

TOWN OF BELLEFONTE

Town Commission Meeting Minutes

MAY 11, 2015

Attending: Scott MacKenzie, Gary Rauso, Brandon Dougherty, Ross Logan and Curt Nass

Call To Order: 7:07pm

Special Guests: NCC Councilman John Cartier said he was looking forward to the upcoming Bellefonte Arts Festival and that he had been able to provide some funding support for the festival. He repeated that he will be providing \$2,000 in funding to Bellefonte for our Anniversary celebration.

Public Comments: None

Minutes to Previous Meeting:

A motion was made to waive the reading of the minutes from April. Gary seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

Building Inspector Report:

Full report last month. Nothing this month.

Plumbing Inspector

Steve Russo reported that he had tried to contact person John Meredith who gave a bad check. Curt is sending a letter to the Attorney General's office for follow up of the bad check.

908 Marion Avenue : Plumbing \$50
1220 Brandywine Avenue: HVAC \$50

Gary made a motion to pay Steve. Brandon seconded. Motion passed.

Board of Adjustments

Brian Donovan said he had nothing to report.

Planning Commission

Dave Brenner brought to our attention the question of the need for an animal policy after some complaints from people about people not cleaning up after their dogs in our town park.

Gary asked if the Town follows NCC ordinances. Do we need a town policy? Scott explained that the County's ordinance is part of their zoning code, and does not apply and is not enforceable in Bellefonte.

Dave said that it would have to be very specific. There is nothing in our Land Use Code.

Dave said that there is no progress to report on Stormwater Planning. Dave said that the Planning Commission is also working on a fee structure for permits and other things. Planning Commission needs to meet to discuss those issues.

There is a meeting prior to our Commission meeting but no date has been set.

Treasurer Report

Curt presented the monthly statement of accounts (attached). A motion was made by Ross to approve the report. Gary seconded. The motion was passed.

Reading of the Bills:

Comcast, Internet/phone service	281.72
Barbacane Thornton, Audit	250.00
RPM????	64.99
Selective Insurance	7,343.00
Scott MacKenzie, reimb. for banner brackets	381.08
Penny Hill, Monthly landscaping	670.95
Waste Industries, monthly trash/recycling	12,365.52
Delmarva Power, streetlights	1,428.49
Scott MacKenzie, reimb. for banner	50.85
Delmarva Power, town hall power	279.35
Ross Logan, reimb. website registry	89.88
Steve Russ, plumbing inspections (2)	50.00

A motion was made by Ross to approve the bills as read. Gary seconded. The motion passed.

President's Report

- A follow up on getting Max Walton to be special counsel for certain matters. He's agreed to handle the annexation issue for us at the same rate charged for the Rezoning request.
- A follow up on the funds for the outside curbs through Senator McDowell's office. They are in recess. Once they return, we will have more information. Handicapped ramps and curbs may not be done until next year.
- Forms for the youth that were caught doing damage to the town hall in regards to restitution look like we won't be reimbursed because we did not pay an insurance deductible.
- Brandon asked Scott about the grant application for park funds. However, Scott told him to hold on the grant application for funds for the town park until we formulate ideas and plans. We might just electrify the park gazebo on our own.

Old Business

- Intersection Improvement: Gary will get things moving now that the weather has improved.
- Building Improvement: Glen will be getting us a proposal for widening the door for handicap and the bathrooms. Roof is being put on. The fence will be re-done by the same contractor. Scott asked Curt to contact Andy Moore about doing drawings of planned renovations.
- Open Seat: Brandon will be asking to see if his wife will want to serve.

New Business

- Bellefonte Arts Festival: May 16th, 2015. We will be selling beer. It's a 70-30 beer deal. We have to pay \$750 for the license. We need to sell 500 beers @ \$5.00 to make the insurance fee back.
- A motion was made by Gary for \$750.00 for the Insurance for the festival. Brandon seconded. The motion passed.
- Anniversary Plans: Gary is still working on the historian/lunch event. We haven't heard word on the funds. We should be hearing about soon.
- Budget: There was a lengthy discussion on budget issues. This is the budget starting July 1, 2015. Gary made a motion to set the Real Property Tax rate at \$.55 per \$100 for the Town of Bellefonte. Ross seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Gary made a motion to pass the 2016 Budget at the approved numbers: \$267,150 Total Income and Total Revenues are: \$237,400. Ross seconded the motion. The motion passed and carried.
- Brandon made a motion to continue accounting services with Barbacane Thornton as our town auditor. Gary seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:02 pm Next meeting: June 9th, 2015

Town of Bellefonte
Monthly Treasurers Report
April 2015 Report

			Town Account	MSAF Account	Property Transfer Account	Town Accounts Sub-Total	April 1, 2014
Balance 04/01/15			\$46,353.60	\$6,185.12	\$135,476.12	\$188,014.84	\$212,500.61
Receipts							
	Property Transfer Tax				\$2,814.00	\$2,814.00	
	Town Tax		-			\$0.00	
	Interest		-	-	-	\$0.00	
		Total Receipts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,814.00	\$2,814.00	\$11,921.38
Disbursements							
	Trash Collection		\$12,365.52			\$12,365.52	
	Maintenance		\$6,974.00			\$6,974.00	
	Town Utilities		\$532.77	\$1,427.49		\$1,960.26	
	Q1 Taxes		\$1,327.77			\$1,327.77	
	Audit Fees		\$1,175.00			\$1,175.00	
	Donations		\$800.00			\$800.00	
	Landscaping		\$670.95			\$670.95	
	Secretary Fee		\$184.70			\$184.70	
	Attorneys Fees		\$120.00			\$120.00	
	Plumbing Inspection Fees		\$25.00			\$25.00	
	Bank Fees		\$14.98			\$14.98	
		Total Disbursements	\$24,190.69	\$1,427.49	\$0.00	\$25,618.18	\$15,277.38
Ending Balance 04/30/15			\$22,162.91	\$4,757.63	\$138,290.12	\$165,210.66	\$209,144.61
				April Properties:	1100 Highland		
	Curt A. Nass						
	Treasurer/Tax Collector						