

Town of Bellefonte
Town Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2019

Attending: Dave Brenner, Brandon Dougherty, Scott MacKenzie

Excused: Andrew Ritchie

Call to Order: Dave called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Special Guests: NCC Councilman John Cartier submitted the Property Maintenance status report for March, but the Police report would be forwarded later. John said the County had started its budgeting process. They are expecting a balanced year with revenues equaling expenses, a first in a number of years. Municipal service review is underway in the Finance department to determine tax rates for services provided to towns. Bellefonte's taxes to NCC should not be affected. Upcoming events mentioned BHFC annual dinner, St. Helena's Carnival.

Public Comments: Tom Finocchiaro, Chief, smoke detector campaign kickoff volunteer campaign starting in Bellefonte. If you were not home when the volunteers visited, they left a doorhanger for residents to reschedule a fire detector inspection.

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

Planning Commission: Chair Carol Dougherty reported that the Planning Commission is still making final review of the Comprehensive Plan. A Zoning Review application for 401 Elizabeth Avenue was rejected and will reapply.

Treasurer and Tax Collector's Report: Scott read the Treasurer and Tax Collector's report as submitted by Curt Nass (Curt had to run home but will return to do the bills)(report attached) Brandon made a motion to approve, seconded by Dave, and all approved.

President's Report:

- Phone message: Complaint about a hole in the yard, referred to NCC property maintenance.
- Phone message: Complaint about dumping in town parking lot. (situation resolved)
- Complaint about tires for sale tied to telephone poll
- Email from Waste Industries about Ice Cream Shop trash. Dave will send a letter to owners.
- Dave reported that he and Scott completed painting the upstairs office.

Correspondence:

- Via USMail - State of Delaware, call for Bicycle Path grant applications
- Via USMail - NCC 2019 annual tax roll summary, given to Curt
- Via USMail - NCC 2019 April assessment summary, given to Curt
- Via USMail - State of Delaware, call for Park grants, due May 24

Old Business:

- Town hall - Scott is to contact Andy Moore about getting suggestions from contractors about Town Hall ceiling to use the estimates for 2020 budgeting purposes.

New Business:

- Scott will contact members of Board of Elections about reforming for the June election.
- FOIA - Scott reported the receipt of 22 FOIA requests, which will be answered by weekend.

Public Comments: Miroslaw Kostyshyn, part owner of 1127 Brandywine Blvd. says he wants to pay off taxes due on the property less any interest and penalties. The property in question has had a monition filed by the Town and the case is being held up by a bankruptcy filing of another owner.

Scott said that he is concerned that any offer made without interest and penalties would have to be equally offered to all other delinquent taxpayers. Scott suggested contacting the Town Solicitor for his recommendations. The Commissioners agreed with this course of action and Scott will contact Seth Thompson for his counsel. This will be reported at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Summer Concert Series – Scott and Brandon have been working on scheduling the Summer Concert series talent and have artists lined up from May through September, with a possible concert for October. Brandon made a motion to approve up to \$3,000 for talent and promotion of concerts, seconded by Dave, and all approved.

Monthly Bills:

Payee	Description	Amount
Delmarva Power	Streetlights	\$1,535.61
Delmarva Power	Town Hall	\$279.81
Delmarva Power	Town Hall gas	\$131.73
Suez	Monthly water service	No payment due
Russo Brothers	Water heater installation	\$1,425.00
Comcast	Phone & internet service	\$100.00
Waste Industries	Monthly trash/recycling	*Up to \$15,000
Yeager Law Firm	Invoice 5 - Feb March legal services	\$803.22
Will Merlo	Annex cleaning - April	\$50.00
Scott Mackenzie	Reimb. - March meeting food	\$35.00

*No bill

Scott made a motion to pay the bills as read, seconded by Dave, and all were in favor.

Announcements:

- The next Town Meeting will be held at Monday, May 13, 7 pm, at the Town Annex.
- The next Planning Commission meeting will be held Monday, May 6, 7 pm, and on any Monday where there is a Zoning Review application for review.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Dave adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:36 pm.

Submitted by:



Approved: _____05-13-19_____

Town of Bellefonte
Monthly Treasurers Report
March 2019

		Town Account	MSAF Account	Property Transfer Account	Town Accounts	February 2018
1	Balance 03/01/19	\$86,507.50	\$3,756.06	\$142,117.51	\$232,381.07	\$205,414
	Receipts					
2	Town Taxes	3,937.34			3,937.34	
3	Cable Franchise Fee	11,851.47			11,851.47	
4	Other	405.09			405.09	
5	Property Transfer Tax			6,388.50	6,388.50	
6	Total Receipts	16,193.90	0.00	6,388.50	22,582.40	20,711
	Disbursements					
7	Trash Collection	14,051.28			14,051.28	
8	Snow Plowing	6,215.00			6,215.00	
9	Town Utilities	717.04	1,536.25		2,253.29	
10	Maintenance	550.00			550.00	
11	Community Activities	250.00			250.00	
12	Town Meeting/Supplies	206.96			206.96	
13	Web Site	203.88			203.88	
14	Donations	180.00			180.00	
15	Advertising/Public Notices	134.88			134.88	
16	Bank Fee	19.30			19.30	
17	Total Disbursements	22,528.34	1,536.25	0.00	24,064.59	26,447
18	Ending Balance 03/31/19	\$80,173.06	\$2,219.81	\$148,506.01	\$230,898.88	\$199,678

19 Curt A. Nass
Treasurer/Tax Collector

March 1105
Properties: Wynnbrook
707 Prospect