

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823
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The December 7, 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 6:45 p.m. presentation of 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
Mr. Jon Eaton
Mr. Michael Prendergast
Mayor Tom Wilson
Ms. Gina Thompson
Ms. Melissa Hombosky
Ms. Debbie Cleeton

EXCUSED:

Ms. Anne Walker

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

Minutes:

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

Prendergast moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Written Communications were received by Council.

Thompson moved to table the donation to the Keystone Water Resources Center. Cleeton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Eaton moved to allow the USDA to sample the ducks for avian flu. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Oral:

Fire Chief, Walt Schneider recognized for his service as fire chief. He was presented with a plaque.

Discussion was held on the Centre Crest Covid numbers.

Mayor: Nothing to report.

Wilson thanked Schneider for his service to the Borough. Chief Weaver also offered accolades to Schneider.

Council President:

Tosti-Vasey reported on the DEP meeting regarding Climate Action Plan and the PA municipal League Sustainability Conference.

Cleaton moved to craft a letter of support to Reggie _____ and bring it back to Council for final approval. Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Building and Property:

Brachbill moved to approve changing the on-street parking permit fees effective 2021. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Johnson moved to cap the parking permits at 33%. Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Johnson moved to approve permitting two spots in the CVS parking spot for a private business, with each space costing \$50 per month and the business owner will pay the cost of signage and installation. Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Johnson moved to approve the Bellefonte Little League to follow up with a potential grant to paving the parking lot between fields 2 and 3 through the Borough Administration, should there be any funding available for that project. Brachbill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance and Government Performance:

Thompson moved to approve the 2021 proposed budget for public inspection by appointment, with formal action scheduled for December 21, 2020 Council meeting. Brachbill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thompson moved to approve to advertise the tax ordinance/resolution to be consider at the December 21, 2020 Council meeting. Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation:

Talleyrand Park Restrooms are closed effective December 3, 2020 due to vandalism.

Human Resources:

Openings and filled positions were discussed. Frank Noll is the new superintendent of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Safety:

CDBG and COVID Funding memo was reviewed.

Water and Sanitation:

Spring Benner Walker Joint Capacity request was discussed.

Streets:

Brachbill moved to approve letter from Council in support of placing signage for the Women's March in Allegheny Street right of way or on Borough property along Allegheny Street. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LTAP recommended a pedestrian light at North Potter Street.

Energy and Environmental Conservation:

Update was provided by on the Energy Management Plan, Gov. Wolf's Order regarding flooding disasters was discussed, and the PSU sustainability project presentation was discussed.

Zoning and Planning: Nothing presented.

HARB:

Certificates of Appropriateness: 105 North Potter Street (Signage), 135 South Spring Street (Signage), 439 E. Linn Street – Installation of Utility Shed, Dunlop Street (Signage)

Brachbill moved to approve the Certificates of Appropriateness as recommended for approval by HARB. Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The request for nuisance report was discussed briefly.

Special Committee Reports: Nothing presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Eaton moved to appoint Deb Cleeton as Council rep to the Centre County Library Board. Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Borough masking ordinance was put on hold due to the recent order by the Governor. Resolution 12072020-01 regarding the Borough's intention to enforce the Governor's mandates related to mask wearing and social distancing was discussed. Brachbill moved to adopt Resolution 120072020-01. Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The wall repairs were discussed at South Water Street. Revisions to the Strategic Management Plans were discussed. Victorian Christmas has been canceled and the Santa House has been approved with Covid restrictions. The proposed settlement agreement with Coca Cola was discussed briefly.

NEW BUSINESS:

ABC vacancies and reappointments were discussed briefly.

Brachbill moved to reappointment Stan Wallace as SEO. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.