

Town of Bellefonte, Delaware
Town Meeting Minutes, February 8, 2021

Attending: Scott MacKenzie, Andrew Ritchie, Brandon Dougherty with Treasurer Dave Brenner and Tax Collector Curt Nass

Call to Order: Scott MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and welcomed those attending.

Minutes to the Previous Meeting: Brandon Dougherty made a motion to approve minutes of January 11, 2021, meeting and Andrew Ritchie seconded, all were in favor.

Special Guests and Public Comments: John Cartier, NCC Councilman attended meeting and presented community crime report and outlined major points of NCC property reassessment. The goal is to reassess to the true money value and to be revenue neutral. NCC will adjust the tax rate on the property value so in most cases property owners will pay what they pay now. On the county side, there will be no, or virtually no increases. This project will be completed two years down the road. It will keep level rates and institute a plan of rolling reassessment. The issue is fairness of the tax system. There are 210,000 properties in NCC.

Board of Adjustment: No activity reported.

Planning Commission: February meeting held on 2/8/2021. Comprehensive Plan was recommended for approval and is to be signed by governor. Two (2) ZRB applications approved on 1/25.

Scott made a motion to reorder agenda to have Planning Commission present when they conclude their meeting, Andrew Ritchie seconded, all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dave Brenner presented the financial report for January (attached). Andrew Ritchie made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Scott MacKenzie seconded, all were in favor.

Tax Collector Report: Curt Nass presented Treasurer's report and reviewed delinquent tax report. Scott made a motion that all delinquent over \$1000 turned over to Seth for collections or monitions, Brandon Dougherty, all were in favor.

Scott MacKenzie made a motion to approve the tax collector's report, Elisa King seconded, all were in favor.

Old Business:

- Insurance Repairs - All completed except roofer repairs waiting for more favorable weather.
- Town Hall Renovations - Ceiling has been removed in Town Hall. Rough in wiring completed.
- Security surveillance system - Ross Logan purchased equipment and is configuring.
- Traffic Control on Marian Avenue - No further information available.
- Historic marker in town parking lot was damaged in traffic accident. No progress to report

Public Comments: No public comments

New Business:

- Verizon Franchise Agreement (tabled) - Agreement cannot be found. Will request a new copy.
- Board of Elections – appointment of BOE Chair, Logan Ritchie, Chair of BOE last year, will serve again this year. Brandon Dougherty made a motion to appoint Logan Ritchie to Chair of BOE for 2021. He was then sworn in by Scott MacKenzie.

February 2021 Bills

Payee	Description	Amount
Delmarva Power	Streetlights	\$1,654.53
Delmarva Power	Town Hall	\$210.66
Delmarva Power	Town Hall gas	\$344.33
Suez	Balance overdue	Recommend payment \$35.00
Comcast	Phone & internet service (credit balance)	Recommend payment \$100.00
GFL Environmental	Monthly trash/recycling	\$10,851.00
Parkowski, Guerke & Swayze	Inv 19 - Jan service	\$360.00
Artisan Electrical	Rough-in electrical Town Hall	\$3,500.00
Bellevue Group	Demolition TH ceiling	\$4000.00 +
Joseph Finocchiaro & Bros.	February 1 and 7 plowing & salting	\$6,180.00
New Castle Co.	Sewer bill	\$14.00
De State DNREC	Biannual boiler inspection certificate	\$15.00
Wilmington Glass Co.	Replacement of broken window on playground side	\$360.00
Will Merlo	Town Hall cleaning - Feb.	\$60.00
Ross Logan	DVR security system	\$121.99
Curt Nass, Tax Collector	Tax Collector Commission 2020	\$9,307.07
.US Treasury	Taxes on Tax Collector Commission	\$1,541.94
Scott MacKenzie	Reimbursement Jan meeting food	\$33.00

*No bill

+ already paid

A motion was made by Scott McKenzie to pay the December bills, Brandon Dougherty seconded, all were in favor.

Correspondence:

- USPS - From DNREC, Mosquito Spraying agreement from DNREC. Andrew Ritchie made a motion for Scott MacKenzie to complete and sign the Mosquito Spraying agreement, Brandon Dougherty seconded, all were in favor.
- Next planning commission meeting: March 1, 2021
- Next Town of Bellefonte Commission Meeting: March 8, 2021

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm without objection.

Submitted by

Andrew C. Ritchie, Secretary

3-8-21
Approved:

**Town of Bellefonte
Monthly Treasurers Report
January 2021**

	Town Account (774)	MSAF Account (782)	Property Transfer Account (445)	Total of Town Accounts	January 2020
Balance 1/01/202	\$112,817.80	\$11,694.86	\$225,180.42	\$349,693.08	\$303,212.62
Receipts					
Town Taxes	\$2,578.50			\$2,578.50	
Energy Credits	\$92.90			\$92.90	
Property Transfer Tax					
Insurance - Playground Fire	\$11,667.15			\$11,667.15	
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Total Receipts	\$14,338.55			\$14,338.55	
Disbursements					
Trash Collection	\$10,851.00			\$10,851.00	
Comcast Cable	\$100.00			\$100.00	
Delmarva - TH Gas & Electric	\$327.08			\$327.08	
Delmarva - Annex Gas	\$192.04			\$192.04	
Delmarva - Town Street Lights	\$1,640.72			\$1,640.72	
Suez - Water	\$43.00			\$43.00	
Landscaping (shortfall from 6/20)	\$720.48			\$720.48	
Reimburse-S.MacKenzie	\$19.53			\$19.53	
Display Sales - Banners	\$643.05			\$643.05	
Maintenance - Will Merlo	\$120.00			\$120.00	
Holiday Banners - Will Merlo	\$100.00			\$100.00	
R&R Roofing - Roof Fire Repair	\$2,493.00			\$2,493.00	
Jos. Finocchiaro - Snow Plowing	\$4,545.00			\$4,545.00	
Calvert - Repair Condensate Lines	\$575.38			\$575.38	
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Total Disbursements	\$22,370.28			\$22,370.28	
Ending Balance 1/31/2021	\$104,786.07	\$11,694.86	\$225,180.42	\$341,661.35	\$281,757.80

Curt A. Nass, Tax Collector
David A. Brenner, Treasurer

January Properties: