

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Regular Meeting**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**March 4, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.**

**236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The March 4, 2024 meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**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-EXCUSED  
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

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**IV. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

NONE

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

Joseph Bergas, a resident of Pleasant Gap, spoke in favor of bringing public transportation/buses back. He mentioned that CATA-Go is unreliable and difficult to access. He discouraged CATA from continuing to subcontract with outside companies.

Scott Mauger, a Borough resident, spoke regarding HARB. He thanked Council for not allowing HARB to deny the 2 renovation projects at the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. He questioned if HARB is going to also look into other properties in various states of neglect and disrepair in the Historic District.

**VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority Municipal Report for February 2024. No council action is needed.

Marion Township Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment–Article 15.1: Conditional Use Criteria – Wind & Solar Facilities. Council typically does not comment on these proposed amendments. No council action is needed.

The Borough has three shade trees (Trees for planting on the street right-of-way) available. Please contact Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager, if you are interested in receiving a free Shade Tree. (814)355-1501 ext. 215 or [Dholderman@bellefontepa.gov](mailto:Dholderman@bellefontepa.gov). No council action is needed.

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

*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.*

Consent Agenda includes the following items:

1. General	Council Meeting Minutes February 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
2. Finance	Budget v. Actual January 2024
3. Finance	Budget v. Actual Summary January 2024
4. Finance	Treasurer’s Report January 2024
5. Finance	Voucher Summary January 2024

*Brachbill motioned and Tosti-Vasey seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. No discussion. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried.*

Mr. Kent Bernier	yay	Ms. Shawna McKean	--
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 Proclamation honoring Police Officer Robert Igoe. Officer Igoe upon his retirement after 26 years of faithful service to the Bellefonte Borough. Thank you, Officer Igoe, for keeping our community safe, and we wish you well in your retirement!

**Junior Council Member Report**

- Students are busy selecting and scheduling classes for next year.
- In the last month, the school hosted “Rachel’s Challenge,” a program that encourages everyone to share and spread kindness throughout schools and communities.
- The class of 2025 is planning the Underclassman Prom.
- The National Honor Society is busy making plans for next year.
- Spring Sports are in full swing!

**Police – Chief Weaver**

NONE

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

- The Planning Commission will meet on Monday, March 11 at 5:00 p.m.
- The HARB meeting for March 12, 2024, is canceled due to no projects for review.
- The next HARB meeting will be held on March 26, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

**IX. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS**

The comments on Stoney batter from Mark Hood, LTAP Representative were received. Borough Staff are in the process of adding additional signage. No council action is required at this time.

Scenic Street (600 block) pothole complaint. A review of the property file indicated that the Borough did not ordain or take over this street. Maintenance is the responsibility of the property owner. Pothole repair is not enforceable under the Borough’s Property Maintenance Code. It is suggested that the tenant contact the property owner. No council action is requested.

TASA Agreement Amendment Resolution No. 03042024-01.

*Cleeton motioned, and Brachbill seconded to approve the TASA Agreement Amendment Resolution No. 03042024-01. No discussion. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried.*

Mr. Kent Bernier	yay	Ms. Shawna McKean	--
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) Amendment 1 to Subrecipient Agreement dated June 21, 2022, for fiscal year 2020, Streetscape Safety Improvement Project.

*Brachbill motioned and Cleeton seconded to approve the CDBG Amendment 1 to Subrecipient Agreement for fiscal year 2020. No discussion. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried.*

Mr. Kent Bernier	yay	Ms. Shawna McKean	--
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) Amendment 1 to Subrecipient Agreement dated June 21, 2022, for fiscal year 2021, Streetscape Safety Improvement Project.

*Tosti-Vasey motioned, and Dann seconded to approve the CDBG Amendment 1 to Subrecipient Agreement for fiscal year 2021. No discussion. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried.*

Mr. Kent Bernier	yay	Ms. Shawna McKean	--
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	
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CATA Service Fee Increase/changes to services effective July 1, 2023. A work session with area Federal, State, and local representatives to seek solutions is scheduled for 6:30 PM, Monday, March 18th, in the Large Meeting Room, 301 North Spring Street. No council action is requested.

Memo: Suggested rate of \$100.00 per hour for use of Governor’s Park Baseball Field.

*Dann motioned, and Cleeton seconded to approve a rate of \$100.00 per hour for use of Governor’s Park Baseball Field. No discussion. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried.*

Mr. Kent Bernier	yay	Ms. Shawna McKean	--
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**

Memo from JC Orr & Son Inc. Certificate for Payment Applications No. 5 and No. 7 for Armory Property Project.

*Brachbill motioned, and Tosti-Vasey seconded, to remit two payment payments to JC Orr & Son Inc. for Armory Property Project Payment Applications No. 5 and No. 7. For transparency, Tosti Vasey and Holderman announced that the payments were \$50,389.52 and \$113,620 Roll Call Vote. There was no discussion. The motion carried.*

Mr. Kent Bernier	yay	Ms. Shawna McKean	--
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 Claar Excavating Certificate for Payment No. 2 for Parkview Heights Stormwater Management Project.

*Dann motioned, and Cleeton seconded to remit a payment of \$37,403.95 to John Claar Excavating for the Parkview Heights Stormwater Management Project Application No. 2. Roll Call Vote. No discussion. Motion carried.*

Mr. Kent Bernier	yay	Ms. Shawna McKean	--
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		

PSAB Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate for June 2024 Conference.

*Johnson motioned, and Purnell seconded to appoint Barb Dann as Voting Delegate and Johanna Sedgwick as Alternate Voting Delegate for the PSAB June 2024 Conference. Roll Call Vote. No discussion. Motion carried.*

Mr. Kent Bernier	yay	Ms. Shawna McKean	--
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		

Centre County Boroughs Association March Meeting - save the date. This meeting will be at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, March 28th, 2024, in the Small Conference Room, 301 North Spring Street, 1st Floor. No council action is required.

### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

*Brachbill motioned, and Tosti-Vasey seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.*

There was an executive session on a personnel issue before the meeting.

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NAME (Please Print)	ADDRESS	Phone Number
Donald Townsend	133 1/2 W Logan St.	
Joe Mogus	Pleasant Gap	
Scott Mauger	E. Lamb St	
Roger Larson	142 Rosehill Dr.	
Chris Maelli	162 E. Curtin St.	