

Town of Bellefonte , Delaware

Town Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2018

Attending: David Brenner, Brandon Dougherty, Scott MacKenzie, Andrew Ritchie, and Treasurer Curt Nass

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Dave Brenner at 7:15 pm.

Special Guests: NCC Councilman John Cartier said he no crime report or code enforcement report because the County was closed today for the holiday. He promised to send them later. John said he could now announce that, working with Sen. McDowell and Rep. Deb Heffernan, using State and NCC funding, a bark (dog) park will be installed at River Road Park in the coming year.

Rule to show cause against 1117 Brandywine Hundred, requiring code violations be addressed on the county will do the work and bill the property owners. Property owners did not appear at appeal hearing.

John said that the recently passed Craft Beer zoning categories has led to the creation of a soon-to-open craft brewery in Claymont at Town & Country Shopping Center.

John raised the issue of “trash districts” in New Castle County, which have been done in Kent and Sussex Counties for years. John also reported that he has a meeting with residents re: police response time along BB in Edgemoor Hills and Gordon Heights.

Minutes: Brandon made a motion to waive the reading and to approve them as distributed, seconded by Dave, and all approved.

Board of Adjustment: No activity to report; no one present.

Planning Commission Report: Tonight's meeting canceled lack of quorum, re-scheduled for 10/15. Zoning Review Application for 1016 Euclid Avenue was submitted, and had been conditionally approved pending actual application form. It is for solar panels.

No other applications have been received. There was an inquiry from a homeowner with a previous permit from 2016, the committee will review and approve the application, so he can get final inspection from the county.

The Planning Commission will meet on 10/16 at 7 pm, and will continue to work on the Comp Plan. The commission is currently trying to figure out how we can all see the document at one time for final edits.

Treasurer and Tax Collector's Report: Curt presented the Town's financial position as of September 30. Brandon made a motion to approve,, seconded by Dave, and all approved.

Presidents Report: Dave reported that there was an issue with a new trash receptacle, Monterrey and Prospect Avenue. Dave also reported a question about an outstanding open building permit, which was referred to the Planning Commission.

Correspondence:

- Gonsler & Gonsler - statement reflecting zero balance with the firm.
- Comcast - notification of charge for Office 360 - will be disputed.
- Jos. Finocchiaro & Sons - snow plowing contract renewal received.

Old Business:

- Electricians for installing power at Town Park gazebo.
- Flower - Scott raised the subject of purchasing 500 more tulip bulbs for the Town Park, Andrew made a motion to approve up to \$200 for purchase of spring bulbs for park, seconded by Brandon and all approved.
- Fall Banners on Brandywine – hung by Dave. Holiday banners will be hung on Black Friday.
- FOIA responses – 2 more requests. Scott will reply
- Delinquent Taxes – Scott will check with Seth to see if he has any progress to report.
- RTS – 1127 BB (mentioned in John Cartier's report)
- Town Picnic – The picnic was a success with an estimated 100 or more attending throughout the day.

New Business:

- Taxes and assessments - after discussion, there was consensus that there is no real issue with mistaken assessments,
- Drainage Ordinance – Scott will contact Seth to see if he had a recommendation about this ordinance.
- Snowplowing Con – Scott made a motion to renew the contract, seconded by Brandon. Discussion of specific pricing. All approved. Dave will sign and send to Fino.
- Donation to BHFC – Brandon motioned to approve up to \$300 for gift certificates from businesses in town to be donated to the BHFC auction, seconded by Andrew and all approved.
- Holiday Party – set for Friday December 7, 6:30 - Charlotte Hash and Heavenly Hash are confirmed. Budget for event will be set at November meeting.
- Resolution 2018-01– Brandon made a motion to pass Resolution 2018-01, acknowledging the anniversary of the Hillcrest-Bellefonte Methodist Church, seconded by Andrew, and all approved.

Bills: Scott read the following bills for payment:

Payee	Description	Amount
Delmarva Power	Streetlights	\$1,537.40
Delmarva Power	Town Hall	\$180.91*
Delmarva Power	Town Hall gas	\$56.57
Comcast	Phone & internet service	\$150.00*
Waste Industries	Monthly trash/recycling	\$13,964.80
New Castle County	Water & sewer	\$65.54
Will Merlo	Annex cleaning - October	\$50.00
Suez	Monthly water service	\$45.00
Scott MacKenzie	Reimbursement - September meeting food - Pats Pizzeria	\$33.58
Scott MacKenzie	Reimb, - Big Lots town picnic	\$38.88
Scott MacKenzie	Reimbursement - Dollar Tree Store, town picnic	\$27.00
Scott MacKenzie	Reimbursement - Fire safety equipment, Amazon	\$92.25
Andrew Ritchie	Reimbursement - town picnic	\$50.00
Penny Hill Lawn & Landscaping	October services	\$675.68*
Curt Nass	Reimbursement - picnic supplies	\$25.23


*No bill

Brandon made a motion to approve the bills as read, seconded by Andrew, and all approved.

Announcements:

- Next Town Meeting will be held Monday, November 12, 7 pm.
- The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday Oct. 16 and on Monday, November 5, 7 pm, and on any Monday for which a Zoning Review application is received,

Adjournment: Scott made a motion to adjourn without objection and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: 

Approved: _____ 11-12-18 _____

Town of Bellefonte
 Monthly Treasurers Report
 September 2018 Report

	Town Account	MSAF	Account	Property Transfer Account	Town Accounts	September 2017	
1	Balance 09/01/18	\$39,989.28		\$1,019.65	\$100,841.15	\$141,850.08	\$197,951
Receipts							
2	Town Taxes	115,119.91				115,119.91	
3	Property Transfer Tax			11,053.50		11,053.50	
4	State Grant		10,101.32			10,101.32	
5	Other	2,328.70			-	2,328.70	
6	Total Receipts	117,448.61		10,101.32	11,053.50	138,603.43	84,616
Disbursements							
7	Trash Collection	13,615.80				13,615.80	
8	Town Utilities	1,839.94				1,839.94	
9	Furniture	1,070.00				1,070.00	
10	Community Activities	560.02				560.02	
11	Town Meeting/Supplies	150.72				150.72	
12	Attorney's Fees	52.50				52.50	
13	Returned Check and Bank Fee	322.63				322.63	
14	Total Disbursements	17,611.61		0.00	0.00	17,611.61	16,781
15	Ending Balance 09/30/18	\$139,826.28		\$11,120.97	\$111,894.65	\$262,841.90	\$265,786

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 Curt A. Nass
 Treasurer/Tax Collector

September Properties:
 400 Grove
 1105 Bellevue
 1012 Grandview