

Town of Bellefonte, Delaware
Town Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2019

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

Call to Order: Dave Brenner called the meeting to order at 7 pm and introduced Dave Gula, planner from WILMAPCO, the regional transportation planning agency.

Special Guests: Mr. Gula reviewed the current plan's priority projects in New Castle County. The presentation is available for public view at <http://www.wilmapco.org/rtp/>.

Special Guests/Public Comments: NCC Councilman John Cartier presented code enforcement and crime reports to the Commission. John said that NCC is doing an internal review of municipal services provided by NCC, which are billed directly to residents. John said he expects that Bellefonte residents will not be impacted by this review.

John reported that Chancery Court is currently hearing a case to force statewide reassessment of real estate, to properly fund Delaware's schools. The court has given permission for the case to proceed. John said that if a reassessment is forced, the result would probably just level the field between older and newer houses, and that any change to assessed values would cause the County to adjust the tax rate - the County is not a for-profit entity. He also said this reassessment would cost an estimated \$20 million.

John reported that the Claymont Train Station kickoff and groundbreaking for the new station will take place soon. He also reported that the redevelopment of Evraz Steel site will begin soon and that Tri-State Mall redevelopment is looking like a possibility now. He also said that construction and Edgmoor Port development is to begin in 2021.

John continued, reporting saying that DelDOT will be implementing a "road diet" along Philly Pike all the way to the City. This "road diet" technique has been implemented in Claymont, creating one lane in each direction with a turn lane in the center. This actually has a calming effect, forcing drivers to slow down. It is also a goal to divert more thru traffic to Governor Printz Boulevard.

John said that the Souperbowl and Safety Night is coming 2/20, 7 pm, and that he is planning on attending.

Finally, John reported that the County had adopted revised fees/fines for code enforcement infractions, with fines escalating for first, second, and third violations to \$50/\$75/\$100 respectively, plus reinspection fees.

Minutes: Brandon made a motion to waive the reading of minutes and to approve them as distributed, seconded by Andrew, and approved unanimously.

Planning Commission: ZRB hearing for 706 Phila Pike and the application was rejected because it was filed by a lessee, not the property owner. Carol said that Comp Plan ready for submission to State Office of Planning, pending feedback from New Castle County.

Treasurer and Tax Collector's Report: Curt presented the financial status of the town and taxes collected as of January 31. (see attached) Andrew made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Brandon, and approved by all.

Presidents Report:

- ZRB question about 706 Phila. Pike, referred to the Zoning Review Board.

- A letter was received from DNREC requesting permission to Mosquito spray. This request comes every year and involves aerial spraying, but has never been executed as far as we know.
- We received an email from jazz guitarist seeking a concert venue. Brandon will follow-up.
- We received an email from a resident about a drainage issue

Old Business:

Capital Improvements: Andrew Moore, resident and architect, was asked to identify a solution to the ceiling in old Town Hall. Andy said he would like to get an estimate for environmental testing to make sure that neither the ceiling tiles or the mastic used to mount them contain asbestos. The Commission asked him to proceed.

Correspondence:

- US Mail - WILMAPCO Winter newsletter
- US Mail - Call for grant applications, Bicycle grant
- US Mail - Affidavit of publication Ordinance 2018-01
- US Mail - Franchise fee from Comcast for 2018, check for \$6,402.40

February Bills

Payee	Description	Amount
Delmarva Power	Streetlights	\$1,529.98
Delmarva Power	Town Hall	\$636.66
Delmarva Power	Town Hall gas	\$194.44
Comcast	Phone & internet service	\$140.00 (credit balance)
Waste Industries	Monthly trash/recycling	\$14,132.93
Suez	Monthly water service	No payment due
Jos. Finocchiaro & Bros.	Feb. 1 snowfall - salting 5 tons	\$1,560.00
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New Castle County	Annual Water/Sewer	\$115.73
Will Merlo	Annex cleaning - February	\$50.00
Scott Mackenzie	Reimb. - Jan. pizza	\$30.00

*No bill

Dave made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Brandon and all approved.


Public Comments: None

Announcements:

- Town Meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2019, 7 pm, at Town Hall Annex.
- Planning Commission Meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2019, or any Monday for which a ZRB application is received, 7 pm at Town Hall Conference room.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned without by Dave at 9:15 pm.

Submitted by:



Approved: _____03-11-19_____

**Town of Bellefonte
Monthly Treasurers Report
January 2019**

	Town Account	MSAF Account	Property Transfer Account	Town Accounts	January 2018
1 Balance 01/01/19	\$122,161.99	\$6,565.80	\$133,147.51	\$261,875.30	\$232,269
Receipts					
2 Town Taxes	6,463.22			6,463.22	
3 Property Transfer Tax			4,800.00	4,800.00	
4 Total Receipts	6,463.22	0.00	4,800.00	11,263.22	10,701
Disbursements					
5 Trash Collection	13,974.63			13,974.63	
6 Tax Collector Commission	9,392.59			9,392.59	
7 Town Utilities	813.66	1,279.76		2,093.42	
8 Snow Plowing	3,460.00			3,460.00	
9 Audit Expenses	2,450.00			2,450.00	
10 Advertising/Public Notices	151.74			151.74	
11 Town Meeting/Supplies	119.66			119.66	
12 Maintenance	225.00			225.00	
13 Total Disbursements	30,587.28	1,279.76	0.00	31,867.04	22,404
14 Ending Balance 01/31/19	\$98,037.93	\$5,286.04	\$137,947.51	\$241,271.48	\$220,567

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 January Properties: 1205 Talley
 Curt A. Nass
 Treasurer/Tax Collector