

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2022- 7:30 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823
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The February 7, 2022, meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order by Council President Randy Brachbill at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Randall Brachbill
Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey
Mr. Douglas Johnson
Ms. Barbara Dann
Ms. Shawna McKean
Ms. Johanna Sedgwick
Mr. Kent Bernier
Ms. Deborah Cleeton
Ms. Rita Purnell
Mayor Buddy Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Mr. Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager
Julie Brooks, Assistant Superintendent
Harry Brooks, Code Enforcement Officer
Gina Thompson, HARB/P/Z Administrator
Shawn Weaver, Police Chief

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Stewart suggested wording change under Old Business Diamond Safety Improvements – motion was reworded.

PUBLIC HEARING Public Hearing on the proposed LERTA ordinance was called to order. Mr. Tom Songer discussed LERTA Ordinance and the Bellefonte Waterfront Project and recommended approval. Public hearing closed at 7:38 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items)

COMMUNICATIONS:

Dann moved to approve the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 16, 2022, at the Talleyrand Park extended area and gazebo with CDC guidelines in place. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Tosti-Vasey moved to conditionally approve the Easter Egg Hunt after obtaining solid times for ending and contacting business owners around the food trucks before the event and time of the project. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Tosti-Vasey moved to approve the banners on Veteran's Bridge two weeks prior to the event. Sedgwick seconded. Motion carried.

Cleeton moved to approve the Novel Con event at the Centre County Library, closing North Allegheny Street between Howard and Linn Street, conditioned upon PennDOT approval of the street closure, requested communications with the Bellefonte P.D., residents and business in the block of the street closure. Bernier seconded. Motion carried.

Dann moved to approve the Moose Lodge Rubber Duck Raise on September 18, 2022, in Talleyrand Park at 3 p.m. at the Lamb Street bridge following CDC guidelines. Bernier seconded. Motion carried.

Cleeton moved to approve the Bellefonte Art Museum First Sunday events beginning March through December 2022 with the ability to have one to two food trucks in front of the museum. McKean seconded. Motion carried.

Sedgwick moved to approve the Logan Fire Company annual parade on July 2, 2022, with road closures at Zion Road, East Bishop Street, Allegheny Street, West High Street, Dunlap Street, and North Potter Street conditioned upon PennDOT approval, fire department and police department approval. Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

McKean moved to approve Logan Fire Company to use the Talleyrand Park Gazebo following CDC guidelines for the award ceremony. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Tosti-Vasey moved to approve the use of the gazebo with payment of the \$25 fee. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Dann moved to approve letters written to Corman and Benninghoff opposing support of the anticipated bigger trucks legislation. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Tosti-Vasey moved to add the EMS Grant letter to the list for discussion by Council. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Year-end budget information was pulled for tabling. Tosti-Vasey moved to table until February 22, 2022. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Bernier moved to approve the consent agenda. Sedgwick seconded. Motion carried.

Council moved to approve the amended minutes.

REPORTS: Mayor's report was received by Council. Mayor thanked the crews for swift and safe snow removal.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

HARB:

ZONING:

OLD BUSINESS: McKean moved to approve the Bellefonte Borough dates for 2022-yard sale, bulk waste, Halloween, and two-hour holiday parking. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Bernier moved to schedule the imprinting of the diamond crosswalks. Dann seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Dann moved to allow the Bellefonte Borough Authority to make recommendations for filling Authority vacancies. Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Police department tour will be scheduled prior to the next work session to review possible improvements.

ADJOURNMENT:

Bernier moved to adjourn. Dann seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.