

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 2, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823**  
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The August 2, 2021 meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order by Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey at 7:30 p.m.

Work Session – 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Randall Brachbill  
Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey  
Mr. Douglas Johnson  
Mr. Jon Eaton  
Mayor Tom Wilson  
Ms. Melissa Hombosky  
Ms. Debbie Cleeton  
Mr. Frank Halderman  
Ms. Mary Abbott

**EXCUSED:**

Mr. Michael Prendergast

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager  
Mr. Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager  
Gina Thompson, Planning, Zoning & HARB Administrator  
Shawn Weaver, Police Chief  
Harry Brooks, Code Officer

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**Minutes:** Brachbill moved to approve the July 19, 2021 meeting minutes. Eaton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** Eaton moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried. Johnson removed the information regarding the road closing information for inaccuracy and correction. Johnson moved to approve the changes. Brachbill seconded. Motion carried.

**Written Communications:** Written communications were received by Council members. Action items were as follows:

Johnson moved to approve Senator Corman's event to remember the events of 9/11. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Johnson conditionally approved the Jana Marie Foundation event based on fee waiver, in Talleyrand Park as requested. Hombosky seconded. Motion carried.

The downtown parking changes/regulations was discussed briefly. A business owner, Mitchell Bradley, discussed the issues downtown.

**ORAL:** Nothing presented.

### **Office of Community Affairs**

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** PC meeting scheduled for August 9, 2021.

### **HARB:**

Administrative approvals were discussed. There was a correction made to one of the addresses listed on agenda. Nuisance Code report was discussed.

### **Mayor:**

Parking meter revenue was discussed. An update was given on the park bandshell project in Talleyrand Park. Howard Street traffic was discussed.

### **Council President:**

An update was given on several meetings attended. Tourism grant funds were discussed.

### **Building and Property:**

Municipal Lot parking was discussed and the use of the app.

### **Finance and Government Performance:**

Cleeton moved to postpone the Council retreat until 2022 due to budget constraints and to contract Strategic Consulting Partners with a cost of \$4,000.00. Hombosky seconded. Motion carried.

Cleeton moved to approve the professional services of Strategic Consulting Partners to provide services for the stakeholder meeting for the Short-Term Rental parking ordinance for \$3,000.00. Brachbill seconded. Motion carried.

### **Parks and Recreation:**

Cameras in the park were discussed. The lighting on the railroad pedestrian bridge is being researched.

**Human Resources:** Next meeting will be on August 4, 2021.

**Safety:**

The YMCA emergency plan was discussed briefly.

**Water/Refuse/Compost Facility:**

On August 3, 2021 an Authority meeting will be held. The Spring Creek Watershed One Water Plan will be presented.

**Streets:**

The temporary safety measures at the diamond were discussed. Materials are coming in. This was previously approved by Council.

Abbot moved to schedule a public hearing on the permanent options for the traffic calming in the diamond area. Brachbill seconded. Motion carried. Evening and daytime meeting times were suggested by Tosti-Vasey. Brachbill clarified that the roundabout is just an option at this time.

**Energy and Environmental Conservation:**

Meeting was held on July 21, 2021. Informational correspondence was discussed.

**Special Committee Reports:** Reports were received by Council members.

Johnson moved to support the University Park Airport changing their name to State College Regional Airport in an effort to decrease confusion with people trying to find the SCE airport. Halderman seconded. Motion carried.

**Manager Report:** July 2021 report submitted.

PA Municipal League virtual sessions are available for Council.

Eaton moved to approve funding for the virtual sessions. Brachbill seconded. Motion carried.

Standing committee meetings were discussed in conjunction with the Sunshine Act.

Johnson moved to approve seeking advice from the Borough Solicitor on the Sunshine Act question. Brachbill seconded. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Eaton moved to reconsider the cancelation of the August 16, 2021 meeting. Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Shade Tree information was added to the Borough website.

The vegetation in the Right of Way ordinance amendment was discussed. Wilson did not feel comfortable signing off on it.

Brachbill moved to reconsider the Right of Way Ordinance, 06212021, Chapter 425-3. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Spring Creek Watershed Commission Resolution was discussed.

Brachbill moved to table this vote. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Nothing presented.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Brachbill moved to adjourn. Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.