

Town of Bellefonte, Delaware
Town Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2017

Attending: Dave Brenner, Brandon Dougherty, Andrew Ritchie and Treasurer Curt Nass

Excused: Ross Logan

Call to Order: Dave opened the meeting at 7:05

Scott made a motion to reorder the agenda to swear in Board of Elections members Ann Schneider and Pat Coward, seconded by Brandon, all in favor.

Dave swore them in using the Delaware State Oath of Office, and said that Rich Mulhern would be sworn in when he arrives.

Special Guests: NCC Councilman John Cartier attended and presented the Police/Crime Report, Property Maintenance Code Violation report, and a new report - Development - which shows all subdivision approvals and permits issues in the councilmatic district.

John is working on a new bank, WSFS, on the southern end of Philadelphia Pike near Bellefonte. They are looking for an available site. He also reported that NCC Council is working on a code change for brew pubs for commercial zoning, not industrial as it is now. This is why some new microbrews are located in industrial parks - if they don't serve food, that's where they have to be.

John also spoke about the opioid crisis, which seems to be getting worse by the day. He mentioned that NCCPD and fire departments equipped with Narcan which reverse the effects of overdose, provided the heroin is not laced with anything else. We are at crisis level with deaths increasing from bad batches that contain other drugs to enhance the effect, like Fentanyl. John asked parents to educate their children and everyone about the very real dangers, call police and when needed, paramedics. Ann Schneider asked about the myth of prosecution for overdose. John said that the first priority is saving life, the second is law enforcement, and that being at a party where an overdose happens should not prevent anyone from calling for help. John also spoke about the proposed development of Brandywine Country Club and said that the future development is a long way from being presented to the County.

Meeting Minutes: Scott made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes to the previous meeting and approve them as distributed, seconded by Andrew Ritchie, and all voted in favor. The minutes will be posted on website.

Scott made a motion to delay the Planning Commission report, seconded by Brandon, and all were in favor.

Board of Adjustment: Brian Donovan said that we only have three current Board of Adjustment members. Need some new volunteers.

Building Inspector's Report: Scott reported on Code enforcement issues, saying that the process for Zoning approval had been worked out with the County and that the Zoning Review Board was having their first hearing tonight (concurrent to the Town Meeting)

Planning Commission Report – Carol Dougherty reported that the draft Comp Plan was almost ready to present and that Public Hearings were scheduled for the first Monday of May and June at 7 pm. Scott made a motion for up to \$200 to place a notice in News Journal, seconded by Dave and all were in favor.

Zoning Review Board – first application approved for roof replacement at 1008 Highland Avenue at the ZRB meeting on April 3. Second application was received Friday April 7 and the hearing is being held at this time.

Treasurer and Tax Collector's Report: Curt Nass presented the monthly Financial Reports for the Town (attached). Brandon made a motion to approve tax collector's report, Scott seconded and all in favor.

Board of Elections (cont'd): Dave swore in Rich Mulhern to the Board of Elections. Ann Schneider will send all applicable forms to the New Castle County Board of Elections.

Capital Improvement – Andy Moore said that Carmine Casper is making small revisions to the mechanical plans, and Andy has arranged for a structural engineer to review the plans before going to bid.

Road Paving – no activity or notification from DelDOT

Public Comments:

Kathy MacDonough gave us some dates of interest:

- April 29 sidewalk sale
- Bellevue Park Fur Fest – Animal welfare groups – April 30
- April 23, Mt. Pleasant Parsonage and Meeting House open house
- May 20 - Bellefonte Arts Festival

Scott made a motion to approve \$500 for Bellefonte Arts Festival (condition that we are invoiced directly, Andrew seconded, all were in favor.

New Business

- Discussion: Homeless Bill of Rights in the Delaware Legislature. Scott explained that the Delaware League of Local Government had requested the town's opinion on this matter. Following a discussion, Scott made motion to endorse the idea of a Homeless Bill of Rights, Brandon seconded, and all were in favor.

Bills:

Scott read the following bills for payment:

Payee	Description	Amount
Will Merlo	Sexton expense (April)	\$50.00
Scott MacKenzie, reimb	Literature bins	\$23.34
Scott MacKenzie, reimb.	Pizza, March meeting + \$5 tip	\$28.97
Comcast	Monthly internet/phone	\$175.00
Waste Industries	Monthly Trash/Recycling	\$13,218.00
Delmarva Power	Streetlights	\$1,573.35
Delmarva Power	Town Hall electric	\$255.74
Penny Hill	Monthly fee	\$675.68
Joseph Finocchiaro & Bros.	Snowplowing March 14	\$4,055.00
Delmarva Power	Town Hall gas	\$147.07
Kathy MacDonough	Lamppost undecorating	\$100.00
Barbacane Thornton		\$2,250.00
No Bill		
Suez Water Delaware	Monthly service	Up to \$18.00

Brandon motion to pay, seconded by Scott, all in favor.

Announcements:

- Monday May 1, Planning Commission meeting, Town Meeting May 8,
- Summer Concerts – Scott set dates of June 23, July 21, August 18

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Town of Bellefonte
 Monthly Treasurers Report
 March 2017 Report

	Town Account	MSAF Account	Property Transfer Account	Town Accounts	March 2016	
1	Balance 03/01/17	\$94,793.23	\$1,896.23	\$137,527.70	\$234,217.16	\$226,184
	Receipts					
2	Property Transfer Tax		3,225.00	3,225.00		
3	Town Taxes	1,276.27		1,276.27		
4	Total Receipts	1,276.27	0.00	3,225.00	4,501.27	28,285
	Disbursements					
5	Trash Collection	13,218.00		13,218.00		
6	Engineering Design	3,000.00		3,000.00		
7	Town Utilities	716.54	1,573.55	2,290.09		
8	Town Audit	725.00		725.00		
9	Landscaping	675.68		675.68		
10	Maintenance	80.00		80.00		
11	Supplies	21.14		21.14		
12	Bank Fee	3.14		3.14		
13	Total Disbursements	18,439.50	1,573.55	0.00	20,013.05	17,394
14	Ending Balance 03/31/17	\$77,630.00	\$322.68	\$140,752.70	\$218,705.38	\$237,075
15			March Properties:	917 Elizabeth Ave		