

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 18, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823**  
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**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	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		

**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.

- o 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. It was also suggested that Council trust the professionals who are hired to complete these projects that the projects will be completed appropriately and responsibly and that Council should trust that Borough staff is thorough in their research of proposed projects. No further discussion. 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	
Jane Combs	Centre County Cour.	
THEA HOLLER	BANNER TWP	
Sharon Boyer	Banner Township	
Sharon Wiese	Baugh	
Mike Dammiller	Spring Twp	
Kari Hull	Centre Co. Gov't.	
Lindy Himes	Office of Congressman GT Thompson	
Nick Bealin	Office of Rep. Tarkan	814-328-0569
Tom Krasnow	BSA Camp 752A	
Rothey Evey	Bermer Twp. Supervisor	814-441-0843
Julia Harshbarger	Senator Wayne Longjohn's office	
David Risler	CMA Whizhill Rd. SC	
Lon Miller	DATA Whitehall Rd. SC	
Shannon	1612 Woodland Dr	