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**6:30 PM, Executive Session – Personnel Matters,  
Small Conference Room**

**Borough of Bellefonte Council Work Session  
7:00-7:25 PM, Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
In-Person, Large Room  
301 N. Spring St, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER – Council President Bernier**

**II. WELCOMING COMMENTS / OPENING REMARKS:**

- A) Welcome everyone to the Bellefonte Borough Council Work Session. No council action (making motions or approvals) is taken during work sessions.
- B) Trivia Question – Council Vice President Barb Dann

**III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

*Note – All Times are approximate*

- A) PSAB Resolutions– **15 Minutes**
- B) Council Chambers Layout– **5 Minutes**
- C) Compost Facility – policy for residents who want to load compost into their vehicles – **5 Minutes**

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

The Borough Council Business Meeting is scheduled to start at 7:30 PM.



# 2020 – 2023 PSAB Resolutions



**Bellefonte Borough Council Packet April 1, 2024**  
**2020 PSAB RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 2020-01**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislation to create a blight remediation grant program managed through the Pa Department of Community and Economic Development.

**RESOLUTION 2020-03**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek restoration of allocations for the Volunteer Fire Relief Fund within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**RESOLUTION 2020-04**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislation ensuring availability of rural broadband within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**RESOLUTION 2020-05**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB support the recommendations provided by the Senate Resolution 6 final committee report within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, except those that place mandates on borough government, or decrease transparency.

**RESOLUTION 2020-06**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislation amending the PA Open Records Laws to allow for a fair, recuperative fee to be charged for labor and time spent on non-constituent requests.

**RESOLUTION 2020-07**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the PSAB support legislative efforts to increase Prevailing Wage thresholds while including provisions for future adjustments and allowing certain municipal and education exemptions within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**RESOLUTION 2020-08**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB support legislation providing certain exemptions to cyber charter school funding and establishing limitations on tuition and fees for full-time public-school cyber programs within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**RESOLUTION 2020-09**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB support legislation for use of Radar and similar technology for speed enforcement with municipal and regional police departments throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**RESOLUTION 2017-2 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB support SB 159 and similar legislation which requires home improvement contractors to provide proof of worker's compensation insurance thereby protecting the levels of the Uninsured Employer's Guarantee Fund.

**RESOLUTION 2017-3 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB support legislation charging municipalities over 4,000 in population utilizing state police service a per person fee.

**RESOLUTION 2017-4 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek to protect municipalities from additional EPA regulations (MS-4 permitting) on the Chesapeake Bay initiatives.



**RESOLUTION 2017-5 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislation on funding for municipalities who have county, state and federal facilities in their communities that are exempt from taxation.

**RESOLUTION 2017-6 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB support legislation amending Local Option Small Games of Chance law (Act 92-2013) to remove the aggregated monetary prize limit.

**RESOLUTION 2017-8 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB continue to pursue legislation enabling electronic speed control devices such as radar & lidar for purposes of speed control by municipal police agencies.

**RESOLUTION 2017-9 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB continue to seek legislation increasing compensation schedules for elected borough officials which have not been revised for over 21 years.

**RESOLUTION 2017-10 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB oppose any efforts by Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) providers or communications tower/antenna contractors to exempt these facilities from municipal land use and rights of way regulation or to grant them utility status or right to the use of eminent domain.

**RESOLUTION 2017-11 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB calls on the PA General Assembly to re-evaluate the Covered Devices Recycling Act of 2010 and seek changes to help correct its failure to foster recycling of electronic devices by residents by removing the manufacturer's weight quota or temporarily lifting the landfill disposal ban until a better solution is enacted.

**RESOLUTION 2017-12 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislation authorizing counties or councils of governments to levy reasonable fees on waste generated within their borders to pay for these required recycling programs.

**RESOLUTION 2017-13 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislation that would implement a \$15 fee to amend Act 45/1999 to increase the current fee on construction or building permits to remediate blight in Pennsylvania communities.

**RESOLUTION 2017-14 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislation to provide funding for the provision of registration plate reader technology to be used for local law enforcement needs.

**RESOLUTION 2017-15 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB support, protect and defend those boroughs of the commonwealth that own, operate and maintain not for profit community electric systems from any federal, state or county legislation leading to burdensome, unnecessary and expensive regulation; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that PSAB vigorously oppose any legislative, regulatory or policy measure that seeks to manage the internal affairs, finances and interests of locally elected borough officials and their communities.

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**2021 PSAB RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 2021-01**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB oppose Senate Bill 597 and any of its legislative language which amends either Title 27 (Environmental Resources) or Title 66 (Public Utilities).

**RESOLUTION 2021-02**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislation amending Title 8 (Borough Code) to remove the civil service process requirements in Chapter 11, subchapter J.

**RESOLUTION 2021-03**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB support House Bill 1702 and similar legislation that would establish a Tax-Exempt Property Municipal Assistance Fund.

**RESOLUTION 2021-04**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislation amending the Pennsylvania Land Bank Law by removing the population threshold of 10,000 or more residents in order to establish a land bank.

**RESOLUTION 2018-01 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB pursue legislation to amend the Municipal Claims and Tax Liens Law to clarify municipalities' authority to lien real property for unpaid utility rates including storm water fees.

**RESOLUTION 2018-02 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB support legislation to help stem the fiscal crisis in Pa. communities by enabling taxpayer equity and providing a reliable source of revenue through state reimbursement of tax-exempt properties.

**RESOLUTION 2018-03 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB support legislation requiring municipalities with a population of 3,500 or greater to pay for State Police coverage, form their own police departments or contract for regional services.

**RESOLUTION 2018-04 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB support the Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of Pennsylvania in its efforts to establish the use of Municipal Police Radar and other electronic technologies for the purpose of safe vehicular traffic in all of our commonwealth municipalities.

**RESOLUTION 2018-05 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek to protect municipalities from additional EPA regulation (MS-4 permitting) for the Chesapeake Bay initiatives which is causing serious budgeting problems for municipalities.

**RESOLUTION 2018-06 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB continue to seek legislation that addresses the costs for municipal police court appearance and fines associated labor expense.

**RESOLUTION 2018-07 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislation amending the PA Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) that:

- Permit a single, substantive review that would include the use, design and engineering details of a development and provide for one public input opportunity and local approval action;
- Provide for one, consolidated hearing in which all land development and zoning matters associated with a development application can be considered;
- Provide for a formalized review process be established where coordinator would oversee joint state and local agency reviews;
- Intergovernmental agreement be encouraged to create a single, shared review and approval process for subdivision and land development projects;
- The Commonwealth take a leadership role in providing technical assistance to promote the creation of a joint local land development review process.

**RESOLUTION 2018-08 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB pursue legislation amending Section 1202 of The Borough Code to:

- Specify the required NIMS training for Council Members;
- Specify the appointment and certification of the EMC and Deputy EMC;
- Specify requirement of NIMS in emergency management preparedness;
- Specify the requirements of Emergency Operation Plans (EOP) and Incident Action Plans (IAP) and their biannual reviews and updates.

**RESOLUTION 2018-09 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislation that lost wages be included as a part of the actual expenses may be reimbursed to the EMC/ Deputy EMC for mandator certification training and on-site coordination of an actual disaster.

**RESOLUTION 2018-10 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB oppose any efforts which eliminates the local earned income tax collection districts authorized under Act 32 and replace it with a statewide collection system.

**RESOLUTION 2018-11 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislation to increase the \$25,000 threshold at which the Prevailing Wage Law currently applies, to an inflation adjusted amount of at least \$200,000 and continue to adjust for inflation in future years and to; alternatively allow local governments and school districts to opt out of or be exempt from prevailing wage law requirements.

**RESOLUTION 2018-13 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that PSAB seek legislation amending current elections laws, to allow the county Election and Voter Registration Office, the county Board of Elections and the President Judge of each county to oversee the Local Municipal Election petition challenges and appeals, simplifying the process and improving constituent confidence in a free, fair and open election process.

**RESOLUTION 2018-15 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislation to clarify that financial institutions holding mortgages have a vested right in any property for which they hold a mortgage and therefore can be held responsible for the maintenance and condition of the property and for any violations regarding the same when a property becomes the responsibility of a financial institution.

**RESOLUTION 2018-16 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB oppose any legislation that would strip municipalities of their legal authority to regulate wireless facilities both within and outside the public rights-of-way, limit a municipality's ability to negotiate and collect reasonable fees for collocation on municipal infrastructure, or mandate municipal cooperation.

**RESOLUTION 2018-17 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB oppose any legislation that would require municipalities to permit full-time police officers to purchase pension credit for prior part-time or full-time police service that the officers provided to another police department.

**RESOLUTION 2018-18 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB oppose efforts to eliminate the local earned income tax collection districts authorized under Act 32 of 2008 and replace with a statewide collection mechanism.

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**2022 PSAB RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 2022-01**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that PSAB encourage the Pennsylvania Legislature and appropriate Commonwealth agencies to determine the feasibility of developing a state-wide public notice database to for local governments to post required notices; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the development of this public notice database should be an expanded partnership to all political subdivisions, municipal service providers, and media stakeholders to maximize transparency and minimize taxpayer dollars required to operate the public notice database.

**RESOLUTION 2022-02**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that PSAB seek legislation amending Pa Local Tax Collection Law to enable taxing districts to change the elected tax collector's compensation annually instead of once every four years.

**RESOLUTION 2022-03**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that PSAB support Senate Bill 382 and any similar legislation which would prevent PennDOT's Pathway's Major Bridge P3 initiative from implementation.

**RESOLUTION 2022-04**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that PSAB seek legislation to repeal Act 43 of 2017 which authorized the sale, purchase and possession of consumer fireworks by Pennsylvania residents.

**RESOLUTION 2022-05**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that PSAB seek PADEP policy changes enabling the use of alternate wastewater disposal systems.

**RESOLUTION 2022-10**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commonwealth restore specific allocations for the Volunteer Fire Relief Fund.

**RESOLUTION 2022-11**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that PSAB support specific action to ensure availability of rural broadband within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**RESOLUTION 2022-12**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that PSAB support legislation enabling the use of Radar/Lidar and other speed enforcement technology by municipal police within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**RESOLUTION 2022-13**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that PSAB seek legislation to allow local municipalities to enact ordinances concerning the land application of biosolids (including both Class A and Class B); and further be it

**RESOLVED** that this legislation allow municipalities to adopt regulations that address provisions for the land application of biosolids near perennial or intermittent streams, occupied dwellings, exceptional value wetlands, seasonal high-water tables, regional groundwater tables, steep slopes of 15% or greater. Also include provisions for adopting a process to notify adjoining landowners of properties where the land application of biosolids is proposed; for water quality testing of biosolids materials for contaminants; for water quality sampling of PA DEP streams where biosolids are applied on lands for the purpose of laboratory analysis of temperature, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, pH, Total Phosphorus, Total Suspended Solids, Ammonia, Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen, Nitrate/Nitrite Nitrogen, Biochemical Oxygen Demand, Total Organic Carbon, Surfactants, Copper, Fecal Coliform Bacteria, and Escherichia Coliform Bacteria; to prohibit the use of biosolids by a municipal water/sewer authority on preserved farmland; establish limits for perfluoro octane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) concerning the land application of biosolids; and finally to incorporate state watershed standards and regulations, as applicable to local municipalities (ex. Delaware River Basin Commission standards).

**Resolution 2019-01 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislation on funding for municipalities who have a proven population decline in their communities; and be it further  
**RESOLVED** that PSAB encourage boroughs to explore opportunities that create tax breaks for new homeowners building new homes; and be it further  
**RESOLVED** that PSAB encourage boroughs to explore opportunities that create tax breaks for existing homeowners buying and renovating blighted properties.

**Resolution 2019-02 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislation that provides sources of revenue for municipalities working to eliminate blighted and abandoned properties.

**Resolution 2019-03 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek an amendment to the PA Open Records Law to exclude the personal information of local government agency employees and to allow for a fair, recuperative fee to be charged for labor time spent on non-constituent requests.

**Resolution 2019-04 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislation amending the PA State Highway Law to require equitable treatment of boroughs in the maintenance of State roads and highways in boroughs; and be it further  
**RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislative, regulatory or policy change to the effect that PennDOT be responsible for costs related to maintenance of all storm sewer inlets and pipes on or below state roads and highways in boroughs.

**Resolution 2019-05 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB support the Governor's \$4.5 billion budget proposal entitled "Restore PA" provided that the current Local Impact Fee is not eliminated.

**Resolution 2019-07 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the PSAB support legislative efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizen redistricting commission.

**Resolution 2019-08 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB support legislation that addresses above-ground versus underground public utility facilities in the Commonwealth, including the jurisdiction of the Public Utility Commission and its interaction with borough council's powers; and be it further  
**RESOLVED** that PSAB support legislative proposals addressing unused and/or abandoned utility facilities in municipal owned rights-of-way requiring their removal; and be it further  
**RESOLVED** that such legislation would establish requirements for removal of unused and/or abandoned utility facilities within a reasonable amount of time following abandonment/cease of use.

**Resolution 2019-09 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB urges Congress to allocate \$148.5 million for the Historic Preservation Fund in its FY 2020 Interior Appropriations bill.

**Resolution 2019-10 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB urges the PA General Assembly to increase the Keystone Communities Program line item in the DCED budget to \$15 million.

**Resolution 2019-12 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that PSAB urges the Pennsylvania Legislature and municipalities across the state to decriminalize small amounts of marijuana instead of legalizing recreational marijuana.

**Resolution 2019-13 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that PSAB support legislation and administrative measures at both federal and commonwealth levels strengthening Do-Not-Call registry programs.

**Resolution 2019-14 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB supports the current countywide system for Earned Income Tax collection as provided for under Act 32 of 2008; and be it further **RESOLVED** that PSAB oppose any effort by the PA Department of Revenue in assuming any future role in the Earned Income Tax collection process.

**Resolution 2019-15 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislative remedy in the current Right-to-Know Law to clarify its definitions in law of the terms “harass” and “overburden”; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that a venue of remedy for a public body to solicit relief from the Office of Open Records, the Courts, or a designated Commission to address those who could be recognized as a “Vexatious Requester.”

**Resolution 2019-16 (RA-22)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB oppose **House Bill 349** and any similar legislative proposal to the UCC which places additional and unnecessary unfunded mandates on municipalities.

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**PSAB 2023 RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 2023-01**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislation to amend Pa. CSA Section 8818 (b-1) to assess the land in the municipality in which it actually lies when land is divided by the boundary lines of a township and a city, a township and a borough or a township and a town, and the mansion house is located in the township.

**RESOLUTION 2023-02**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB urge the Pa General Assembly to amend the Insurance Company Law by repealing Act 84 of 2015 and require insurance carriers to reimburse the ambulance companies directly for 911 emergency medical services provided regardless of whether the EMS agency is part of the insurance carrier's network.

**RESOLUTION 2023-03**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek the reauthorization of 911 Law for another term and provide a funding formula that adequately supports current county needs and also ensures that funding sources and distribution support needs into the future; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that state funding be provided for newer technologies and GIS data to ensure NG911 is properly supported and maintained.

**RESOLUTION 2023-04**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislation among other remedies the removal of the advertising in a newspaper of General Circulation requirements for the Pa. Borough Code; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that advertising be permitted electronically or in a database administered by the Commonwealth which would levy a nominal fee.

**RESOLUTION 2023-06**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB seek legislation enabling all municipal police to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pa State Police.

**RESOLUTION 2023-07**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the PSAB support legislative efforts to streamline the process for waterway maintenance which will clarify which stream maintenance activities do and do not need pre-approval from the Pa Department of Environmental Protection and also makes clear which agencies do and do not have authority over this process.

**RESOLUTION 2023-08**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB support legislation enacting further increases to the reimbursement rates for Medicare and Medicaid ambulance transportation services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Pa General Assembly take additional action that would help alleviate the reimbursement of services to ambulance service companies, including decreasing the loaded mile requirement for Medical Assistance reimbursement.

**RESOLUTION 2023-09**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that PSAB support legislation creating a stormwater and landslide relief insurance program through the Pa Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for municipalities and other local municipal entities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that PSAB support expanding the mandate of the Pennvest loan program to include stormwater and landslide relief in the event remediation is not covered by the insurance program.



**RESOLUTION 2023-12**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that PSAB support legislation to amend Right-to-Know law to define terms such as “harass” and “overburden”, to provide a remedy for relief from vexatious requesters as well as provide a remedy for relief and/or appropriate fees and reasonable response times to address commercial data miners.

**RESOLUTION 2023-13**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that PSAB supports legislation enacting a fee system for State Police coverage for municipalities greater than 3,500 in population who do not have their own Police Services.

**RESOLUTION 2023-14**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that PSAB urge the Pa. State Legislature to increase funding for police, fire, and EMS services and to amend municipal and county codes to allow for county-wide solutions and economies-of-scale.

**RESOLUTION 2023-15**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that PSAB urge the Pa. State Legislature to formally require PennDOT to maintain all stormwater collection systems found in their State Route Right-of-ways, regardless of being located in a borough or township.

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# Advancing the Priorities of Pennsylvania's Boroughs



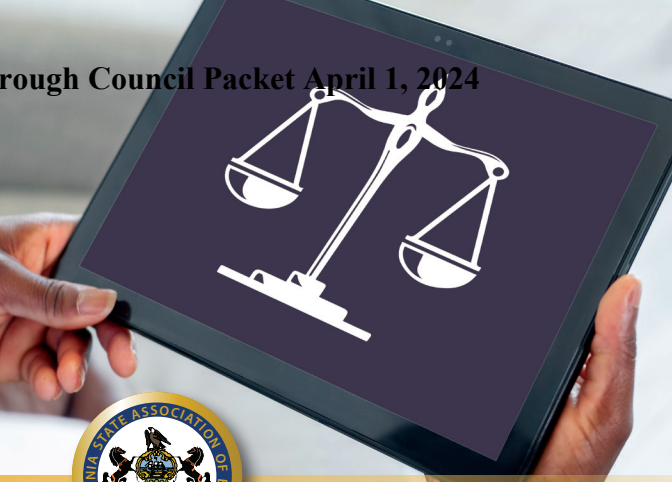
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# Impacting and Affecting Change

**Advocacy** is critical to the mission of the Association. Since 1911, the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) has sought to preserve, promote, and advance legislation and public policy in the best interests of the Commonwealth's borough communities.

Through past efforts, PSAB helped to:

- Enact and codify a renewed Borough Code.
- Advocate for Right-to-Know Law reforms.
- Establish measures to eliminate blight by advocating for the creation of land banks and increased funding for blight remediation.
- Seek relief from unfunded mandates.



## Borough Code Changes & Local Decision Making

PSAB seeks legislation to revise compensation schedules and rates for elected officials, which have not been raised in over 25 years. [Resolutions 2017-9 & 2016-3](#)

PSAB supports an amendment to Section 1141 of the Borough Code adding the ability of borough council to appoint a person, a partnership, association, or corporation as the borough manager. [Resolution 2014-5](#)

PSAB supports legislation to clarify that boroughs do not need to bid traffic signal maintenance and repair contracts when using Liquid Fuels funds.

PSAB supports legislation to raise the current cap on real estate property tax millage for general borough purposes from its ceiling of 30 mills to 35 mills. [Resolution 2014-6](#)





## 2023-24 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### Right-to-Know Law, Legal Advertising, & Sunshine Law

PSAB supports measures to correct unintended consequences of the Right-to-Know Law on municipalities, including allowing boroughs to charge for commercial requests; allowing for a 10-day response time; and clarifying that bank numbers and passwords are private. PSAB also seeks relief from vexatious – or burdensome – requests. *Resolutions 2019-3; 2019-15; and 2014-9*

Because newspapers of general circulation are diminishing and failing to publish on a regular basis, PSAB supports allowing the option for municipalities to electronically publish meeting notices on their website to comply with the Sunshine Law. *Resolutions 2014-11, 2022-01*

PSAB opposes any measures that would further restrict the use of executive sessions and require those sessions to be recorded.

### Stormwater, Infrastructure and Community Development, & Technology

PSAB continues to advance the expansion of broadband technology into rural and underserved areas.

PSAB seeks legislation to amend the PA State Highway Law to mandate PennDOT maintain all stormwater infrastructure servicing state roads in borough communities. *Resolutions 2019-4 and 2016-5*

PSAB supports legislation that would allow boroughs to assess fees for stormwater management activities, without the need to establish a municipal authority. *Resolution 2020-05*

### Public Safety

PSAB advocates for legislative remedies addressing recruitment and retention, training, and funding of fire and emergency medical service providers. PSAB supports select recommendations put forth through the Senate Resolution 6 Commission. *Resolution 2016-11*

PSAB supports legislation to charge municipalities larger than 3,500 in population a per-person fee for utilizing state police services. *Resolution 2018-03*

PSAB has long advocated the use of radar by municipal police and will continue to advocate for this tool as responsible speed timing technology. *Resolutions 2022-12, 2018-4; 2017-8; 2016-2; 2015-18; & 2014-2*



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## 2023-24 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### Recycling

PSAB seeks remedies to the Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010 to allow new options for recycling bulky electronic waste like TVs and computers. *Resolution 2016-7*

PSAB supports legislation authorizing boroughs to levy reasonable fees to pay for mandated recycling programs under Act 101.

### Labor Mandates

PSAB seeks legislation to amend the Prevailing Wage Law to exempt roadway milling maintenance on local roads. PSAB also seeks to increase the threshold to \$200,000 with an annual indexing mechanism. *Resolutions 2020-07, 2018-11; 2016-12; & 2015-8*

PSAB supports legislation to reform the Policemen and Firemen Collective Bargaining – Act 111 – and split the cost of arbitration between parties to level the playing field in contract negotiations. *Resolutions 2015-10 & 2014-12*

PSAB advocates for legislation to address costs for municipal police court appearances and fine-associated labor expenses, which have not increased in years. These fines do not cover labor costs for officers to enforce these laws, especially if they go to court. *Resolutions 2018-6 & 2016-10*

PSAB seeks legislation to remove the Civil Service mandates when hiring borough police officers. *Resolution 2021-02*

Visit PSAB's website, [boroughs.org/legislative](https://boroughs.org/legislative) for tools to help you be an advocate for your borough.

**Legislative Priorities & the Resolutions Process** – Read more about the Association's legislative priorities and the resolutions process. Here, you can also read the Municipal Policy Statement, the Association's public policy document of record.

**Advocacy Action Network** – Join the PSAB Advocacy Action Network to receive text and email alerts about important legislative measures.

**Bills to Watch** – Learn about legislation moving through the legislature that could impact your borough and get a recap on past bills enacted into law.

**Testimony** – Learn about what PSAB staff and members have said about legislative measures being debated before the General Assembly.

**Links of Interest** – Get connected to state and federal agencies and programs.





# LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

**Act 41 of 2022** codifies procedures for municipal boundary change and enables municipalities to use a simplified process to change boundaries.

**Act 53 of 2022** increases the allocation of the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax returned to volunteer firefighter relief associations. *Resolutions 2016-13; 2020-03; 2022-10*

**Act 58 of 2022** provides local governments with the option to abate property taxes to encourage the development of affordable housing.

**Act 84 of 2022** stops the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) from imposing new tolls on existing bridges with a Public-Private Transportation Partnership (P3) and reforms the P3 process. *Resolution 2022-03*

**Act 96 of 2022** establishes the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority to develop a statewide broadband plan and distribute federal infrastructure revenue for broadband deployment. *Resolutions 2020-04; 2022-11*

**Act 28 of 2020** allows boroughs having an at-large system with no wards and less than 3,000 in population to reduce the number of council members. *Resolution 2017-7*

**Act 58 of 2020** amends the Urban Redevelopment Law to allow all municipalities, regardless of size, the ability to create a redevelopment authority. *Resolution 2019-06*

**Act 61 of 2020** allows local taking authorities to provide a tax exemption for up to 10 years for any improvements and new construction on blighted properties in deteriorated areas. *Resolution 2019-1*

**Act 101 of 2020** permits boroughs to use condemnation orders on properties unfit for human habitation or are structurally dangerous to adjacent properties. *Resolution 2019-2*

**Act 48 of 2019** requires a referendum to allow voters to choose if their municipality would stay completely dry, allow limited sales, or convert to wet. *Resolution 2017-16*





## Join the PSAB Advocacy Action Network.

The PA State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) has launched its new Advocacy Action Network.

Using this new system, PSAB can send text and email alerts to engage members in legislative outreach.

PSAB will use this system to send out action alerts asking members to act on a specific bill; to inform members about critical public policy issues; and to put members in contact with their legislators. Signing up for these alerts allows your voice to be heard in Harrisburg and Washington, DC.

However, you must opt-in to receive these alerts. To do so, please text **PSABSIGNUP** to **52886**.

If you have any questions, please contact [actnow@boroughs.org](mailto:actnow@boroughs.org).

**PSAB looks forward to engaging you in the PSAB Advocacy Action Network.**

## Make Your Voice Heard.

Your borough or County Borough Association (CBA) can help to develop the Association's legislative priorities by submitting resolutions for consideration to the PA State Association of Boroughs.

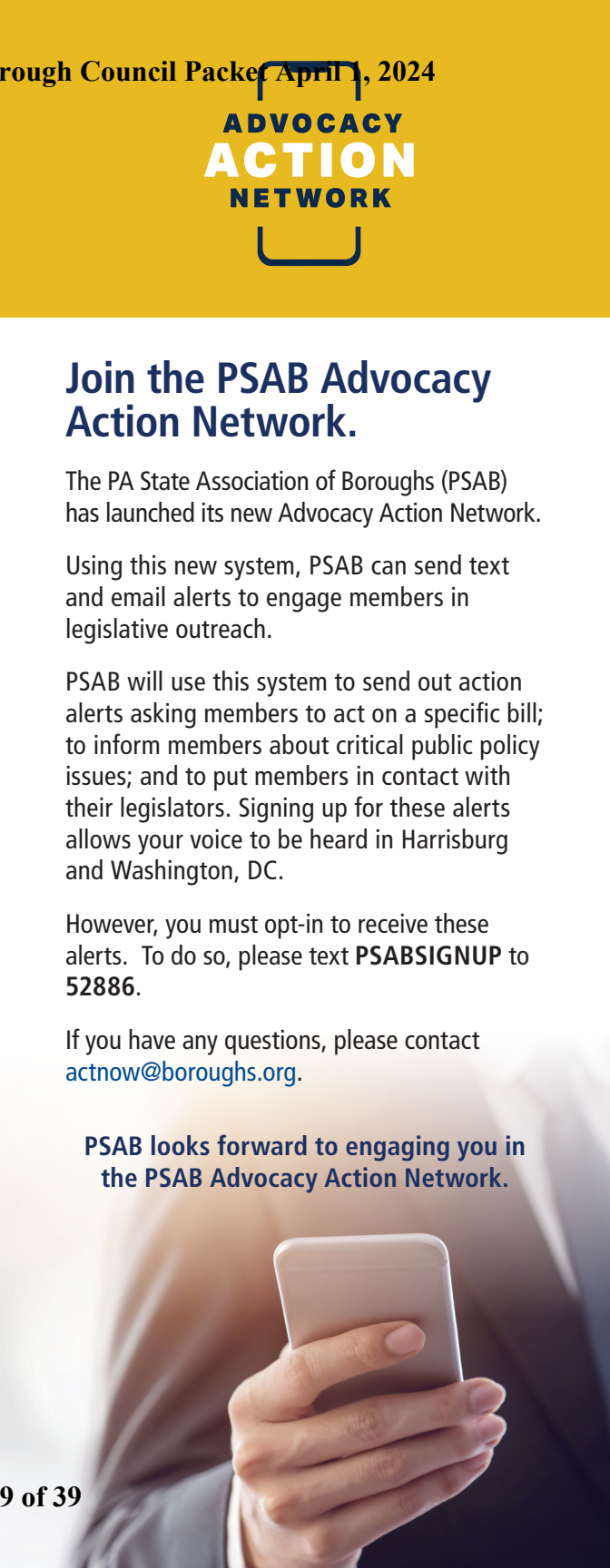
Resolutions should advocate for or against legislation, regulation, or policy and should offer clear language expressing the intent of the resolution.

**The deadline to submit resolutions to PSAB is April 5, 2023.**

CBAs have an important role in appointing members to the Resolutions & Policy Committee.

Each borough in attendance at the PSAB Annual Conference can also appoint a voting delegate to vote on resolutions and other Association business.

To learn more about the PSAB resolutions process; to view the 2023 resolutions timeframe; or to view sample resolutions, visit [boroughs.org/legislative](http://boroughs.org/legislative).



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**6:30 PM, Executive Session – Personnel Matters, Small Conference Room**

**Bellefonte Borough Council Business Meeting**  
**7:30 PM, Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**  
**In-Person, Large Room**  
**301 N. Spring St, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

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**AGENDA**

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

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

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

**VI. 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.*

**VII. COMMUNICATIONS (written)**

Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority Municipal Report for February 2024. **FYI, no council action is needed.**  
 The Centre County Active Transportation Plan Public Engagement period begins March 19 and runs through May 3, 2024. The CCMPO invites you and the public to participate in filling out the survey and utilizing the web mapping application on the project website at: <https://ccatpcentrecog.hub.arcgis.com> **FYI, no council action is needed.**

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

*All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered 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 February 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
Finance	Stover McGlaughlin Invoice March 2024

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

**IX. REPORTS**

*Please limit all reports/rebuttals/deliberations to three minutes maximum.*

DEPARTMENT	OFFICIAL/ STAFF	REPORT
Mayor ➤ Proclamation Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month	Mayor Johnson	Submitted
Jr. Council Member ➤ April 2024 Report	Mr. Larson	Submitted
Office of Community Affairs (OCA) ➤ The Monday, April 8, 2024 Planning Commission meeting has been canceled due to there being no projects for review. ➤ The next HARB meeting is Tuesday, April 10 at 8:30 a.m., in the large meeting room of the Armory Building ➤ The Zoning Hearing Board will hear a variance request on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the large meeting room of the Armory Building. <i>See Memo for additional information.</i>	Ms. Thompson	Submitted

**X. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS**

On Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Bellefonte Borough staff will demonstrate the operation of our compost bagging equipment the Borough recently purchased with the assistance of a DEP 902 Grant. This demonstration will occur at the Musser Lane Composting site near the compost pad. Borough residents may show up anytime between 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM to see the equipment in operation and learn how the Borough is generating its compost from residents like you. Anyone that stops by, will receive a free 35-pound bag of compost to take home with you. **FYI, no council action is needed.**

Shade Tree planting- Trees are to be delivered on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, and planted on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. **FYI, no council action is needed.**

Update on Traffic Light at Parkview Blvd/Zion Road. **FYI, no council action is needed.**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

Addition to Fee Schedule for Compost Bags at Musser Lane. **Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the addition of a fee of \$5.00 per Compost bag to the Bellefonte Borough Fee Schedule.**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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



## Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority

March 2024 | Municipal Newsletter

Regan Hosterman, Operations Manager

### AUTHORITY SERVICES

- **Annual Recycling Reports** | Section 304 (f) of Pennsylvania Act 101 of 1988 requires each municipality to submit a report summarizing recycling efforts to the County. Thank you to those who submitted their information in a timely manner. If you haven't please submit today!
- **Curbside Recycling** is available in Marion Township, Walker Township, Howard Township, and Howard Borough for \$9 per month. Interested residents should contact CCRRA at (814) 238-7005.
- For February, the transfer station crew processed over 7,763 tons of refuse and the recycling crew processed more than 812 tons of inbound recycled material.
- Our enforcement team is working hard to battle litter and illegal dumping throughout our county. They collected a total of 3,527 lbs. of material (trash, tires, and scrap metal) illegally dumped. The total # of tires collected for February was (40) forty.
- Clean Energy recently installed a canopy over its RNG fueling station on Transfer Road. Renewable natural gas is available 24/7 at this location. Current price at the pump remains steady at \$3.19/GGE
- Have a community event coming up? CCRRA staff are available to attend your meetings and events, at your request.
- Want a tour of our CCRRA facility? To request a tour for your group, just give us a call and ask for Amy!
- CCRRA produces a quarterly newsletter that is mailed to all municipal offices. If you are not currently on our newsletter mailing list, please let us know and we would be happy to add you. It is also delivered to subscribers through the Centre Daily Times, Centre County Gazette, and the Philipsburg Journal.
- Check out our new Recycling App - **RecycleCoach!** It can be downloaded for free from the App Store. It is a great tool for your smartphone to help you decide if an item is recyclable. The QR Code has been placed at the end of the report for easy downloading.
- CCRRA offers waste audits and educational materials for businesses and institutions to assist in your recycling efforts. Contact our Commercial Recycling Coordinator Ed Hicks for details. Email [ehicks@centrecountyrecycles.org](mailto:ehicks@centrecountyrecycles.org) or phone (814) 238-7005.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Bellefonte Borough Council Packet April 1, 2024

- The annual **Hazardous Household Waste** event is scheduled for April 26-27, 2024. Friday 8 am - 4 pm and Saturday 8 am - 2 pm. Registration will be required for this event hosted by CCRRA at no-charge to Centre County residents. Residents can register after March 1, 2024 at [www.centrecountyrecycles.org](http://www.centrecountyrecycles.org).
- The **Centre County Tire Collection** event is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2024 8am- 2pm. Registration will be required for this event hosted by CCRRA at no-charge to Centre County residents. Residents can register after April 1, 2024 at [www.centrecountyrecycles.org](http://www.centrecountyrecycles.org).

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## MEET THE CENTRE COUNTY RECYCLING AND REFUSE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Each month the Authority will introduce you to a member of our Board of Directors!

MEET THE  
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**TRILBY MAYES**

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Board member since 2008

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- DEP has announced Round 62 of the **902 Recycling Program Development and Implementation Grants**. Your municipality should have received the announcement in an email from Mimi Cooper. Eligibility requirements and application instructions can be found here [902 Recycling Grant Application Guidelines](#) . CCRRA's Recycling Coordinator is available to answer eligibility questions and to assist with the application process. We will be holding the required pre-app meetings with DEP at our offices later this month. Application deadline is May 20, 2024 at 11:59 pm.



**Centre County Active Transportation Plan Public Engagement March 19 to May 3, 2024**

Messner, Anne <amessner@crcog.net>

Tue 3/19/2024 11:17 AM

To: debsimoncek@comcast.net <debsimoncek@comcast.net>; D. Richard Francke <rfrancke@collegetownship.org>; Michelle Merrow <michelle@alderrun.com>; Dave Gerdes <DaveG@happyvalley.com>; Kubalak, Kerri <KSK0722@mountnittany.org>; Donnan Stoicov <director@clearwaterconservancy.org>; Jeff Luck <jfluck@me.com>; Robert Zeigler <robert.zeigler@millheimborough.net>; egettedoyle@msn.com <egettedoyle@msn.com>; The Bike Roost - Chase <chase@thebikeroost.com>; Schultz, Mark (PENNDOT) <markschult@pa.gov>; Collins, Ryan P <rycollins@pa.gov>; Fox, Christopher A <christfox@pa.gov>; Zhu, Cecily <cuz19@psu.edu>; bbonner@armgroup.net <bbonner@armgroup.net>; Marin Yang <myang@catabus.com>; Paula Williams <Paula@ccunitedway.org>; Dittman, Catherine Wilson <cwd2@psu.edu>; Bopp, Melissa Jean <mjb73@psu.edu>; Gina Thompson <gthompson@bellefontepa.gov>

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ATP Handout Post Card.png;

Good morning,

Today starts our public engagement for the Centre County Active Transportation Plan.

The Centre County Active Transportation Plan Public Engagement period begins March 19 and runs through May 3, 2024. Centre County MPO (CCMPO) invites you and the public to participate in filling out the survey and utilizing the web mapping application on the project website at: <https://ccatp-centrecog.hub.arcgis.com>. The survey includes questions about active transportation modes and the web application allows respondents to express their safety and connection concerns by placing a point on the map and providing comments.

Attached is the postcard that CCMPO has been using to get the word out. We encourage you to share the postcard and the public engagement link with anyone who has interest in active transportation in Centre County. If you would like paper copies of the survey or the postcard, please reach out to Anne Messner at [amessner@crcog.net](mailto:amessner@crcog.net) and she can provide them to you.

If you have any questions, please let me know. If you would like me to present information on this planning effort to the group you represent, please let me know.

Thank you for the help.

Anne



**Anne D. Messner, AICP**

Senior Transportation Planner | Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
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# We Want to Hear from You!

Bellefonte Borough Council Packet April 1, 2024

## Centre County Active Transportation Plan



You can help the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization with its first Active Transportation Plan by providing feedback through a survey and web mapping application on the project website. Scan the QR code or go to the link below. The survey and map will be open March 19 - May 3, 2024.

The survey includes questions about active transportation modes (walking, bicycling, wheeling, etc.). The web mapping application allows respondents to express their safety and connection concerns when it comes to walking, bicycling, and wheeling by placing a point on the map and providing comments.



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**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 18, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823**  
[www.bellefonte.net](http://www.bellefonte.net)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The March 18, 2024 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, *President*
- Mr. Randall Brachbill
- Ms. Deborah Cleeton
- Ms. Barbara Dann, *Vice President*
- Mr. Douglas Johnson, *Pro Tempore*
- Ms. Shawna McKean
- Ms. Rita Purnell
- Ms. Johanna Sedgwick
- Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey
- Mr. Christian Larson, *Jr. Council Member*
- Mayor Buddy Johnson

**STAFF PRESENT**

- Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
- Mr. Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager
- Ms. Julie Brooks, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works
- Mr. Shawn Weaver, Chief of Police

**IV. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

*Brachbill motioned to add the Nittany Valley Joint Authority request for funding to the agenda. Johnson seconded. 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>		

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

NONE

**VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

Centre Clearwater Conservancy 28th Annual Watershed Cleanup Day April 20, 2024. No Council action needed.



- Council clarified that volunteers are needed for this event and the flyer will be posted on the Borough website.

Centre County Government is interested in using North Penn Street (between High and Pike Lane) to join adjacent parking lots. A previous council conveyed to the County that it was open to abandoning this section of North Penn Street. The County is checking with the current council to see if this offer is still available.

*Johnson motioned and Dann seconded to convey to Centre County Government that the Borough is open to abandoning the above-mentioned section of North Penn Street for the County to connect off-street parking lots adjacent to this street. Discussion included Tosti-Vasey asking for clarification about ownership of the parcel in question. There was a question about if the section would be left open to traffic or closed. It was clarified that it will be closed to create more parking spaces for the staff of the Centre County Government. No further discussion. 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		

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA (will be acted upon by a single motion unless otherwise noted)**

*All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered 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.*

Consent Agenda includes the following items:

1. Finance	Budget V. Actual February 2024
2. Finance	Budget V. Actual Summary February 2024
3. General	Council Meeting Minutes March 4, 2024
4. Finance	Treasurers Report February 2024
5. Finance	Voucher Summary February 2024

*Tosti-Vasey motioned and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. No discussion. 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		

**VIII. REPORTS**

**Mayor Johnson**

Mayor Johnson read a Proclamation regarding PA 4-H week, March 16-23, 2024.

**Police – Chief Weaver**

February 2024 Report

Parking Enforcement and Animal Control February 2024 Report

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

- The Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at the Benner Township municipal building, 1224 Buffalo Run Road.
- HARB will meet on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.
- Planning Commission will meet on Monday, April 8 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**Liaison Reports** (Reports were submitted)

**Borough Manager** (Report was submitted)

**IX. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS**

Resolution No.03182024-01 Business in Our Sites Grant for \$2,000,000.

*Cleeton motioned and Brachbill seconded to approve Resolution No.03182024-01, Business in Our Sites Grant, for \$2,000,000. Discussion included if there is a proposed groundbreaking date. It was clarified that this grant money would be for the Waterfront District Development Project and they are hoping to have a groundbreaking this year, in 2024. It was further clarified that this grant is for the Parking Garage. It is not for the hotel/housing. It was clarified that the Hotel and Garage would be built/completed at the same time. 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		

Reminder – Centre County Boroughs Association meeting, 6:00 PM Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 301 North Spring Street. No council action is requested.

Armory Committee Recommended Action.

*Tosti-Vasey motioned and Dann seconded to direct that due to budget constraints, no additional work be done at the Armory, beyond what is under contract, unless approved by council. No discussion. 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. BREAK FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Executive Session was held for Personnel issues.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

Memo John Claar Excavating Certificate for Payment No. 3 of \$37,958.68 for the Parkview Heights Stormwater Management Project.

*Brachbill motioned and Tosti-Vasey seconded to remit payment to John Claar Excavating for the Parkview Heights Stormwater Management Project Application No. 3 of \$37,958.68. No discussion. 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		

Community Development Block Grant(CDBG) Program Application Preparation Schedule FFY 2024. No Council action needed.

Memo from Assistant Borough Manager on various projects and updates within the Borough. No Council action needed.

- o April 10 is Tree planting. Council is seeking volunteers to help with this event.

Police Officer Brower. Motion/2nd to terminate Police Officer Brower. Council action was requested but is no longer needed as the officer has resigned.

Nittany Valley Joint Authority request for funding.

*Brachbill motioned and Dann seconded to approve the request to maintain/hold the \$140,000 funding for Kepler Pool renovations. Discussion included clarification that the funds are already been raised for this project. This funding is dependent on a grant. If the grant is not awarded, the \$140,000 will be returned to the Borough and the project will not be completed in the foreseeable future. No discussion. 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		

2024 List of Goals/Action Items

Tosti-Vasey requested that the List of goals be reviewed and several items be consolidated as they are duplicative. She noted the duplicative items and also commented on some of the items in the list based on Stewart’s and Holderman’s reports in this meeting’s packet. A copy of these notes were given to the administration for review.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

ATTACH TO MINUTES

Bellefonte Borough Council Meeting  
Monday, March 18th, 2024

NAME (Please Print)	ADDRESS	Phone Number
Steph Peters	Chamber	
David Combs	Centre County Govt.	
THEARCE HOLLER	BANNER TWP	
Sharon Royer	Banner Township	
Sharon Wisse	BERRY	
Mike Dammata	Spartan Twp	
Kari Hall	Centre Co. Govt.	
Cindy Himes	Office of Congressman GT Thompson	
Nick Bealin	Office of Rep Takay	
Tim Krasnowski	BERRY CO PA 752A	
Rothy Every	Banner Twp. Supervisor	
Julius Harshbarger	Senator Wayne Langenbach's office	
David Risler	CAMA Whitehill PA SC.	
Tom Miller	DATA Whitehall Ed. SC	
Shannon	1612 Woodland Dr	



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*Please remit payment to Bellefonte Office*

February 15, 2024

Bellefonte Borough  
c/o Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager  
Municipal Bldg.  
236 W. Lamb Street  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

ACCOUNT NO. 12637.001 A  
INVOICE NO. 169151 JWS

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**FEES THROUGH 02/15/2024**

		HOURS	
01/17/2024	Emails re: zoning appeal and record	0.40	
01/18/2024	Emails re: transcript; Email from Levandoski; Email re: O'Donnell	0.30	
02/02/2024	Telephone call from Attorney Farrell re: Solar Shield	0.20	
02/06/2024	Emails re: BASD call, etc.; Set up conference call	0.30	
02/12/2024	Telephone conference	0.30	
02/14/2024	Review body cam/TRK question; Email to Don H.	0.30	
	<b>FOR CURRENT SERVICES RENDERED</b>	1.80	333.00

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**RECAPITULATION**

HOURS	RATE	TOTAL
1.80	\$185.00	\$333.00

TOTAL CURRENT CHARGES THROUGH 02/15/2024 333.00

**PRIOR MONTH BALANCE** \$675.50

ANY PYMTS RECD AFTER 03/07/2024 WILL BE REFLECTED ON NEXT STATEMENT

02/12/2024	Rec'd Ck #13859 Borough of Bellefonte - Thank you	-28.00
02/12/2024	Rec'd Ck #29913 Bellefonte Borough - Thank you	-203.50
	TOTAL PAYMENTS THROUGH 03/07/2024	-231.50
	<b>TOTAL BALANCE DUE</b>	<u>\$777.00</u>

PAST DUE AMOUNTS

<u>0-30</u>	<u>31-60</u>	<u>61-90</u>	<u>91-120</u>	<u>121-180</u>	<u>181+</u>
333.00	444.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**PAYMENTS RECEIVED AFTER THE STATEMENT DATE WILL BE REFLECTED ON NEXT MONTH'S STATEMENT**



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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the month of April 2024 recognized as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month”, and the initiative sponsored by Pennsylvania 811, a utility notification information center with 52 years of continuous service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania 811 received a million excavation notifications in 2023, over 3,000 construction projects in Coordinate PA, and transmitted approximately 6 million notifications to their member facility owners and operators allowing essential utility and construction crews to provide vital underground services and repair of critical infrastructure to communities throughout Pennsylvania, and

**WHEREAS**, when contacting 811, at least three business days before digging, a homeowner or a contractor is connected to a unique service that notifies the appropriate underground utility operators in the municipality in which the work will be performed, and

**WHEREAS**, by notifying 811 of their intent to dig, the homeowner or contractor is knowingly helping to protect the underground utilities, themselves, the work crew, and their neighbors from any unsafe digging practices within their community, and

**WHEREAS**, upon receiving the notification from Pennsylvania 811, the facility owners and operators disperse to the said work site to mark the approximate location of their underground utility lines with flags, paint, or both, to establish an eighteen-inch tolerance zone of the outside wall or edge of their line or facility, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Gene "Buddy" Johnson, Mayor of the Borough of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania,, in support of the Pennsylvania Underground Utility Line Protection Law, PA Act 287 of 1974, as amended, we do hereby proclaim April 2024 as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month”, and encourage all Pennsylvanians to visit the Pennsylvania 811 website at [www.paonecall.org](http://www.paonecall.org) for information about digging safely.

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Gene “Buddy” Johnson, Mayor  
Borough of Bellefonte

**Bellefonte Borough Council Packet April 1, 2024**  
**Junior Council Member Report**  
**April 1, 2024**

- Junior Council Member Report will be provided at the first meeting of every month.
- Please contact me if you have any questions or topics you would like me to look into.

**School Report:**

- Currently, the school is operating on a normal schedule.
- The fourth quarter has begun.
- The student store, known as the Raider Corner, has opened and provides many student opportunities.

**Extracurriculars:**

- The underclassman prom is scheduled for May 4th.



MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Bellefonte Borough Council  
**FROM:** Gina Thompson: HARB, Zoning & Planning Administrator  
**SUBJECT:** Office of Community Affairs Update  
**DATE:** For Council Meeting April 1, 2024

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**HARB:**

The meeting scheduled for **March 26, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.** was canceled due to there being no projects to review. There has been over a dozen projects reviewed and administratively approved since our last meeting in January.

Administrative approvals are granted for straightforward projects in the Historic District that don't necessitate formal HARB review, often due to appropriate materials or in-kind replacements like shingle roof to shingle roof. They demand substantial effort on my end, sometimes even more so, given my role as the staff member responsible for reviewing projects and issuing Certificates of Appropriateness. The primary hurdle with HARB applications upon submission is their incompleteness, frequently lacking vital components of the submission requirements. This results in delays, as I must then contact applicants to obtain the necessary information for their review, whether administrative or through HARB. While it's been quiet regarding HARB meetings, there's been a lot happening on the staff end.

HARB will meet on **Tuesday, April 9 at 8:30 a.m.** in the large meeting room at the Armory Building. Frank Grumbine, PHMC Community Preservation Coordinator for the Central Region, will be visiting and attending the meeting.

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**PLANNING:**

The **Planning Commission** will not meet on April 8, 2024.

Julie Brooks and I attended the **CCMPO (Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization) 101 Orientation** session held at the COG offices March 26, 2024. MPO staff gave a brief history and overview of the CCMPO, its function, who's involved, and the importance of municipality and community input.

Some key takeaways:

- In 2004, the CCMPO assumed responsibility for coordinating transportation planning efforts for all of Centre County.
- The CCMPO is highly respected and used as a "model" MPO throughout the Commonwealth. It's also unique that our MPO and County Transit has such a great working relationship.
- The CCMPO plays an important role in the long-term planning of projects in Centre County.
- The Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is a 20-year plan that's updated every five years. Unlike the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), it can include future and aspirational projects that aren't yet funded.
- The TIP is an itemized list of projects that must include funding sources. This is updated every two years.
- May 2024 is the public comment period for the TIP and June 2024 is when the TIP will be adopted.
- Xochi Confer, Transportation Planner for the Centre County Government, assists with the

L RTP and will be reaching out to municipalities about their vision for 20+ years.

- *I mention this because it might be worth brainstorming long-range (20+ years) projects for Bellefonte Borough, which can include aspirational items.*

Additional Links:

- [CCMPO Public Participation Plan](#)
- [2021-2024 Centre County Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#)
- [Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan \(LRTP\) 2050](#)
- [Centre County Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\)](#)
- [Bylaws of the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization \(CCMPO\)](#)

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**The Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission** met on March 21, 2024. The County Growth Forecasting Project was presented and Anne Messner presented on the Centre County Active Transportation Plan. She encouraged municipalities to participate in the public engagement. Please see the flyer below. <https://ccatp-centrecog.hub.arcgis.com/>

## We Want to Hear from You!

### Centre County Active Transportation Plan



You can help the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization with its first Active Transportation Plan by providing feedback through a survey and web mapping application on the project website. Scan the QR code or go to the link below. The survey and map will be open March 19 - May 3, 2024.

The survey includes questions about active transportation modes (walking, bicycling, wheeling, etc.). The web mapping application allows respondents to express their safety and connection concerns when it comes to walking, bicycling, and wheeling by placing a point on the map and providing comments.



**Go to** <https://ccatp-centrecog.hub.arcgis.com/>

**ZONING:**

There is hearing for the **Zoning Hearing Board** scheduled for Wednesday, April 10 at 5:00 p.m. in the large meeting room at the Armory Building. This is to hear a dimensional variance for setback relief from the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 575-71: swimming pools: relief from the minimum rear yard setback for 512 E. Curtin Street (parcel 32-104-,095-,0000-), located in the Bellefonte Borough Suburban Residential District (R-1).

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*If you have any questions about the current projects, or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Gina Thompson at [gthompson@bellefontepa.gov](mailto:gthompson@bellefontepa.gov).*

# LEGAL NOTICE

The Bellefonte Borough Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.** in Large Meeting Room, 301 N. Spring Street, Bellefonte. All interested persons are invited to attend. The following item will be considered:

**Dimensional variance for setback relief from the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 575-71: swimming pools: relief from the minimum rear yard setback for 512 E. Curtin Street (parcel 32-104-,095-,0000-), located in the Bellefonte Borough Suburban Residential District (R-1).**

More information may be obtained at the Borough office. If you are a person with a disability and wish to attend this hearing and require an auxiliary aid, service, or other accommodation to participate in the proceedings, please call 355-1501 to discuss how your needs may be best accommodated.