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**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH
WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 1, 2021
In-Person, Council Chambers
AGENDA**

ATTEND IN PERSON – The Council Chambers is open to the public with normal or standard occupancy levels. **FACE COVERING/MASKS ARE REQUIRED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**
Masks are available at the sign-in desk.

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ATTEND VIRTUALLY- Please contact the Borough via email: boro@bellefontepa.gov or phone: 814-355-1501 before 4PM on Monday, November 1, 2021 to receive the Link to the meeting

6:00 PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION – Legal – This session is closed to the public.

7:00 PM - WORK SESSION (No council action is taken during work sessions)

- **Discuss the creation of a Local Economic Revitalization Tax Abatement (LERTA) District, Review of Funds**

7:30 PM COUNCIL MEETING – CALL TO ORDER:

Welcome everyone to the Bellefonte Borough council meeting. We will do our best to start council meetings on time and to end them on time. Due to the room acoustics, please speak up when talking so that people can hear what you are saying. All comments and reports should be kept to three minutes maximum. Thank you.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Eaton, <i>North Ward</i>	Ms. Cleeton, <i>South Ward</i>	
Ms. Hombosky, <i>North Ward</i>	Mr. Brachbill, <i>Vice President, South Ward</i>	
Mr. Johnson, <i>Pro Tem, North Ward</i>	Ms. Abbott, <i>South Ward</i>	
Mr. Prendergast, <i>West Ward</i>	Mayor Wilson, <i>At Large</i>	
Mr. Halderman, <i>West Ward</i>		
Ms. Tosti-Vasey, <i>President, West Ward</i>		

ADDITIONS TO THE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

In accordance with Act 65 of 2021, If a matter is not on the Agenda, Council cannot take official action on it with some exceptions. Council can act on matters relating to potential or real emergencies. Council may add a matter of agency business to its agenda through majority vote. Council should state the reason why the action item is being added to the Agenda. **Council may vote to add an action item(s) to the agenda**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS (ORAL):

This Public Comment period is reserved for oral comments regarding any action items listed on this meeting agenda or added by majority vote at this meeting. Please sign in, come to the podium at the appropriate time, state your name and address and which item you are speaking about. Please try to limit comments to three minutes maximum.

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CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the Council request specific items to be removed for separate action. Council Action Requested

General	Council Meeting Minutes October 18, 2021
Office of Community Affairs-HARB Certificate of Appropriateness per recommendation	114 S. Spring Street (Monarch Salon)- approval of Business Sign.

COMMUNICATIONS (written):

Diamond Improvements
Elimination of Parking concern
Support Request for Centre County Library & Historical Museum

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Zoning/Planning
➤ Next Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2021
Historical and Architectural Review Board (HARB): Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness listed below have been administratively approved. No Council action is needed.

➤ 113 N. Allegheny St. (Crider Exchange Building)- Re-roof on back side of building with same shingles that were previously approved.
➤ 113 N. Allegheny St. (Crider Exchange Building)- Replace heat pump on the flat roof on the backside of the building. Cannot be seen from street.
➤ 223 W. Curtin St.- Pour a concrete pad in front of garage, approximately 12'x25'
➤ 128 W. Howard St. (Trinity United Methodist Church)- Phased project as funding allows: Re-mortar brick with Bright White. The brick is a limestone wash.

NUISANCE CODES Report -
➤ Report will be available at the November 15 th Meeting
Short-Term Rental Ordinance Stakeholder Meeting Update
➤ Please read Gina's memo regarding this update – included in the Office of Community Affairs memo.
➤ Council may consider acting on recommendation to stay any issuing of Short-term rental permits until issues are resolved, pending advice from the borough solicitor
➤ Council may take action to outline any instructions, next steps, etc. for the consultant and the stakeholder group

REPORTS:

Please try to limit all reports/rebuttals/deliberations to three minutes maximum. If further deliberation is desired on any item, additional time will be placed on an upcoming work session or council agenda.

MAYOR—Tom Wilson

Stage at Talleyrand Operations Plan included with meeting materials. A brief presentation may be given to council on the plan. **Council may act on the Agreement or refer it to a committee.**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT—Joanne Tosti-Vasey

Attended Drive Electric Coalition meeting. **No council action is requested.**

BUILDING AND PROPERTY—Frank Halderman, Chair

Meeting with Enterprise to discuss lease proposal, to be rescheduled. **No action is requested at this time.**

FINANCE AND GOV'T PERFORMANCE—Deb Cleeton, Chair

Committee meeting held on Tuesday, October 26th. Notes included with meeting materials.

PA Historic Museum Commission/HARB recommending \$2500 be put in the 2022 budget as a local match for a \$27,000 grant for new HARB design guidelines. **Council may consider adding this amount, tentatively, to the 2022 budget pending final approval at their December meetings.**

The Committee discussed the creation of a LERTA District. A brief overview is planned for the work session. **Council may consider approval to seek legal advice from the borough solicitor**

PARK AND RECREATION—Melissa Hombosky, Chair

Talleyrand Park Ice Skating Rink Proposal – **Council may consider approval**

Talleyrand Park Volunteer to perform landscaping work (for Croquet) **Council may consider approval**

Committee Report included in packet

HUMAN RESOURCES—Jon Eaton, Chair

Non-uniform contract renewal terms are being clarified in writing. A tentative agreement for council consideration is forthcoming. **No action is requested at this time.**

Committee is working on a social media policy. **No action is requested at this time.**

Reminder – borough manager evaluations by council members due by November 15th. Please send them to the council president.

SAFETY—Randy Brachbill, Chair

Bellefonte Fire Department 2020-21 Statistics

WATER, REFUSE COLLECTION & COMPOST FACILITY—Doug Johnson, Chair

Authority meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 2nd at 6PM

Big Spring Cover design ideas being sought – In conjunction with the regular Authority meeting on November 2nd, the Authority will be taking public comment/input on design ideas for a new cover over the Big Spring. Comments/ideas will be received throughout the month of November.

Holiday (Veterans' day, Thanksgiving) schedule changes, end of Grass and Brush pickup, Musser Lane changes, Leaf Pickup Memo

STREETS—Mary Abbott, Chair

Committee meetings held

Diamond Safety Improvements public comment/input meetings – 6 PM Thursday, November 4th and 10:30 AM Saturday, November 6th. Comments will be received through the month of

November. A recording of the presentation given at the public meeting will be available on CNET's website and the borough's webpage. Citizens can also complete a survey, complete a comment form, send an email or letter to the borough. **No council action is requested.**

Vegetation in the Right of Way/ornamental plantings in the Right of Way – under review.
Council may consider action to clarify that the enforcement of the current ordinance is on hold until further notice

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION—Mike Prendergast, Chair

Environmental Advisory Review Board 1st meeting held – update by Joanne, Mary

ICLEA Cohort Training Meeting held on October 26th **FYI**

Solar United Nations (SUN) home tours in Bellefonte, State College, Boalsburg, and Philipsburg on Sunday, November 7th, 1- 3 PM. **FYI**

PA GreenGov Stakeholders meeting held on October 28th. See Joanne's notes included with meeting materials. **FYI**

The installer has been selected for the Centre County Solar & EV Co-op. **FYI**

PA DEP Energy E-newsletter for October. **FYI**

APPI Energy Newsletter. **FYI**

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Centre County Airport Authority Meeting held on October 28th – national pilots/crew shortage is having an impact on the number of flights per day. **FYI, no council action is requested.**

BOROUGH MANAGER—Ralph Stewart

Report for October will be provided at the next council meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Creek Watershed Commission response to Authority letter regarding "One Water Plan" Resolution – no response has been received as of Friday, October 29th.

Reimagine Appalachia Resolution No. 20211101-01. **Council Action Requested**

Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority letter to Municipalities October 2021

Borough's email system being moved to Outlook – Elected officials should contact Alyssa if having any problems. **FYI**

NEW BUSINESS

Bellefonte Borough Plan Amendments to increase Municipal Contribution Rate and Ordinance No. 20211101-01. **Council Action Requested**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (ORAL):

This Public Comment period is normally reserved for oral comments regarding items not listed on this meeting agenda. Please state your name and address and the issue you are speaking about. Please try to limit comments to three minutes maximum.

ADJOURNMENT:

The council meeting will be adjourned at or as close as possible to 9:00 PM

TIME ____ PM