

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 7, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823**  
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The July 6, 2021 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.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Randall Brachbill (via phone)  
Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey  
Mr. Douglas Johnson  
Mr. Jon Eaton  
Mayor Tom Wilson  
Ms. Melissa Hombosky  
Ms. Debbie Cleeton  
Mr. Frank Halderman

**EXCUSED:**

Ms. Mary Abbott  
Mr. Michael Prendergast

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager  
Mr. Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager  
Chief Sean Weaver

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**Minutes:** Johnson moved to approve the minutes. Eaton seconded the motion, as amended. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** Nothing presented.

**Oral:** Nothing presented.

**Written Communications:** Written communications were received by Council members. Action items were as follows:

Halderman moved to conditionally approve the YMCA event, upon agreement with Spring Township. Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Hombosky moved to conditionally approve Centre County Aglow prayer event on Friday September 10, 2021 at 7 p.m. through Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 9 p.m. in Talleyrand Park

with final approval to be granted by the Parks and Rec Committee to determine if they will be following the noise level requests during their event. Halderman seconded. Motion carried.

Discussions on Bellefonte's possible inclusion into the federal MS4 (Stormwater) program, some opposition to the Talleyrand Bandshell project, and concerns re parking for the YMCA were held.

Steward announced the passage and signing into state law of the Small Cell bill. This will be referred to the Streets Committee for review and updating our zoning ordinance to comply with this new law.

Stewart gave an update on the Railroad Bridge project.

Stewart announced the final changes to the CATA bus routes for 2021-2022. Questions on these changes will be held until July 19 when the executive director of CATA presents these changes to the council.

Cleaton moved to conditionally allow DBI a "Coffee Chat" in front of their office with a food truck and the bagging of two meters for the DBI event from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on July 14, depending on if Faith Centre is distributing food. Halderman seconded. Motion carried.

**ORAL:**

**Office of Community Affairs**

Sign ordinance changes were briefly discussed. PC meets July 12, 2021 at 6 p.m.

**HARB: Certificates of Appropriateness**

**311 South Spring Street, 251 North Allegheny Street, 325 West High Street**

Halderman moved to approve the certificates of appropriateness for the above-referenced projects. Brachbill seconded. Motion carried.

Administrative approvals were discussed briefly. Issues at Governor's Park were discussed briefly.

**Mayor:** Fireworks were discussed briefly.

**Council President:** Tosti-Vasey reported on the ornamental vegetation ordinance. Complaints have been received about the ordinance. Other complaints were discussed including speeding and ev charger electric costs.

**Building and Property:** No report.

**Finance and Government Performance:** Committee meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2021.

**Parks and Recreation:** Committee meeting report was given by Hombosky.

**Human Resources:** The harassment policies were discussed.

**Safety:** Fire Exec Meeting was held. Cleaning up after your dog signs will be put in place. Commercial fireworks were discussed.

**Water/Refuse/Compost Facility:** Authority meeting scheduled for June 7, 2021. A joint meeting is proposed to discuss the One Water Plan. Johnson shared the opinion of the Authority in participating with the plan.

**Streets:** Streets committee met on June 24 and July 1, 2021. Parking and road restoration were discussed.

**Energy and Environmental Conservation:** Committee report was received. Sustainability projects were discussed. The Committee will look at revising the solar ordinance re the size of ground solar arrays. Discussed several PML programs to assist the borough re cost-effective sustainability programs. APPI Advisor June 2021 report was presented to Council. Focus on Energy e-newsletter was presented. The committee is also working on creating the community sustainability committee.

**Special Committee Reports:** Johnson reported back on the MPO meeting. Stewart reported back on the Airport Authority meeting.

**Manager Report:** Will be Submitted to Council at the July 19 meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** CATA presentation, work session and council retreat were discussed, and the agenda were discussed.

Hombosky moved to have a Council retreat for two days, with Council members only. Johnson seconded the motion. Johnson moved to amend the motion to add the Mayor and Borough staff to the motion and that it be for three hours each day. Cleeton seconded the amendment. Amendment passed with one Nay – Brachbill. The main Motion, as amended, carried with two Nays – Brachbill and Tosti-Vasey.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Nothing presented.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Eaton moved to adjourn. Halderman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.