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Bellefonte Borough Council Business Meeting
7:30 PM, Monday, October 7th, 2024
In-Person, Council Chambers
301 N. Spring St, 1st Floor

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 Recordings can be viewed on CNET, Comcast’s Government Education Channel 7, or at www.cnet1.org **ATTEND IN PERSON.** The meeting room is open with normal occupancy limits.

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)

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This Public Comment period is for oral comments regarding action items listed on this meeting agenda. You must be a Bellefonte resident, non-profit representative, business owner, or an official representative of another governmental agency. Speakers shall identify themselves by name and street, municipality, if outside of the Borough of Bellefonte. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS (written)

CNET, on behalf of the Spring Creek Watershed Commission, Requesting Sponsorship Coverage of two meetings in 2025. Motion/2nd for Bellefonte Borough to sponsor two Spring Creek Watershed Commission meetings in 2025.
Centre County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – workshops for local officials / stakeholders and open house for public / community. October 15 th and 16 th . FYI. No council action required.
Centre County MPO Active Transportation Plan Open House, 3-4:30pm, 6-7:30pm, October 9 th , COG Building, Gateway Drive, State College. FYI. No action is requested.
Bellefonte Emergency Medical Services Formal Request for Funding of ½ mill, 2025 Budget. Council will consider this request as part of their work on the 2025 budget at a later date. FYI. No action is requested at this time.
Spring Creek Watershed Commission Request for 2025 Membership Dues of \$915.75. Council will consider this request as part of their work on the 2025 budget at a later date. FYI. No action is requested at this time.
Article on Tamaqua Revitalization Forwarded to the Borough. FYI. No action requested.

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.

<i>General</i>	Council Meeting Minutes September 16, 2024
<i>General</i>	Borough Solicitor Invoice
<i>Finance</i>	Budget vs Actual Summary August 2024
<i>Finance</i>	Budget vs Actual August 2024
<i>Finance</i>	Treasurer’s Report, August 2024
<i>Finance</i>	Vouchers Summary, August 2024

Call for a motion/2nd to approve the Consent Agenda

IX. REPORTS

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

DEPARTMENT	OFFICIAL/ STAFF	REPORT
Mayor ➤ Oath of Office for Police Officer Noah Bollman	Mayor Johnson	Submitted
Jr. Council Member ➤ September 2024 Report	Mr. Larson	Submitted
Office of Community Affairs (OCA) <i>See Memo for additional information.</i> The next Planning Commission meeting is Monday, October 14 at 5:00 p.m. This meeting may be canceled as there are currently no SALDO projects for review. The next HARB meeting is Tuesday, October 22 at 8:30 a.m.	Ms. Thompson	Submitted

X. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS

Bellefonte Borough Authority Request for Permission to have Hydrogeological-related Studies Conducted on the Talleyrand Park Expanded Area. The Authority is exploring a concept of using wells to draw the spring water from the ground instead of the Big Spring pond. If ultimately successful, the cover over the Big Spring pond would not be needed. Motion/2nd to approve the Bellefonte Borough Authority conducting Hydrogeological-related tests on the Talleyrand Park Expanded Area Property.
Real Estate Tax Collector Software Vendor Change at Centre County Government. A conference call with a County representative was held on September 25 th . Based on the information given, having the borough go with the County’s new vendor, GSS, may be the least confusing for the tax payer. It is recommended to go with the County’s vendor, GSS. Motion/2nd to approve the Borough choosing GSS, the same software vendor used by the Centre County Government and to notify the County of this decision.
Open Bids for Police Department 1 st floor renovations. Motion/2nd to have bids turned over to architect, awarded in consultation with borough staff.
Centre County Liquid Fuel Grant Application. This application is due October 18 th . Projects of approximately \$25,000 were reviewed including the purchase of materials for the Streetlighting renovation work and continuation of the stamped crosswalk project. Council may modify this motion. Motion/2nd to submit an application for \$25,000 to be put toward the Streetlighting renovation work.
Water Service Line Inventory. The water service line inventory is to be received by PA DEP on or before October 16 th . The Borough will comply with this due date. The Bellefonte Borough Authority is mandated to send out letters to customers who have unknown or lead service lines. The letters must be sent within 30 days of the inventory due date. FYI. No council action is requested.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Right to Know/Open Records Officer. Don Holderman served as the Borough’s Right to Know/Open Records Officer. With his retirement, a new person needs to be appointed. Motion/2nd to appoint Julie Brooks as the Right to Know/Open Records Officer.
Penn DoT 357 Square feet of Park Property Donation Request related to bridge replacement project over millrace. Council may consider action on this request or modify the motion. Motion/2nd to approve the donation request as described.
Bellefonte Borough Contributing to an Air Service Incentive Fund to help attract airlines to State College Regional Airport. A contribution was pledged in the past by Bellefonte Borough. Regional stakeholders are interested in creating a standing fund for this purpose. Council may take action to add this topic to a

future work session.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA

This Public Comment period is for oral comments regarding items not listed on this meeting agenda. Speakers shall identify themselves by name and street, municipality, if outside of the Borough of Bellefonte. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes maximum.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Council Code of Conduct and the 2024 List of Goals/action items will be included with each Agenda.

Executive Session: Personnel, Legal Matters