

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 18, 2021- 7:30 p.m.**  
**236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823**  
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The October 18, 2021 meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order by Mr. Randall Brachbill at 7:30 p.m.

Executive Session and Work Sessions were held prior to the meeting,

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mr. Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager  
Shawn Weaver, Police Chief  
Harry Brooks- Code Enforcement Officer

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**Additions to the Agenda:** Tosti-Vasey moved to repair the bridge in Talleyrand Park near the sculpture by the end of the year. Abbott seconded. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Nothing presented.

**Consent Agenda:** Cleeton moved to accept the Consent Agenda, excluding those items pulled. Johnson seconded. Eaton pulled the police report and indicated that in the future it should be treated as a separate agenda item. Motion carried.

Eaton moved to treat the police report as a separate item on the agenda in the future. Johnson seconded. Motion carried. Halderman inquired if the public had access to the police report. Weaver stated that the police could add it to their Facebook page. No names are mentioned in the report. Motion carried.

Cleeton moved to have Chief Weaver add the police report to the Facebook page for public information. Halderman seconded. Motion carried.

**Written Communications:** No Council action taken.

**Office of Community Affairs:**

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** October 11, 2021 PC Meeting minutes in the packet.

**HARB:** Next HARB meeting scheduled for October 26, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Nuisance Code report was received by Council.

**Mayor:** Monthly police report was received by Council.

**Council President:** No report

**Building and Property:** Committee meeting scheduled for October 27 re: Enterprise Lease

**Finance and Government Performance:** Cleeton gave report on committee meeting recently held.

Keplar Pool funding was briefly discussed. Ms. Tosti-Vasey moved to table this issue. Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

**Parks and Recreation:** Hombosky moved to replace the flooring of the bridge with stamped concrete behind the Big Spring between the figure 8 and sculpture garden and the Talleyrand Park Extension in the amount of \$7,800.00. Halderman seconded. Motion carried. The Stone pier in the Sculpture Garden is being replaced starting this week.

**Human Resources:** No Council action required.

**Safety:** No Council action required.

**Water/Refuse/Compost Facility:** Opening on Water Authority was discussed. There are two applicants. Big Spring cover project will be discussed at the next Authority meeting and public comments will be taken.

**Streets:** Tosti-Vasey moved to conditionally approve the Raider Reindeer 4K race pending fire police availability and approval by Spring Township. Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Halderman discussed notifying downtown businesses when there are road closures and parking restrictions. Wilson recommended contacting Gary Hoover at the Chamber and contact DBI, Inc.

**Energy and Environmental Conservation:** Tosti-Vasey moved to remove the resolution 20211018-01 from the table for discussion and approval as revised. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Questions and concerns about the resolution were addressed. The resolution was revised to remove the information dealing with coal mining and there were given additional clauses added to how it would positively impact Bellefonte. Brachbill discussed the resolution further. He does not understand how the Borough would put someone else's needs over those of the Borough and its residents. Cleeton stated that the first three issues in the document have nothing to do with climate change. Halderman discussed their mission statement. He does not think that the resolution has anything to do with the residents of Bellefonte. Johnson inquired about the history of the request for resolution approval. Tosti-Vasey confirmed that it was not solicited. Hombosky agreed with the resolution, but also agreed that the first paragraph was not applicable. Eaton suggested tightening up the verbiage and discussed better infrastructure. He would like to see it reworded again making it more applicable to the Borough's needs.

Eaton moved to table the resolution. Halderman seconded. Motion carried with one nay.

**Special Committee Reports:** Reports were received by Council on the PA State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Board of Directors meeting (Brachbill), PA State Association of Boroughs Trustee and PA State Association of Boroughs Fall Leadership Conference Meetings (via Stewart memos), Ad Hoc Committee discussion re rotating council leadership (Brachbill, Johnson, and Tosti-Vasey), and Bellefonte Area Industrial Development Authority (BAIDA) meeting (Holderman and Tosti-Vasey).

**Manager Report:** September 2021 report was received by Council.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Council action was required on Old Business items which included holiday parking, Diamond Area Safety Improvements public meetings, and Spring Creek Watershed One Water Plan resolution.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tosti-Vasey moved to table the cooperative agreement between DBI, Inc. and Talleyrand Bandshell Steering Committee and Borough of Bellefonte. The agreement will go back to the Ad Hoc committee to address the issues of long-term funding and maintenance. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Act 65 was discussed. Brachbill discussed the packet and believed that add-ons should be based on urgency. Friday at noon was used as a deadline prior. Tosti-Vasey moved to require that any additional agenda item requiring a decision by the council received after noon on the Friday before the council meeting could only be added to the agenda if it was time-sensitive. In other words, the additional agenda item can not wait until a subsequent meeting. Eaton seconded. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Halderman discussed the upcoming election.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Abbott moved to adjourn. Eaton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.