

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2021- 7:30 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823
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The November 15, 2021 meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order by at 7:30 p.m. Work Session was held prior to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Randall Brachbill
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

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Mr. Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager
Harry Brooks, Code Enforcement Officer
Gina Thompson, HARB Administrator

GUESTS: Larry Lingle
Deborah Berger

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was given by Larry Lingle regarding the My Café Buzz business and business being lost to food trucks.

Consent Agenda: Prendergast moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried, as amended.

Written Communications:

Brachbill moved to approve St. John's Catholic School caroling with local businesses on December 21, 2021 beginning at 12:15 p.m. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried.

Prendergast moved to approve the use of Talleyrand Park by St. Johns' for their Christmas Pageant on December 12, 2021 from 12-4 p.m., with fee waiver with exception of the \$25 admin fee. Halderman seconded. Motion carried.

Eaton moved to approve to sponsor two CNET Spring Creek Watershed meetings. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried.

Prendergast moved to send the request for Spring Creek Water Resources Monitoring Project fee in the amount of \$2,859.00 for 2022 to finance committee. Eaton seconded. Motion carried.

Brachbill moved to approve the request to use Gamble Mill open space area conditioned upon the use of heat lamps instead of an open fire, per the Borough's insurance carrier. Johnson seconded.

Prendergast moved to approve the request to use Gamble Mill open space area conditioned upon the use of an alternative heat source instead of a wood open fire, per the Borough's insurance carrier. Hombosky seconded.

Brachbill had safety concerns relative to alternative heat source and would like the Borough to check with the insurance carrier.

Prendergast moved to approve the request to use Gamble Mill open Space area conditioned upon the use of an alternative heat source instead of wood open fire, conditioned on the approval of the insurance carrier. Hombosky seconded. Motion carried.

Johnson moved to approve moving the band at DBI's table for Small Business Saturday over to near the brownstone from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on November 27, 2021. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried.

Office of Community Affairs:

PLANNING COMMISSION: Planning Commission minutes were received by Council.

HARB: Nothing presented.

Mayor: Wilson made a proclamation for Small Business Saturday. He discussed the recent police report and the parking enforcement/animal control report was received by Council.

Council President: Tosti-Vasey discussed the White House infrastructure bill.

Building and Property: Enterprise fleet lease was discussed. No council action taken.

Finance and Government Performance: No council action taken.

Parks and Recreation: Nothing presented.

Human Resources: Borough Manager and Chief of Police evaluations were discussed.

Safety: Workplace Safety meeting will be held on November 17, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.

Water/Refuse/Compost Facility: No Council action taken.

Streets: No Council action taken.

Energy and Environmental Conservation: No Council action taken.

Special Committee Reports: Reports were received by Council.

Borough Manager: October 2021 report received by Council.

OLD BUSINESS: Eaton moved to approve ordinance No. 2021-11-15-01. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Hombosky moved to approve the modification of the draft LERTA ordinance after committee meeting and send it to solicitor for review. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried.

Brachbill moved to approve advertising the Work Session on the 2022 budget and LERTA Ordinance to be held on November 8 at 4 p.m. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Brachbill moved to table the Bellefonte Borough internal Social Media policy for clarification of the term volunteers as it may or may not pertain to firefighters. Prendergast seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Deborah Berger, tax collector spoke to Council regarding the cost of the diamond project as it relates to taxpayer dollars. Staff reported that approximately \$60,000 has been spent thus far, as a ballpark. Stewart clarified that liquid fuels/highway aid was being used for this project. Phoenix Avenue intersection was discussed and funding for improvements at that site.

ADJOURNMENT: Brachbill moved to adjourn. Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.