

**Town of Bellefonte, Delaware**  
**Town Meeting Minutes**  
January 9, 2017

**Attending:** Dave Brenner, Brandon Dougherty, Scott MacKenzie

**Excused:** Ross Logan and Andrew Ritchie

**Public Comments/Guests:** Valerie White of Bellefonte Arts Festival attended to ask for support from the Town for this year's festival, to be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017. This year, Valerie is requesting the following support: sponsorship of portable bathrooms, co-sponsorship with PECO Liquors of the beer tent, and additional trash receptacles.

**Special Guests:** John Cartier – John reported that New Castle County government has changed to the administration of Matt Meyer, and that a spirit of cooperation is pervasive. John noted that the State has looming budget issues which may affect revenues for municipalities and counties, including redirecting the property transfer tax. For Bellefonte, this would be a loss of approximately \$55,000 from the operations budget.

Valerie White asked John about getting assistance from New Castle County with signage directing motorists from Philadelphia Pike to the shops of Bellefonte.

**Minutes:** Dave motioned to waive the reading of the minutes to the December meeting and to approve them as distributed, seconded by Brandon, all in favor.

**Building Inspector's Report** – No report. Scott has requested an update of open permits still being administered by BIU.

**Planning Commission** - Carol Dougherty reported that the Planning Commission still working on revision of Comprehensive Plan and have begun process of converting the draft document to the previous format.

**Treasurer and Tax Collector's Report:** Curt presented the monthly report of Financial standing and tax collection as of December 31 (attached).

Brandon made a motion to accept the tax and treasurer's report, seconded by Dave, and approved unanimously.

**Presidents Report:** Dave reported the following:

- FOIA request from Bret Alford of BSA Home Solutions regarding 715 Rosedale, requesting a copy of the plans submitted and the permit application from 2015.
- Capital Improvements – The Commission is still awaiting news from Andy Moore about the wheelchair entrance to the Annex.
- Road pavement Bellefonte Avenue – Although the road aprons have been replaced, but the main part has yet to be repaved.
- Scott emailed a letter to DelDOT's Denny Hehman as requested re: safety on Philadelphia Pike.
- Revisions to Land Use Code – Scott and Dave will work on making revisions to Land Use Code which incorporate previous amendments. This matter will be referred to the Planning Commission when the Comp Plan is completed.

**Old Business:**

- Resolution 2017-01 – School Choice Week, as requested by email. Dave made a motion to pass the resolution, declaring School Choice Week as January 22-28, seconded by Brandon. On discussion, Commissioners expressed their thoughts, pro and con for endorsing such a resolution. The final vote was Brandon=Aye, Dave=Nay, Scott=Nay. The resolution is rejected.

**Correspondence:**

- Bellefonte Arts Festival - request from Valerie White for support in the way of 1) sponsor a beer tent in cooperation with Ed Mulvihill, and 2) additional trash receptacles.
- Elevator annual certification for BHFC from M.V. Farinola.

- Letter from US DOT - Federal Railroad Admin. about public comments being open to Northeast Corridor enhancements. Those who wish to view the plan and make comments may do so at [www.necfuture.com](http://www.necfuture.com)

**Bills for Payment:** Scott read the following bills for payment:

Payee	Description	Amount
Will Merlo	Sexton expense (Jan)	\$50.00
Scott MacKenzie, reimb	Dec. Meeting pizza	\$25.58
Suez Water Delaware	Monthly service	\$16.15
Penny Hill Landscaping	Monthly fee	\$670.95
Waste Industries	Monthly Trash/Recycling	\$13,218.00
Jos. Finocchiaro & Bros.	1/7 snowfall, 5 tons at \$195.00	\$2,267.00
Delmarva Power	Streetlights	\$1,484.24
No Bill:		
Delmarva Power	Town Hall gas	Up to \$80.00
Delmarva Power	Town Hall electric	Up to \$250.00
Comcast	Monthly internet/phone	Up to \$160.00

Scott made a motion to pay the bills as read, seconded by Dave, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements:**

- The Planning Commission's next meeting is on Monday, February 6, at 7 pm; the Zoning Review Board Meetings every Monday at 7 pm, depending on need/applications received.
- The next Town Meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 7 pm.
- Scott made a motion to adjourn, second by Brandon, the meeting stood adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Submitted by: Scott MacKenzie

Approved: 2-13-17

Town of Bellefonte  
Monthly Treasurers Report  
December 2016 Report

	Town Account	MSAF Account	Property Transfer Account	Town Accounts Sub-Total	December 2015	
1	Balance 12/01/16	\$143,624.21	\$6,372.58	\$125,648.45	<b>\$275,645.24</b>	265,155
Receipts						
2	Town Taxes	795.16			<b>795.16</b>	
3	Property Transfer Tax			2,475.75	<b>2,475.75</b>	
4	Energy Credits	371.60			<b>371.60</b>	
5	Total Receipts	1,166.76	0.00	2,475.75	3,642.51	17,283
Disbursements						
6	Trash Collection	12,853.00			<b>12,853.00</b>	
7	Town Utilities	447.72	1,421.79		<b>1,869.51</b>	
8	Community Activities	823.65			<b>823.65</b>	
9	Landscaping	670.95			<b>670.95</b>	
10	Donation	500.00			<b>500.00</b>	
11	Banners	100.00			<b>100.00</b>	
12	Tax Refund	51.73			<b>51.73</b>	
13	Maintenance	50.00			<b>50.00</b>	
14	Plumbing Inspection	25.00			<b>25.00</b>	
15	Total Disbursements	15,522.05	1,421.79	0.00	<b>16,943.84</b>	19,654
16	Ending Balance 12/31/16	\$129,268.92	\$4,950.79	\$128,124.20	<b>\$262,343.91</b>	\$262,783.92

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Treasurer/Tax  
Collector