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**Bellefonte Borough**  
**Council Business Meeting**  
**7:30 PM Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Council Chambers**

**AGENDA**

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**ATTEND VIRTUALLY**- Please contact the Borough via email: [boro@bellefontepa.gov](mailto:boro@bellefontepa.gov) or phone: 814-355-1501 before 4:00 PM on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to receive the Zoom Link to the meeting.

**I. 7:30 PM CALL TO ORDER**

*Welcome everyone to the Bellefonte Borough Council business meeting.*

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

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| Mr. Bernier, <i>Vice-President, North Ward</i> | Ms. McKean, <i>West Ward</i>      |  |
| Mr. Brachbill, <i>South Ward</i>               | Ms. Purnell, <i>North Ward</i>    |  |
| Ms. Cleeton, <i>South Ward</i>                 | Ms. Sedgwick, <i>West Ward</i>    |  |
| Ms. Dann, <i>South Ward</i>                    | Ms. Tosti-Vasey, <i>West Ward</i> |  |
| Mr. Johnson, <i>President, North Ward</i>      | Mayor Johnson, <i>At Large</i>    |  |

**IV. 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. The Council can act on matters relating to potential or real emergencies. Council may add a matter of agency business to its agenda through a majority vote. The 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.*

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT (Oral)**

*This Public Comment period is for oral comments regarding any action items listed on this meeting agenda or any comments in general. No deliberations will be entered into by Council at this time. Please sign in, come to the podium at the appropriate time, and state your name and address and which item you are speaking about. Please try to limit comments to three minutes maximum.*

## VI. COMMUNICATIONS (written)

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| Drought Watch remains in place across Pennsylvania. <b>FYI, no Council action is needed.</b>   |
| Written Comments on the Centre Region Rental Housing and Building Safety Code Ordinance. <b>FYI, no Council action is needed.</b>  |
| Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Safety Group Dividend Program. <b>FYI, no Council action is needed.</b>  |
| Thank you to Officers Brower and Luse from Ed Mann pertaining to a Welfare Check. <b>FYI, no Council action is needed.</b>   |
| Mr. Demartino's concerns within the Borough. <b>Council may consider action.</b>   |
| CATA 2023 Fall service changes effective Thursday, August 17, 2023. <b>FYI, no Council action is needed.</b>   |
| Trinity United Methodist Church requests Borough Council consider adding language to the Commercial Zoning Ordinance to allow the use of temporary emergency shelters /ground floor residential. <b>Council may consider action.</b>                     |
| Downtown Bellefonte Inc. (DBI) Bellefonte Under the Lights event involving Street Closures, Use of Parking Lot, alcohol vendors (potentially) request for October 20, 2023. <b>Staff can review this application and come back with recommendations.</b> |

## VII. 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*

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| General | Council Meeting Minutes July 17, 2023 |
| Finance | Stover McGlaughlin Invoice July 2023  |
| Finance | Budget v. Actual July 2023            |
| Finance | Budget V. Actual Summary July 2023    |
| Finance | Treasurer's Report July 2023          |
| Finance | Voucher Summary July 2023             |

**Call for a motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Consent Agenda**

## VIII. REPORTS

| <i>Please try to limit all reports/rebuttals/deliberations to three minutes maximum.</i>                                  |                    |           |
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| DEPARTMENT  | OFFICIAL/<br>STAFF | REPORT    |
| Mayor   | Mayor Johnson      | Verbal    |
| Office of Community Affairs (OCA)   | Ms. Thompson       | Submitted |
| 1. Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB)<br><b>Upcoming meeting: August 8, 2023, at 8:30 via Zoom (link in Memo)</b> |                    |           |
| 2. Zoning – See memo  |                    |           |

## IX. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS

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| Centre County Courthouse Wall Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin mid-October 2023. <b>FYI, no Council action is needed.</b>   |
| Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) Sustainability Survey Letters to Community Members were mailed out on Friday, August 4, 2023. <b>FYI, no Council action is needed.</b>   |
| Rental Housing Ordinance No. 08072023-01. <b>Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Rental Housing Ordinance No. 08072023-01 with any stated changes or as presented.</b>   |
| Shentel Cable Franchise Agreement and Resolution No. 08072023-01. <b>Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to conditionally approve the Shentel Cable Franchise Agreement with any conditions or as presented. Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Shentel Cable Resolution No. 08072023-01.</b> |

South Potter Street Railroad Spur Title Search. Borough Solicitor has indicated that the title search is clean. Staff recommends if the purchase is approved, that it be conditional upon obtaining an Agreement with Bellefonte Historical Railroad Society regarding any joint uses and path connections to the spur. **Consider a motion to purchase the spur from SEDA-COG JRA with the tracks in place for a cost of \$18,932.00 or without the tracks in place.**

Governor's Park Baseball Field signage. **Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to place signage at the Baseball field indicating fine if used without Borough Permission.**

2023 Paving update- Paving in the Borough is delayed until late September. **FYI, no Council action is needed.**

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

Donald Townsend Volunteer Application for Civil Service Commission 6-year Alternate Vacancy. **Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to appoint Donald Townsend to the Civil Service Commission as an alternate.**

Bid Opening for South Spring Street Streetscape Project. **Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to allow staff to review, approve and select the lowest responsible bid.**

Bellefonte Elementary School Municipal Notification of Planned Land Development for Chapter 102 Permit. **FYI, no Council action is needed.**

## **XI. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

*Please try to limit all comments/rebuttals to three minutes maximum.*

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**The Council Code of Conduct and the 2023 List of Goals/action items will be included with each Agenda.**