

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823
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The November 2, 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 p.m. Executive Session re: Real Estate and 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. Joanne Tosti-Vasey
Mr. Douglas Johnson
Ms. Anne Walker
Mr. Jon Eaton
Mr. Michael Prendergast
Mayor Tom Wilson
Ms. Gina Thompson
Ms. Melissa Hombosky

EXCUSED:

Ms. Debbie Cleeton

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

Minutes:

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

Written Communications were received by Council.

Walker moved to approve the banner for Shop Shall Shop from November 15, 2020 through December 31, 2020, pending PennDOT approval and another request coming. Brachbill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Prendergast moved to approve August 6-7, 2021 for the Bellefonte Arts and Crafts Fair at Allegheny and High Streets with referral to the Streets Committee. Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Oral: None.

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Mayor: No report.

Council President:

Tosti-Vasey reported on the Spring Creek Watershed working group and the Susquehanna River Basin Commission meetings. She also commented on the Drive Electric PA meeting and the Pennsylvania Municipal League meeting that she attended.

Building and Property: No report.

Finance and Government Performance:

Thompson moved to approve the Stover McLaughlin invoice presented for payment. Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation:

Hombosky moved to approve Invoice No. 5 for CDBG walkway project in the amount of \$42,682.00. Eaton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hombosky moved to approve to move CDBG funds in the amount of \$16,655.14 from 2019 Administration to 2019 Talleyrand Park Bridge. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Human Resources:

WWTP superintendent applications are due November 6, 2020. Other Borough opening in planning/zoning was discussed.

Safety:

On Thursday November 12, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. After Action Gas Leak virtual meeting will be held.

Water and Sanitation:

Authority meeting to be held on November 10, 2020.

Brush and grass collection was discussed. Musser Lane Compost facility hours were also discussed.

Streets:

Brachbill moved to approve the Parking Ordinance Amendment and updates to the fee schedule. Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Brachbill moved to approve for advertisement of the ordinance for the parking of Large Vehicles, RVs, Trailers, etc. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Zion road stormwater issues were discussed briefly. Borough crosswalks were discussed.

Energy and Environmental Conservation:

Climate action plan was provided to Wilson Engineering and Strategic Management Plan Consultant. Advisory Board was discussed.

Zoning and Planning:

Planning Commission will be held on November 9, 2020. There were two applications for the vacancies in the packet.

Johnson moved to approve Dave Lomison to the Bellefonte Borough Planning Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2021. Brachbill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HARB:

Projects: 131 West High Street (Paint), 118 North Allegheny Street (Sign and Paint), 135 West High Street (Sign), 445 East Curtin Street (Fence), and 420 East Linn Street (Roof and siding)

Brachbill moved to approve certificates of approval of the projects presented. Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Written reports for animal control and nuisance code were discussed.

Prendergast moved to receive reports on animal control. Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Eaton moved to receive reports on meter income. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion failed with one ay.

Special Committee Reports:

Consideration was given to having the HR committee add a Whistleblower policy to apply to the Bellefonte Borough policy book.

OLD BUSINESS:

Solicitor opinion on mask ordinance, redraft was discussed.

Prendergast moved to approve advertisement of the mask ordinance with discussion on how to hold a hybrid meeting on a redraft eliminating the second sentence from Section 2 C s as suggested by the solicitor. Walker seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

2021 Meeting Schedule dates were up for review.

Electric Energy Purchasing vendor, APPI was discussed and suggested for use by the Borough in 2021.

Brachbill moved to approve APPI for electric energy purchasing in 2021. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nothing presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.