

Town of Bellefonte, Delaware
Town Meeting Minutes, September 9, 2024

Attending: Scott MacKenzie, Brandon Dougherty, Logan Ritchie, Andrew Ritchie, and Dave Brenner, Treasurer and Tax Collector Curt Nass **Absent:** None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

Minutes to the Previous Meeting: Brandon made the motion to waive the reading and to approve the minutes for August as distributed, seconded by Andrew, all were in favor.

Special Guests: Councilman Cartier attended and promised to email the code and police reports. Final court review of county reassessment. NCC Council is committed to making the implementation of new assessments "tax neutral." the County doesn't want or need extra revenue. There has been no such pledge regarding school taxes from each Board in the school districts in NCC. NCC is currently reviewing the issue of funding for fire stations in NCC, which are in a position of needing to pay staff.

Emmanuel Tanyi, 505 Marion Ave. question about the appeal process to the Board of Adjustment and also about ordering new receptacles from Casella.

Board of Adjustments: No activity to report.

Planning Commission: Meeting held 9/3. Jim is in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan. The Annexation section is being approved tonight. Jim Paradise and his commission will be updating the statistical data in the report for submission by June 2025.

Treasurer's Report: Curt presented the Financial Report for August (attached). Scott made a motion to accept, seconded by Andrew, and all were in favor.

Tax Collector's Report: Curt Nass provided tax collector's report. No further update on delinquent taxes. Tax bills have been mailed. Curt said he reinvested our certificate of deposit with TD Bank.

Old Business/President's Report/Correspondence:

- Town Hall Improvements – Lift in the process of installing. Some problem with calibration of the lift.
- Annex Roof Discussion. Resident Andy Moore spoke about his concerns with the bids received and details that were omitted from their proposals. The Commission agreed to ask our solicitor to go back to the two contractors and to ask for clarification of these issues, and a decision on the contractor deferred until the October 14 meeting.

Brandon made a motion to take a break, without exception.

- Streetlights – Edison Lights over parking lot were pulled down again. The Commission agreed not to repair them. Sidewalks Bellefonte Avenue - No report yet. Scott said he filed the application for 3 four-way
- Shops of Bellefonte – Brandon motion to approve up to \$300 for Boo-tique and Monster Market sponsorship if requested, seconded by Dave, and all approved
- Bellefonte Day – Dave and Scott will be purchasing food. Hamburgers, hotdogs and buns from BJs, potato and macaroni salad from Bellevue Diner.
- Energy Grant – no news on acceptance of projects. Expecting full list of streetlights in town from Delmarva Power.
- Edgmoor Port – no report

Correspondence:

- Via USMail – Pipeline Safety Survey – Scott will complete survey.
- Via USMail – from News Journal, affidavit for Roofing RFP

Public Comments: None

New Business:

- Resolution 2024-05 – Resolution of Concurrence with Revised Annexation Plan and Resubmission of Comprehensive Plan - Andrew made a motion to read the resolution in title only, Scott seconded. On discussion, Scott said that the title should be revised to “Resolution of Concurrence with Revised Annexation Plan,” Andrew seconded, and all were in favor. Brandon read the resolution in title only, Dave motioned to approve the Resolution, seconded by Logan, and the resolution passed unanimously.
- Use of Annex Kitchen by volunteers Fae and Evy, and the Commissioners agreed to let them use the kitchen under previous approval to use by event volunteers and volunteers of all commissions.
- Trash Contract – Current contract with Casella expires January 31, 2025. Scott suggested we request a proposal of contract extension under the same terms. The Commissioners agreed. Scott will request for next meeting.

September 2024 Bills

Payee	Description	Amount
Delmarva Power	Streetlights	\$1,160.77
Delmarva Power	Town Hall	\$153.47
Delmarva Power	Town Hall Annex gas	\$62.30
Casella	Monthly trash/recycling – August	\$11,991.42
Parkowski, Guerke, et al	August legal services, Inv 62	\$461.60
Pennyhill Landscaping	September contract payment	\$885.50
Veolia	Water service – no bill	Up to \$30.00
Comcast	Phone & Internet – August	\$260.52
DE League of Local Govt.	Annual dues	\$840.00
Will Merlo	Town Hall Cleaning – September	\$100.00
Will Merlo	Gazebo power wash and painting	\$500.00
Scott MacKenzie Reimb.	August meeting food	\$50.00
Scott MacKenzie Reimb	1000 tulip bulbs for Park + shipping	\$231.97

Scott made a motion to pay the bills as read, Andrew seconded, and all approved

Announcements:

- Next Planning Commission/Zoning Review Board meets on every Monday at 7 pm or when they have an application; monthly meeting for October 7, 2024, 7 pm.
- Next Town of Bellefonte Commission meeting, October 14, 2024, at 7 pm.
- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:23 pm without objection.

Submitted by:



10-14-23

 Scott MacKenzie, Secretary

 Approved:

Town of Bellefonte Monthly Treasurers Report August 2024

	Town Account (774)	MSAF Account (782)	Property Transfer Account (445)	TD Bank CD	Total of Town Accounts	August 2023
Balance 08/01/2024	<u>\$189,468.33</u>	<u>\$1,893.04</u>	<u>\$27,280.25</u>	<u>\$80,000.00</u> <small>4.33%</small>	<u>\$298,641.62</u>	<u>\$346,398.50</u>
Receipts						
Property Transfer Tax			\$11,820.00		\$11,820.00	
Town Taxes	\$22,267.98				\$22,267.98	
Interest				\$4,679.82	\$4,679.82	
Total Receipts	<u>\$22,267.98</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$11,820.00</u>	<u>\$4,679.82</u>	<u>\$38,767.80</u>	<u>\$51,543.79</u>
Disbursements						
GFL - Trash Collection			\$11,991.42		\$11,991.42	
Delmarva - Town Street Lights	\$1,529.06 Online				\$1,529.06	
Delmarva - TH Gas & Electric	\$179.80 Online				\$179.80	
Delmarva - Annex Gas	\$62.30 Online				\$62.30	
Comcast Cable	\$260.52 Online				\$260.52	
Veolia - Water	\$29.68				\$29.68	
NC County - Sewer	\$20.25				\$20.25	
Reimburse - S.MacKenzie - TH Equipment/Food	\$101.17				\$101.17	
Parkowski, Guerke - Legal	\$115.00				\$115.00	
Landscaping	\$885.49				\$885.49	
Barbacane Thornton	\$5,115.00				\$5,115.00	
Will Merlo - Maintenance	\$92.35				\$92.35	
Will Merlo - Gazebo Maintenance	\$1,000.00				\$1,000.00	
Bank Fee	\$83.20				\$83.20	
Total Disbursements	<u>\$9,473.82</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$11,991.42</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$21,465.24</u>	<u>\$25,286.39</u>
Ending Balance 08/31/2024	<u>\$202,262.49</u>	<u>\$1,893.04</u>	<u>\$27,108.83</u>	<u>\$84,679.82</u>	<u>\$315,944.18</u>	<u>\$372,655.90</u>

August Properties: 700 Euclid
1100 Highland

