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**Bellefonte Borough Council Business Meeting**  
**7:30 PM, Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**In-Person, Council Chambers/Large Meeting Room**  
**301 N. Spring St, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

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 Recordings can be viewed on CNET, Comcast’s Government Education Channel 7, or at [www.cnet1.org](http://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**

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| 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)**

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| Pension Distress Determination Score. A positive score for the particular pension program. <b>FYI. No Council Action is Requested.</b>   |
| Mount Nittany Health Community Needs Assessment Invitation for Community Leaders. <b>FYI. Elected officials can register to attend and/or complete the survey. No council action is requested.</b>   |
| PA LCB Approval Letter for Amplified Noise Exemption. Exemption expires 2:00am, October 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2029. <b>FYI. No Council action is requested.</b>   |
| Notice - Bellefonte Borough awarded \$200,000 in grant funds (no cash match required) related to Compost Recycling efforts – additional paving, structures to cover compost and equipment. Thank you to Julie Brooks for preparing and submitting the Grant Application. <b>FYI. No council action is requested.</b> |
| Bellefonte EMS Notice of New Act (Act 141) to help with millage rate cap. <b>FYI. No council action requested.</b>   |

**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.*

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

**IX. REPORTS**

| <i>Please limit all reports/rebuttals/deliberations to three minutes maximum.</i>                                     |                    |           |
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| DEPARTMENT  | OFFICIAL/<br>STAFF | REPORT    |
| Mayor<br>➤ Proclamation – Bellefonte Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution - Wreaths Across America Day | Mayor Johnson      | Submitted |
| Jr. Council Member<br>➤ October 2024 Report   | Mr. Larson         | Submitted |
| OCA Memo  | Ms. Thompson       | Submitted |

## X. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS

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| Executive Session for Personnel Matters. Session held after the adjournment of the Council Business Meeting on October 21, 2024. <b>FYI. No council action requested.</b>  |
| The Committee appointed to negotiate a new Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME has reached a Tentative Agreement. After the Tentative Agreement has been put in writing and received, it will be placed on a council agenda for consideration. <b>FYI, no council action is requested at this time.</b>  |
| Non-Uniform Pension Ordinance amendment related to the Defined Contribution Cash Balance Plan. This Ordinance Amendment has been recommended by the Plan Auditor. <b>Council Action Requested. Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Non-uniform Pension Ordinance Amendment as presented.</b>  |
| Lease Agreement with BASD Re: Governors Park Ballfield. Consider asking Borough Solicitor for Opinion on options. <b>Council may take action. Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to approve seeking a legal opinion from the Borough Solicitor on this matter.</b>  |
| Yard Waste Collection. No yard waste collection the week of November 11 <sup>th</sup> due to Veterans Day holiday. Last Day for the season (yard waste collection) is November 20 <sup>th</sup> . <b>FYI. No council action requested.</b>   |
| Curbside leaf collection is underway. Collection day is generally the same day as refuse pick up. Leaves can also be taken to the Musser Lane Compost Facility – Monday through Thursday 6am-2pm; Friday 5am-1pm; Saturdays 8am-11:45am until November 23 <sup>rd</sup> ; the Facility is closed on holidays. <b>FYI. No council action requested.</b>         |
| Appointments to Authorities, Boards, and Commissions (ABCs) expiring at the end of 2024. Staff will be contacting volunteers about their interest in being re-appointed. A list of new terms for ABCs will be placed on the Borough website. Appointments are expected to be made at the first meeting in January. <b>FYI, no council action is requested.</b> |
| Reminder - Large wooden Cherry Desks are on Municibid (Municibid.com) to be sold. Online bidding will end on November 18 <sup>th</sup> . <b>FYI. No council action is requested.</b>   |

## XI. NEW BUSINESS

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| Volunteer Painting of Pavilions and Brush Cutting at Governors Park. The US Airforce 193 <sup>rd</sup> SOW Leadership Development Program Group volunteered to do this work. They are a military group that empowers individuals to enhance their leadership skills through hands-on activities, mentorship, and collaborative learning. They focus on fostering self-awareness, strategic thinking, and effective communication to build confident, capable leaders ready to inspire and drive positive change. They painted woodwork on pavilion 12 and several others as well as cleared brush. They were very organized and professional. They look for volunteer opportunities in the spring and fall and the borough staff would love to have them back anytime. <b>Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to Send a thank you letter to the Group.</b> |
| Four AED units have been installed in the building at 301 North Spring Street – 1 on each floor and 1 in the Council Chambers/Large Meeting Room. A demonstration on how to use an AED will be scheduled for an upcoming work session. <b>FYI. No council action is requested.</b>   |
| Name of Small Conference Room, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, 301 North Spring Street. When the building was owned by Trinity Investments, the small conference room was called “The Oak Room”. <b>Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to refer to the Small Conference Room as “The Oak Room”. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 301 North Spring Street.</b>   |
| Bellefonte Borough Open House. An Open House for 301 North Spring Street is being planned for Thursday, December 5 <sup>th</sup> , from 6 to 8pm. This is an open invitation to the community to come out and tour the building, meet borough elected officials and staff. Food donations for the event will be pursued. <b>FYI. No council action is requested at this time.</b>  |
| Work Session with Community Economic Development Organizations. Staff will be inviting representatives   |

from the Bellefonte Chamber, Downtown Bellefonte Inc. and Historic Bellefonte Inc. to a work session, tentatively in January, to give a “State of Affairs” update. **FYI. No council action is requested.**

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA**

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**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.