

**Town of Bellefonte, Delaware
Town Meeting Minutes
July 13th, 2015**

Attending: Scott MacKenzie, Curt Nass, Gary Rauso, and Treasurer Curt Nass.

Absent: Ross Logan

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm

Special Guests:

John Cartier, NC County Councilman

- Discussed outstanding Property Maintenance Code violations in the area. List was handed out.
- Crime report in the area was handed out. There were a couple of shooting incidents in Edgemoor Gardens that are currently under investigation.
- There was some discussion about vacant properties and what the county can do to collect the taxes.
- There was also discussion of the demolition of the Evraz Steel Plant (Claymont) and the plans the developer has.

Special Guests:

Debra Heffernan, State Representative

- Review of state budget highlights.
- Amendment to the Bellefonte Charter was signed by Governor Markell on June 30th.
- Del Dot didn't know where to put the street signs. We offered several solutions to the Representative. She will follow up on this with Del Dot. They need to tell us where the mark should be. It's fully funded so it should get done.
- There will be some state money to help the drainage issue in some streets of Bellefonte.
- Improvements to Bellefonte Avenue: DelDOT doesn't know exactly when that project will begin. The owner of the Ice Cream Shoppe contacted Representative Heffernan to have a curb removed if possible while the roadwork is being done.
- Scott wanted to contact Representative Heffernan about a historical marker for an area around Gingers that may have been a Native American settlement.

Minutes: Gary made a motion to waive and approve the minutes of the June meeting as distributed in advance of the meeting, Brandon seconded, and the motion passed.

Public Comments: None

Building Inspection Report: (Kyle Bendler) No report submitted.

Plumbing Inspector's Report (Steve Russo) : No report submitted.

Board of Adjustment Report (Brian Donovan): No activity to report. Scott asked Brian to send an email to BOA members just to make sure that they are all still prepared to serve.

Planning Commission:

- Dave reported that we are having some issues with membership. Elaine may leave because she is moving. Andrew rarely is able to attend meetings. There are a couple of

people that may be interested. Brandon said that Carol Dougherty may be interested and Curt said that resident Andy Moore might be willing to serve on the Planning Commission.

- **Animal Ordinance:** Dave has some members working on an ordinance. All that needs to be done is final wording of the ordinance.
- **Annexation Plans:** We need to adopt an ordinance then move forward from there. Dave has some members working on that.
- **Comprehensive Plan:** Due in 2017. The commission is just beginning work on it.
- **Stormwater Project:** No activity.
- Scott said that he had received a template ordinance from the State that complies with an enabling law passed by the Legislature during the last session to allow municipalities to bar people from carrying guns into public buildings. Scott has referred the matter to the Planning Commission to see if they advise adoption of the ordinance and to prepare it for the Town Commission's consideration.

Treasurer Report

- Curt presented the Treasurer and Tax Collector's Report for the month ending June 30. Gary made a motion to accept the report. Brandon seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Reading of the Bills

Comcast, telephone/Internet,	145.63
Gonser & Gonser, legal services	462.50
Penny Hill Landscaping, Park maintenance	670.95
Waste Industries, trash/recycling	12,443.02
Anderson & Catania, annual treasurer's bonding	1,200.00
S. MacKenzie, reimbursement flowers (Marx)	50.00
Delmarva Power, Street lights	1414.40
Delmarva Power, Town Hall power	176.39
Delmarva Power, Town Hall gas	73.33

Brandon raised the issue that the Waste Industries bill was higher than usual. There are additional fees for a special pickup and 2 receptacles which Curt will dispute. Gary made a motion to pay the bills as read, Brandon seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

New Business

- **Anniversary Plans:** Gary is working on the residents to work with the historian. He's having some issues with people agreeing to participate.
- Gary made a motion for up to \$500 for Penny Hill to paint the curbs at Marion and Brandywine Blvd., Brandon seconded and the motion passed.
- **Capital Improvements:** Need to get water back on and flowing in the Day Care. Glen and his partner have closed their business operations. We need to get bids to complete the bathrooms. Scott said me would contact Andy Moore who is an architect about doing plans for the bathrooms and the wheelchair entrance into the Annex.

Announcements: The next Town Meeting will be held on August 10, 7 pm; and the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 5, at 7 pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Town of Bellefonte
Monthly Treasurers Report
June 2015 Report

	Town	Account	MSAF Account	Property Transfer Account	Town Accounts Sub- Total	June 2014
1	Balance 06/01/15	\$56,131.98	\$3,329.14	\$89,975.37	\$149,436.49	\$193,259.19
Receipts						
2	Town Taxes	7,423.28		-	7,423.28	
3	Property Transfer Tax			1,455.00	1,455.00	
4	Donation	4,000.00			4,000.00	
5	State Reimbursement	2,749.66			2,749.66	
6	Plumbing/Building Inspection	170.00			170.00	
7	Total Receipts	14,342.94	0.00	1,455.00	15,797.94	3,607.07
		\$14,342.94				
		\$0.00				
Disbursements						
8	Trash Collection	12,370.52			12,370.52	
9	Community Activities	0.00			0.00	
10	Plumbing Inspection	50.00			50.00	
11	Secretary Stipend	184.70			184.70	
12	Legal Fees	660.00			660.00	
13	Landscaping	670.95			670.95	
14	Treasurer's Fee	923.50			923.50	
15	Town Utilities	339.37	1,433.80		1,773.17	
16	Bank Fee	15.51			15.51	
17	Total Disbursements	15,214.55	1,433.80	0.00	16,648.35	15,674.74
18	Ending Balance 06/30/15	\$55,260.37	\$1,895.34	\$91,430.37	\$148,586.08	\$181,191.52

June Properties: 1217 Euclid

Curt A. Nass, Treasurer/Tax
Collector

