

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
July 19, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823
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The July 19, 2021 meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order by Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey at 7:30 p.m.

Work Session – 6:30 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
Ms. Mary Abbott
Mr. Michael Prendergast

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

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

Consent Agenda: Tosti-Vasey removed the budget documents from the Consent Agenda for questioning. Eaton moved to approve the remaining consent agenda items. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried. Tosti-Vasey questioned where the American Rescue funding would be placed in the financials and the budget. The Finance Director is working on this issue. Cleeton moved to approve the remaining items in question. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried.

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

Hombosky moved to approve the Dylan Crunick Memorial Tournament at Governor's Park with fees waived. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried.

Brachbill moved to approve the Happy Valley Showdown Youth Baseball Tournament at Governor's Park. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried.

Prendergast moved to approve the Bellefonte Area School District Cross Country use of Governor's Park for practices and meets in 2021. Registration fee will be waived. Hombosky seconded. Motion carried.

The litter and vandalism at the Train Station and in Talleyrand Park were discussed.

ORAL: Nothing presented.

Office of Community Affairs

PLANNING COMMISSION: Nothing presented.

HARB: Nothing presented.

The Nuisance Code Report was discussed briefly.

Mayor: Wilson gave an updated on the Mayor's conference he attended in Pittsburgh. Fireworks ordinances were discussed.

Council President: Tosti-Vasey gave an update on the Mayor's conference and the Drive Electric Coalition Meeting of July 15, 2021.

Building and Property: Electric charging costs were discussed. Halderman stated that the PUC does not have jurisdiction over the charging units. Halderman opined that the EV parked cars should be charged a fee. An overview of the commuter parking system as given. The traffic calming at the diamond was discussed briefly.

Finance and Government Performance: Committee meeting was discussed briefly. The police cameras were discussed. The travel reimbursement policy will be updated.

Parks and Recreation: Nothing presented.

Human Resources: Eaton moved to approve the revised Harassment Policy. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried. Eaton moved to have Mr. Stewart verify with the solicitor that the harassment policy does not have an issue if training is not included in the policy. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried.

Eaton moved to provide one day additional vacation for the employees that get vaccinated. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Safety: Vulture issue was discussed.

Water/Refuse/Compost Facility: The joint meeting was discussed briefly.

Streets: Brachbill moved to approve the Highway Aid Funds to study Zion Road and 550 stormwater issues in the amount not to exceed \$14,664.00 by Pennoni Engineer Services. Johnson seconded. Motion carried. Liability for the stormwater runoff issues will be determined during this scope of work.

Options for the diamond area were discussed at the committee meeting with Pennoni. Pennoni will attend the August 2, 2021 Council meeting to present the possible traffic calming options.

Prendergast moved to approve the Borough Manager's meeting with the Spring Township Manager to create a joint letter of interest for the Phoenix Avenue project. Abbott seconded. Motion carried.

Eaton moved to study what the options were for the Mill Race since there is more time to review and have the sustainability students to study the water issues at Mill Race and any liability involved. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried. Holderman will contact the PSU Sustainability Institute to add this as a project for the fall semester.

Energy and Environmental Conservation: The Sol Smart webinar was discussed briefly.

Special Committee Reports: Reports were received by Council members. Johnson reported on the July 15 Nittany Valley Joint Planning meeting

Manager Report: June 2021 report submitted.

OLD BUSINESS: Facilitator proposals were discussed. This item was referred to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation to be given at the August 2nd meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Additional "No Fishing" signs were discussed briefly.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident Shawn O'Domski addressed Council regarding three residential properties in the Borough who he opined do not control their barking dogs. Wilson will speak with the police chief.

ADJOURNMENT: Brachbill moved to adjourn. Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.