

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823
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The January 19, 2021, virtual meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order by Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey at 7:30 p.m. An Executive Session related to Safety and Personnel was held immediately prior to this meeting. A second Executive Session, also related to Personnel will be held after meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

MEMBERS PRESENT (via Zoom):

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

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

Minutes:

Eaton moved to approve the minutes. Brachbill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Written Communications were received by Council. A request for a pay raise by the elected Borough Treasurer was referred to the Finance Committee

Personal Delivery Devices (PDDs) were discussed. Thompson moved to allow the Streets committee to review and forward all comments related to the PDDs crafted by the committee to PennDOT by the Friday comment deadline. Other members of Council are requested to send their comments to Cleeton. Cleeton seconded the motion. Motion carried with two nays (Johnson and Brachbill).

Oral: Nothing presented.

Mayor: Police and animal control reports were discussed. Fireworks complaint from New Years Eve was discussed.

Council President: Association of Climate Control Officers seminar was discussed briefly. Tosti-Vasey, Brachbill, and Johnson read statements relative to vandalism in Bellefonte.

Building and Property: Walker reported on the property purchase resolution for the former Subway store.

Walker moved to accept Resolution No. 01192021-01 allowing Stewart to execute the loan paper at First National Bank in the amount of \$120,000. Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion carried.

On street red parking meter area changes were discussed. Holderman made a brief presentation of how the changes from meter to permit parking would be implemented.

Finance and Government Performance: Committee meeting report was received.

Parks and Recreation: Committee meeting report was received. Snow removal volunteers for Talleyrand Park are being requested by the Borough.

Human Resources: Committee meeting report was received. Position vacancies were updated.

Safety: Brachbill gave an update on the Centre County Hazard Mitigation Plan. At the suggestion of Brachbill, the Centre County Hazard Mitigation Plan will be presented to the Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission for possible incorporation into the NVJPC Comprehensive Plan.

Water and Sanitation: Authority meeting minutes from January 5, 2021 were received. An update was given on the Coca Cola agreement. The grass collection containers fee was discussed briefly.

Streets: The proposed paving list for 2021 was discussed. Cleeton moved to accept the proposed paving list. Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Energy and Environmental Conservation: Committee meeting report was received.

The Susquehanna River Basin Climate Plan was discussed, and comments were crafted by the committee.

Prendergast moved to forward the comments to the SRBC. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting with the APPI personnel regarding energy providers was discussed briefly by Stewart.

Zoning and Planning: Nothing presented.

HARB: Nothing presented.

Special Committee Reports:

Centre Region Public Safety Meeting was held on January 12, 2021.

The 2020 Annual Report of the Civil Service Commission was received.

Reports from PA Downtown Center and Downtown Bellefonte, Inc. were received.

The University Park Airport Authority meeting will be held on January 21, 2021.

An MPO meeting will be held on February 23, 2021.

A Nittany Valley Planning Commission meeting will be held on January 21, 2021.

The Bellefonte IDA meet for reorganization on January 12, 2021.

The Fire Executive Meeting will be held on January 28, 2021 at 7 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

ABC openings were discussed. The State RAC-P letter was received and the agreement with the state was signed for the Waterfront property. An updated MOU with the Waterfront Development property owners will be created to add this additional RAC-P grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

A memo was received relative to the bridge at the raceway at West High Street. This topic was placed in work session for further discussion at the second meeting in February 2021.

The DBI agreement was discussed. **The MOU agreement was referred to the Finance Committee for further discussion.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nothing presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

Brachbill moved to adjourn. Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION