

Town of Bellefonte, Delaware
Town Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2016

Special Guests: None

Public Comments:

- Jesse Logan, owner of Showworks at 728 Philadelphia Pike, has a meeting on 9/22 with DelDOT and is hoping to resolve the sidewalk dispute with DelDOT. The Town will assist in trying to get Safe Routes to Schools funding for the sidewalks.
- Ellen Schwartz had a question about dead animals in the roadway. Dave advised her to contact DelDOT and that if she didn't get a response she could contact Debra Heffernan, whose office is good at constituent services.

Minutes:

Dave gave Scott a correction in the spelling of Brian Donovan's name. Scott made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve them as revised, seconded by Brandon, and approved by majority vote.

Building Inspector's Report:

Kyle submitted a report for permits issued between March and June 2016. The inspection fees are \$450.00.

Plumbing Inspector's Report:

Steve Russo submitted permits issued for: 722 Philadelphia Pike - \$50; 703 Brandywine - \$50; 1010 Rosedale - \$50; 501 Maple - \$50; 724 Phila Pike - \$50; 400 Elizabeth - \$50

Planning Commission:

At the last monthly meeting, Ann Schneider, Chaz Schneider, and Jim Paradise were sworn in by Dave Brenner. The members of the Planning Commission have been working on the Comprehensive Plan every Monday. These meetings were posted as Planning Commission/Zoning Review Board Meetings. Last meeting was held on Tuesday, September 12, concurrently with the Town Meeting. The next meeting is every Monday at 7 pm, with the main monthly PC meeting scheduled for Monday, October 3, 7 pm.

Treasurer and Tax Collector's Report:

Curt presented the monthly financial report as of August 31 (attached). Brandon made a motion to approve the report as given, seconded by Andrew Ritchie, and the motion was approved.

Special Guests:

NCC Councilman John Cartier reports that he will be introducing the ordinance to assume responsibility for Building Inspection and it will be passed in October. Land Use: New businesses on Philadelphia Pike, notably Showworks, Cajun Kates, and the former Superfresh site, which is planned to be sold and converted to warehouse space, with the front lot converted to a Royal Farms gas station/store.

Edgemoor plant site (Chemours) is in negotiations with Diamond State Port Authority to purchase the site as expansion of the Port of Wilmington.

President's Report:

- Audit company who specializes in municipal audits contacted us about taking over auditing report. Dave offered them a number of evening appointments to discuss and has not heard back from them yet.
- BHFC is having annual open house on October 1. Parking lot will be closed to parking and that child car seat inspections will be conducted.
- Stormwater Planning Update – agreement signed and education workshops are being planned and scheduled.

Old Business:

- Capital Improvement – Brick repair on Annex completed. Still waiting for engineering drawings from Howard Robertson.

- Wheelchair Entrance – Frustration with getting plans for ADA entrance. Commission reached consensus that it would wait one more month to get progress before asking Andy Moore to find another engineer for the project.

New Business:

- Bellefonte Property Tax inquiries – we are getting more emailed inquiries but don’t have a policy about releasing information. Curt said that he has long been receiving and replying to these inquiries. The Commission agreed that Curt should reply to inquiries about outstanding taxes, but should not provide information about the owner's payment schedule or timeliness of payment. Essentially, only release the information that you can get from the County's Parcel View system about County Taxes.
- Proposal to expand the round pad around the gazebo to give more walkway space around the wheelchair ramp. The Commission tabled any action on the improvements until we could get a list of suggested improvements from the landscaper. The Town will then seek DLWC grant funds to help cover the costs of enhancements.
- Picnic – The Annual Town Picnic will be held Saturday 9/17. Last minutes shopping was discussed and agreed.

Reading of the Bills:

Payee	Description	Amount
Richard Mulhern	Banner changing	\$100.00
Masonry, Inc.	Annex brick repair from storm damage	\$6,500.00
Will Merlo	Sexton expense (Sept)	\$50.00
News Journal	Legal notice 0001387457	\$98.56
Comcast	Monthly internet/phone	\$281.09
Delmarva Power	Streetlights	\$1398.16
Delmarva Power	Town Hall gas	\$67.88
Delmarva Power	Town Hall electric	\$320.71
Waste Industries	Monthly Trash/Recycling	\$12,771.00
Suez Water Delaware	Monthly service	\$15.56
Penny Hill Landscaping	Monthly fee	\$670.95
Scott MacKenzie, reimb	Flagpole (51.99), Delaware flag (19.84), Office supplies (113.17), Bellefonte flag (60), solar spotlight (55.99)	\$300.99
Steve Russo	Plumbing inspection fees	\$150.00
BIU Underwriters	Permits March – June	450.00
Curt Nass	Reimb. Postage for tax bills	\$141.00

Brandon made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Dave, and approved by majority vote.

Public Comments:

- Gary requested that we make T-shirts that can be sold to those interested. Scott said he would investigate pricing.

Adjournment:

Brandon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Scott and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

The next Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10, at 7 pm.

Scott L MacKenzie

Approved: _____ 10-10-16

Secretary