombosky seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

The DEP Shared Energy Manager Program was discussed. There was an email attachment.

**Prendergast moved to accept the invitation.
Cleeton seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant Fund – motion for approve agreement

**Eaton moved to approve the grant agreement.
Cleeton seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

Onsite meeting to address stormwater from Zion Road and Parkwood Drive area.

Stewart discussed the stormwater issue at Zion Road and Parkwood. A meeting with PennDOT is pending.

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Policy Review as part of 2021 budget – Memo attached.

A review of the Bellefonte Borough police policies is proposed. The request is to get some quotes and putting some funding into the 2021 budget to have the review completed. Nothing precipitated this issue, but the webinar brought to light some issues about liability to the Borough. There are two attorneys being looked at, one is the attorney that does the labor issues for the Borough and others are not local attorneys. Brachbill offered that it is important to look at all the policies across the board, and not just the police department.

**Prendergast moved to approve Stewart to obtain costs
of a legal review of liability issues associated with the
police policies.
Brachbill seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

Consider approval of the Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO)

Stewart stated that two of the three plans were sent out with the agenda. The police pension MMO was reviewed at \$117,331.00 and the other is the Cash Balance Plan under the PSA retirement program for \$37,798.00. Stewart is still waiting on the defined benefit numbers for 2021. The resolution should also be approved in the motion.

**Eaton moved to pass Resolution 09082020-01 for the 2021
Police Pension Plan and approved both numbers for the police
pension and cash balance.**

Brachbill seconded the motion.

The percentage of payroll last and this year are the same, per Eaton.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nothing presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business coming before Council,

Prendergast moved to adjourn the Council meeting.

Cleeton seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.