

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 16, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823**  
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The November 16, 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. Joanne Tosti-Vasey  
Mr. Douglas Johnson  
Ms. Anne Walker  
Mr. Jon Eaton  
Mr. Michael Prendergast  
Mayor Tom Wilson  
Ms. Gina Thompson  
Ms. Melissa Hombosky  
Ms. Debbie Cleeton

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager  
Mr. Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager

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**Minutes:**

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

Written Communications were received by Council.

Prendergast moved to revert back to the language in the bed and breakfast ordinance “not to exceed 14 days.” Cleeton seconded the motion. Motion failed.

**Oral:**

Sally Houser on behalf of Victorian Christmas, spoke regarding North Allegheny Street due to Covid-19. PennDOT is requiring more information for the street closure permit. Houser presented an alternative plan so as not to use a state road.

Prendergast moved to amend the original plan to switch from Allegheny Street to the parking lot at West Howard. Cleeton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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**Mayor:**

Wilson read aloud a proclamation for Small Business Saturday. He also provided an update on the bandshell in Talleyrand Park. A public meeting for the mask ordinance was also discussed. This would be discussed in detail under Old Business.

**Council President:**

Tosti-Vasey reported that she will attend the PML Sustainability conference on November 19. She received a thank you note for the Shine the Light on Violence program.

**Building and Property:**

Meeting will be set up to discuss special parking rates for non-profits, etc.

**Finance and Government Performance:**

October budget numbers were provided. The general budget will be discussed at an upcoming committee meeting. The PML Utility Line Insurance program was discussed by Stewart and Tosti-Vasey.

**Parks and Recreation:**

Holderman provided an update on the Governor's Park Restroom and stated that the Talleyrand restrooms will be closing for the season after Victorian Christmas. Bricks for the path were dropped at Mayes in Lemont. They will be engraved shortly and sent back to the Borough.

**Human Resources:**

Committee meeting will be scheduled. Interviews are being conducted for the WWTP opening. The Planning Zoning HARB opening was discussed briefly. Covid-19 policies will be reviewed.

**Safety:**

Brachbill reported that a Fire Exec meeting will be held on November 24. The gas leak after action meeting was held on November 12. Committee meeting was held regarding vandalism.

**Water and Sanitation:**

Authority Meeting was held on November 9. Minutes were in the packet. The compost facility gate and hours were discussed.

**Streets:**

Ardell Lane was discussed. Zion Road storm water issue was discussed.

**Energy and Environmental Conservation:**

The PSU sustainability project was discussed. Wilson Engineering memorandum was reviewed.

**Zoning and Planning:**

Planning Commission met on November 9 with meeting minutes in the packet.

**HARB:** Nothing presented.

**Special Committee Reports:**

Library Board position will become vacant. The NVJPC will meet on November 19, 2020. Downtown Bellefonte, Inc is hosting a Small Business Saturday, on November 28, 2020.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The 2021 meeting calendar was reviewed. No action was taken.

The CDBG Cares Act funds were discussed briefly.

The Mask Ordinance public hearing was scheduled for December 3 from 6-9 p.m. at Lambert Hall. No action is planned for the evening of the public hearing.

Brachbill moved to approve the Ordinance for Large Vehicles, No. 11162020-01, adding food and beverage serving trailers and trucks. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Prendergast moved to start the ordinance on February 1, 2021. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Brachbill moved to approve the invoice in the amount of \$925.00 for amending the website. Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Johnson moved to approve the courtesy parking from November 27, 2020 through January 3, 2020. Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Wilson discussed the ribbon cutting for the Nittany Express services at the University Park Airport to be held on November 17, 2020 at 11 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.