

Town of Bellefonte, DE
Town Meeting Minutes, December 9, 2024

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

Call to Order/Welcome – Brandon called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Minutes to the Previous Meeting – Andrew made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve them as distributed, seconded by Logan, and all approved.

Dave made a motion to reorder the first item under New Business without objection, then Dave motioned to approve donation of \$1,000 to Brandywine Hundred Fire Company, seconded by Logan, and all approved. Normal order rejoined without objection. Brandon presented the check to BHFC Chief Gordon Edwards.

Special Guests/Public Comments (limited to 3 mins. Each) – NCC Councilman John Cartier presented the police and code enforcement reports for the Commissioners to review.. John acknowledged the BHFC and its 100th anniversary and thanked them for the invitation to their Gala in November. John said that the financial report on fire services in the county were presented to Council and that they would be working through the new budget year to make sure the fire service is fully funded. John said that he had seen many comments on social media about reassessment and repeated once again that the millage rate will be adjusted so that 2025 taxes were revenue neutral – meaning that although the average assessment went up 511%, taxes would not.

Committee Reports:

- Board of Adjustments – No activity
- Planning Commission/Zoning Review Board – No ZRB applications since last meeting, but now have two awaiting review. Edits being integrated into Comp Plan. Revised Plan will be ready for Town Commission review by March/April.
- Treasurer's Report and Tax Collector's Report – Report on Delinquent Taxes, discussion and consideration for changing banks for town accounts. Andrew motion to accept, second by Dave, all approved. Vote to deny grant claim. In process of moving accounts to WSFS

Old Business/President's Report:

Town Hall Complex improvements – Status Report – still awaiting bid on automatic door openers per inspection. Also awaiting bid to upgrade inverters on solar panels before reinstallation.

- Consideration for approving up to \$10,000 from DCRF grant to remove and reinstall solar panels. Scott made a motion to approve, seconded by Logan, and all approved.
- Consideration for approving up to \$3,000 For Francesco Iacono to recover the windows with plexiglass and restore the playground mural. Motion by Scott, seconded by Dave. On discussion, Dave asked if the price included the plexiglass and painting, and it does. Motion was approved by all.
- Consideration for approving up to \$12,000 for installation of two lampposts. Previous approval was for \$10,000 but we have a hard bid now. Scott made a motion to approve, seconded by Logan, and all approved.
- Sidewalks and Lampposts – No status report from Deb. Adding paving of Rodman Road to status list.
- Shops of Bellefonte Report – No rep attending.
- Holiday Gathering, 12/6 – Scott suggested start one hour later and only provide desserts. Commission agreed that entertainment was top notch.
- Edgemoor Port – Project seems unlikely to move forward. Appeals court denied appeal by State of Delaware.
- Energy and Community Development Grant – Status Report. No progress

Public Comments: Brian Donovan about snow shoveling. Sidewalks where they exist in town, are in the DelDOT right of way, however residents are responsible for clearing away the snow in a reasonable amount of time.

Correspondence:

- Via USMail – Selective Insurance dividend check
- Via USMail - Reworld Energy notice of downstream spillage, inventory of chemical stored.
- Via USMail – Tyler Technologies notice of reassessment

New Business:

- Dave made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Food Bank of Delaware, seconded by Brandon, and all approved.

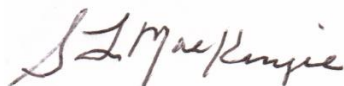
Payment of the Bills

Payee	Description	Amount
Delmarva Power	Streetlights	\$1,532.45
Delmarva Power	Town Hall	\$362.78
Delmarva Power	Town Hall Annex gas	\$86.99
Casella	Monthly trash/recycling – November	\$11,991.42
Parkowski, Guerke, et al	October legal services, Inv 65	\$0.00
Pennyhill Landscaping	November contract payment	\$885.50
Pennyhill Landscaping	Installation of Pasrk Lighting (DCRF)	Up to \$5,000.00
Veolia	Water service – November service	No bill - Up to \$80.00
Comcast	December service	\$260.71
Will Merlo	Hanging of wreaths on Boulevard	\$450.00
Will Merlo	Monthly cleaning, Annex	\$100.00
Scott MacKenzie Reimb	Amazon – Edison lights	\$23.99
Scott MacKenzie Reimb	Amazon – Edison lights	\$29.99
Scott MacKenzie Reimb.	November meeting food	\$54.00
Artisan Electric	Repair of Edison lights at Bellefonte Café	
R & R Roofing	Partial payment for roofing from DCRF	\$24,611.00
Jim Paradise Reimb	Uhaul – Propane refills for Café heaters	\$45.49
Owls Nest Brass	Brass quintet 5 members at \$300 ea	(PAID) \$1,500.00
Gus Mercante	Honorarium for Holiday singer	(PAID) \$300.00
Evie Koninis	Holiday Party food prep and service	(PAID) \$100.00
Chris Podsiad	Holiday Party food prep and service	(PAID) \$100.00
Scott MacKenzie Reimb	Amazon – chafing fuel	\$23.99
Scott MacKenzie Reimb	Amazon – bamboo picks	\$9.99
Scott MacKenzie Reimb	PECOS – ice	\$9.00
Scott MacKenzie Reimb	ACME – cheese	\$27.96
Scott MacKenzie Reimb	Philly Pretzel – 3 trays	\$163.80
Scott MacKenzie Reimb	Boscovs – misc lighst & decorations	\$79.91
Scott MacKenzie Reimb	Restaurant Depot (JETRO) – soup	\$35.81
Scott MacKenzie Reimb	Walmart – groceries	\$70.80
Scott MacKenzie Reimb	BJs – groceries	\$50.25
Scott MacKenzie Reimb	Boscovs – Misc lights decorations	\$22.19
Scott MacKenzie Reimb	Popeyes – volunteer food	\$34.49
Scott MacKenzie Reimb	META – Facebook ad (November only)	\$3.82
Scott MacKenzie Reimb	Bakers Authority – cookies	\$235.26
DE Boiler Safety Program	Annual inspection fee	\$60.00

Brandon motion to approve the bills as read, seconded by Andrew, All approved.

- Announcements/Adjournment – Planning Comm. 1/6, Town Meeting, 1/13, 7 pm. Brandon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm, without objection.

Submitted by:



Scott MacKenzie

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 Approved

12-09-24

Town of Bellefonte Monthly Treasurers Report November 2024

	Town Account (774)	MSAF Account (782)	Property Transfer Account (445)	TD Bank CD	Total of Town Accounts	Nov 2023
Balance 11/01/2024	<u>\$286,748.62</u>	<u>\$11,592.23</u>	<u>\$30,294.49</u>	<u>\$84,679.82</u> <small>4.33%</small>	<u>\$413,315.16</u>	<u>\$410,962.98</u>
Receipts						
Property Transfer Tax			\$3,780.00		\$3,780.00	
Town Taxes	\$889.68				\$889.68	
Total Receipts	<u>\$889.68</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$3,780.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$4,669.68</u>	<u>\$20,513.89</u>
Disbursements						
GFL - Trash Collection			\$11,996.42		\$11,996.42	
Delmarva - Town Street Lights	Online	\$1,531.70			\$1,531.70	
Delmarva - TH Gas & Electric	\$97.66 Online				\$97.66	
Delmarva - Annex Gas	\$62.30 Online				\$62.30	
Comcast Cable	\$260.71 Online				\$260.71	
Veolia Water	\$23.50				\$23.50	
New Castle Country - Sewer	\$20.25				\$20.25	
Reimburse - S.MacKenzie - TH Equipment/Food	\$89.55				\$89.55	
Reimburse - B.Dougherty - Gift Cards	\$250.00				\$250.00	
Parkowski, Guerke - Legal	\$184.00				\$184.00	
Landscaping	\$885.50				\$885.50	
Façade Grant - F.Holodick	\$2,000.00				\$2,000.00	
Click It Electric - St Lights	\$675.00				\$675.00	
Will Merlo - Maintenance	\$500.00				\$500.00	
Bank Fee	\$23.72				\$23.72	
Total Disbursements	<u>\$5,072.19</u>	<u>\$1,531.70</u>	<u>\$11,996.42</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$18,600.31</u>	<u>\$23,069.56</u>
Ending Balance 11/30/2024	<u>\$282,566.11</u>	<u>\$10,060.53</u>	<u>\$22,078.07</u>	<u>\$84,679.82</u>	<u>\$399,384.53</u>	<u>\$408,407.31</u>

November Properties: 607 Melrose

Curt A. Nass, Treasurer/Tax Collector