

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 2023- 7:30 p.m.

236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The May 1, 2023 meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (followed by a moment of silence)

III. MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Kent Bernier
Mr. Randall Brachbill
Ms. Deborah Cleeton
Ms. Barbara Dann
Mr. Douglas Johnson
Ms. Shawna McKean (Zoom)
Ms. Rita Purnell
Ms. Johanna Sedgwick
Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey
Mayor Buddy Johnson

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Mr. Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager
Ms. Gina Thompson, HARB Administrator

IV. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

NONE

V. PUBLIC COMMENT - Agenda and Non-Agenda/General Items and Comments

NONE

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you from Bellefonte Area Middle School to Local Police Department for support during the Active Shooter Threat incident. No council action needed.

Red Parking spaces complaint along Spring Street by the Moose. Council is gathering the public's concerns and will address this and other parking issues later this year.

Safety issues at the intersection of S. Penn Street and E. Bishop Street. The concern regarding the large container has been addressed and the line painting at the curb will be completed once it stops raining.

Central PA Native Plant Festival May 6, 2023. No council action needed.

Nighttime Visibility/Safety Webinar May 18, 2023 from 3-4:30 pm. No council action needed.

County Broadband Update. No council action needed.

Centre County Library & Historical Museum thank you for your ongoing support. No council action needed.

Dim the lights for birds at night! No council action needed.

How to stop birds from hitting your windows. No council action needed.

PennDOT SR 150 Construction Update. No council action needed. There have been no delays so far.

EMS Seminar Reminder. The seminar will be held on May 31st. No council action needed.

EnergyBiz Series: Solar for your Business or Nonprofit Seminar on May 4, 2023 at 4:00 PM in the Ferguson Township Building. No council action needed. These last two events will be presented on May 4 at the Ferguson Township Building and on June 8 at the Eric J. Barron Innovation Hub in State College. The borough has posted this series of events on the website and on our scrolling calendar at the municipal building.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda includes the following items:

<i>1. General</i>	General Council Meeting Minutes April 17, 2023
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*Brachbill motioned and Tosti-Vasey seconded to approve the consent agenda. No discussion.
Roll Call Vote. Motion carried.*

Mr. Kent Bernier	<i>yay</i>	Ms. Shawna McKean	<i>yay</i>
Mr. Randy Brachbill	<i>yay</i>	Ms. Rita Purnell	<i>yay</i>
Ms. Deb Cleeton	<i>yay</i>	Ms. Johanna Sedgwick	<i>yay</i>
Ms. Barbara Dann	<i>yay</i>	Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey	<i>yay</i>
Mr. Doug Johnson	<i>yay</i>		

VIII. REPORTS

Mayor Johnson

Proclamation: Centre Gives Days - May 10-11, 2023 presented to CentreGives.org.

- 200 local, Centre County non-profits will participate in this year's fundraiser.
- This fundraiser is in its 12th year of operation.
- There will be a final countdown party at Talleyrand Park on May 11 at 5:30 pm.

Proclamation: Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, US Postal Service Carriers - May 13, 2023

- Please set out non-perishable food items by your mailbox for carriers to collect.

Police – Chief Weaver
NONE

Office of Community Affairs (OCA)/Historical and Architectural Review Board (HARB)

1. Recommended for approval: NONE

2. Administrative Approvals: NONE

Planning Commission (NONE)

IX. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS

By a Thread Block Party on Bishop.

Brachbill motioned and Sedgwick seconded to approve bagging of meters 227-234 (8 spaces) on Saturday, July 22, 2023, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM for Food Vendors. Discussion included clarification of food vendors being present at the event. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Kent Bernier	yay	Ms. Shawna McKean	yay
Mr. Randy Brachbill	yay	Ms. Rita Purnell	yay
Ms. Deb Cleeton	yay	Ms. Johanna Sedgwick	yay
Ms. Barbara Dann	yay	Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey	yay
Mr. Doug Johnson	yay		

Bellefonte Borough/Centre County Borough’s Association approved, heading to full Resolutions & Policy Committee of PSAB. No council action needed.

Easterseals Walk With Me event June 10, 2023 in Talleyrand Park.

Tosti-Vasey motioned, and Bernier seconded to approve the proposed route within Talleyrand Park and allow free parking in the West lot and surrounding meters on Saturday, June 10th, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. Discussion included clarification that Easter Seals is NOT a Bellefonte-based non-profit and will therefore need to pay the reservation fee for both sides of Talleyrand Park. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Kent Bernier	yay	Ms. Shawna McKean	yay
Mr. Randy Brachbill	yay	Ms. Rita Purnell	yay
Ms. Deb Cleeton	yay	Ms. Johanna Sedgwick	yay
Ms. Barbara Dann	yay	Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey	yay
Mr. Doug Johnson	yay		

X. NEW BUSINESS

Parkview and Zion Road Traffic Light Design Proposal.

Cleeton motioned and Dann seconded to accept the proposal with the condition that the design phase is not started until the traffic impact of the planned elementary school along Airport Road is known and figured in. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Kent Bernier	yay	Ms. Shawna McKean	yay
Mr. Randy Brachbill	yay	Ms. Rita Purnell	yay
Ms. Deb Cleeton	yay	Ms. Johanna Sedgwick	yay
Ms. Barbara Dann	yay	Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey	yay
Mr. Doug Johnson	yay		

John Nastase Construction Application and Certificate for Payment for Governor’s Park Baseball Field Project.

Brachbill motioned and Dann seconded to remit payment to John Nastase Construction for the Governor’s Park Baseball Field Project. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Kent Bernier	yay	Ms. Shawna McKean	yay
Mr. Randy Brachbill	yay	Ms. Rita Purnell	yay
Ms. Deb Cleeton	yay	Ms. Johanna Sedgwick	yay
Ms. Barbara Dann	yay	Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey	yay
Mr. Doug Johnson	yay		

Cornhole Tournament at the Gamble Mill.

Purnell motioned and Cleeton seconded to approve the closure of Dunlap Street on June 3rd, 2023 from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM. The discussion included several questions about the motion. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Kent Bernier	yay	Ms. Shawna McKean	yay
Mr. Randy Brachbill	yay	Ms. Rita Purnell	yay
Ms. Deb Cleeton	yay	Ms. Johanna Sedgwick	yay
Ms. Barbara Dann	yay	Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey	yay
Mr. Doug Johnson	yay		

BIACC Annual Croquet Tournament.

Tosti-Vasey motioned and Dann seconded to approve the BIACC Annual Croquet Tournaments request to use the Extended Area of Talleyrand Park on June 25, 2023, from 10am-8pm, with a rain date of July 9, 2023. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Kent Bernier	yay	Ms. Shawna McKean	yay
Mr. Randy Brachbill	yay	Ms. Rita Purnell	yay
Ms. Deb Cleeton	yay	Ms. Johanna Sedgwick	yay
Ms. Barbara Dann	yay	Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey	yay
Mr. Doug Johnson	yay		

Bid Opening for Armory Building Project – Accessibility, Elevator, and Sprinkler System.

Brachbill motioned and Dann seconded to allow staff to review, approve and select the lowest responsible bid. Roll Call vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Kent Bernier	yay	Ms. Shawna McKean	yay
Mr. Randy Brachbill	yay	Ms. Rita Purnell	yay

Ms. Deb Cleeton	yay	Ms. Johanna Sedgwick	yay
Ms. Barbara Dann	yay	Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey	yay
Mr. Doug Johnson	yay		

There were 3 bids submitted for the Elevator installation (General/Mechanical Construction).

1. *TMG Builders - \$599,000*
2. *JC Orr & Son, INC - \$459,750*
3. *Veronesi Building & Remodeling - \$545,100*

There were 2 bids submitted for the electrical construction.

1. *Strouse Electric - \$143,245*
2. *PBCI Allen - \$175,500*

There were 3 bids submitted for the fire suppression system.

1. *Triangle Fire Protection INC - \$324,880*
2. *SA Communal - \$197,750*
3. *Moore Fire Protection INC - \$385,000*

Outdoor Adventure Expo request to hang a banner on the Veteran’s Bridge. The Centre Gives Banner will be hung until the late evening of May 11th or the morning of May 12th

Tosti-Vasey motioned and Cleeton seconded to allow the Outdoor Adventure Expo banner to be hung May 12th-May 21st. Roll Call vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Kent Bernier	yay	Ms. Shawna McKean	yay
Mr. Randy Brachbill	yay	Ms. Rita Purnell	yay
Ms. Deb Cleeton	yay	Ms. Johanna Sedgwick	yay
Ms. Barbara Dann	yay	Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey	yay
Mr. Doug Johnson	yay		

Shantel Cable Franchise. Consider approval of the Engagement Letter to have the Cohen Law Group assist the Borough in the completion of a franchise agreement with Shantel Cable.

Dann motioned and Sedgwick seconded to approve the engagement as stated. Roll Call vote. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Kent Bernier	yay	Ms. Shawna McKean	yay
Mr. Randy Brachbill	yay	Ms. Rita Purnell	yay
Ms. Deb Cleeton	yay	Ms. Johanna Sedgwick	yay
Ms. Barbara Dann	yay	Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey	yay
Mr. Doug Johnson	yay		

XI. COUNCIL COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Members made comments regarding Borough announcements, issues, and projects/improvements.

Brachbill thanked Bernier for his trivia questions.

Sedgwick discussed Centre Gives. She encouraged residents to give for this drive.

Mr. Stewart is looking forward to the trivia questions.

Mr. Holderman offered comments on the recent Celebration of the million-dollar grant for the Bandshell project

Mayor Johnson reminded the community about the Community Cookout on Wednesday, May 24, 11-2 pm at the corner of Allegheny and High Streets, sponsored by Giant.

Tosti-Vasey commented that May 13, 2023, is the Spring Migration Celebration for World Bird Migration Day. There are 2 celebration days for this event. The Spring celebration day is always the second Saturday in May. The fall migration celebration is always the second Saturday in October, which will be 10/14/2023 this year. This year's theme is "Water sustains bird life." She presented the recommendations from the US Fish and Wildlife Service on how individuals can manage their water resources to protect a healthy aquatic ecosystem.

Purnell asked for an update on the hazardous materials transport on our local railways. There have been no updates. She also asked about the flashing lights in school zones in our area.

Bernier asked trivia questions to Council members.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.