

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 16, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823
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The August 16, 2021 meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order by Mr. Randall Brachbill at 7:30 p.m.

Executive Session and Work Sessions were held prior to the meeting,

Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Randall Brachbill
Mr. Douglas Johnson
Mr. Jon Eaton
Mayor Tom Wilson
Ms. Melissa Hombosky
Ms. Debbie Cleeton
Mr. Frank Halderman
Ms. Mary Abbott
Mr. Michael Prendergast

EXCUSED:

Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Mr. Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager
Gina Thompson, HARB Administrator
Shawn Weaver, Police Chief
Harry Brooks, Code Enforcement Officer
Shawn Luse, BB Police Officer

Consent Agenda: Eaton moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried.

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

Johnson moved to conditionally approve the Paint in the Park event requested to be held in Talleyrand Park. Eaton seconded. Motion carried.

Johnson moved to approve the Lion Club Annual Rib Sale requested for October 9, 2021 using four parking spaces which will be blocked off at the diamond. Halderman seconded. Motion carried.

Hombosky moved to approve Bellefonte Rotary's request to hold Fall Fest on October 30, 2021 in Talleyrand Park. Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Prendergast moved to approve the Bellefonte Soccer Association practice/game schedule for Governor's Park. Hombosky seconded. Motion carried.

Friday in the Fonte would like to close High Street near the courthouse near Allegheny Street for the final event in September, in addition to craft beverages, free parking, and entertainment.

Prendergast moved to approve the event without alcohol sales. Halderman seconded. Motion carried with Hombosky voting nay.

Hombosky moved to approve closing Lamb Street bridge temporarily for the Bellefonte Under the Lights event from noon on September 3 until midnight on September 4, 2021. Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

ORAL: Nothing presented.

Office of Community Affairs: Nuisance report and code report was received.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

HARB: Nothing presented.

Mayor: Parking, meter and police reports were presented.

Council President: Nothing presented. Excused.

Building and Property: Nothing presented.

Finance and Government Performance: Cleeton moved to approve Resolution No. 08162021-01 for the purchase of the 2021 Ford Explorer Police Utility Vehicle. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation: Hombosky moved to approve the YMCA Trick or Trot event on October 30, 2021. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Hombosky moved to approve additional cameras in Talleyrand Park in the amount of \$750.00. Halderman seconded. Motion carried.

Human Resources: Personnel issues were discussed at the committee meeting. Job(s) will be posted.

Safety: A workplace safety meeting was held on August 11, 2021. COG held their safety meeting on August 10, 2021.

Water/Refuse/Compost Facility: The Authority composed a letter to send to the Spring Creek Watershed Commission concerning the One Water Plan presented by the Spring Creek Watershed Commission to the Authority at their last meeting. The letter was included in the Council Packet and Johnson read the letter aloud.

A resolution [was requested that] the Spring Creek Watershed Commission and all participating Municipalities approve a resolution clearly stating that the Commission in no way, now or in the future, is intending to have any legal standing or authority in any Centre County water system's operations, contract sales, consumption uses, daily withdraws, etc. The Commission is only a planning organization now and in the future. Grant participation was also discussed.

Johnson moved to turn down participation by the Bellefonte Borough in the Spring Creek Watershed Commission One Water Plan. Halderman seconded. The motion was tabled with two nays.

Streets: A status report was given on the Railroad Street Bridge Project.

Energy and Environmental Conservation: Next committee meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2021.

Special Committee Reports: Nothing presented.

Manager Report: July 2021 report was received.

OLD BUSINESS: No Council action was required.

NEW BUSINESS:

Johnson requested an exit interview from new businesses that dealt with the Code office to see how their experience was with the Code personnel and process.

Eaton moved to approve the Recreation Authority to move forward with the grant opportunity at Kepler Pool. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried.

Holderman discussed the 902 Grant from DEP which is 90/10 funded.

Eaton moved to approve the application for the 902 Grant for \$250,000 and the resolution with the application for a skid steer, a packing system and increase the leaf composting pad. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nothing presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.