

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

July 1st, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.

236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823

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I. CALL TO ORDER (Council President Kent Bernier)

The July 1, 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
Ms. Rita Purnell
Ms. Johanna Sedgwick
Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey
Mr. Christian Larson, *Jr. Council Member*
Mayor Buddy Johnson- Excused

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Mr. Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager

IV. ADDITIONS TO THE 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.

NONE

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

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.

Kathleen Edwards and Janet Santos-Tesano representing the Bellefonte Area Rotary Club (name change to reflect a merger of the Bellefonte and Pleasant Gap clubs) offered a presentation on

the Governor’s Park Restroom Renovations. The Club will be gifting \$30,000 to the project. The money was raised over several years through their annual Bellefonte Children’s Fair.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS (Written)

Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority Summer 2024 Newsletter. 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. Finance	Budget V. Actual May 2024
2. Finance	Budget V. Actual Summary May 2024
3. General	Council Meeting Minutes June 17, 2024
4. Finance	Treasurers Report May 2024
5. Finance	Voucher Summary May 2024

Brachbill motioned and Dann seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Discussion included a question regarding budgets and budget reporting. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda carried.

Mr. Kent Bernier	yes	Ms. Shawna McKean	ABSENT
Mr. Randy Brachbill	yes	Ms. Rita Purnell	yes
Ms. Deb Cleeton	yes	Ms. Johanna Sedgwick	yes
Ms. Barbara Dann	yes	Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey	yes
Mr. Doug Johnson	yes		

VIII. REPORTS

Mayor Johnson

NONE

Junior Council Member Report

Junior Member Larson offered comments regarding his report.

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

- The next HARB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9th at 8:30 a.m.
- The Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, July 8th is cancelled.

IX. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS

2024 SEDA-COG put out an announcement for an Engineering Firm to design the Suspension Bridge renovation. After being reviewed by staff a motion is recommended.

Tosti-Vasey motioned and Dann seconded to select Barton & Loguidice to perform this service as they scored 99.5 out of 100 on the selecting criteria. Motion carried.

Mr. Kent Bernier	yes	Ms. Shawna McKean	ABSENT
Mr. Randy Brachbill	yes	Ms. Rita Purnell	yes
Ms. Deb Cleeton	yes	Ms. Johanna Sedgwick	yes
Ms. Barbara Dann	yes	Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey	yes
Mr. Doug Johnson	yes		

Water Service Line Inventory Information has been added to the Bellefonte.net website. The water service line inventory is due to PA DEP no later than October 16, 2024. It would be helpful if customers sent in a picture of their water service line where it comes through the wall into the structure. More information can be found on the borough’s website. No council action is requested.

Mr. Stewart noted that structures and homes built after 1991 likely do not have lead as it was banned from use in 1991, So homes built after 1991 do not need to submit a picture of their water line. It was further noted that customers will be informed via a notice on customer bills, social media and the website.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Consider canceling the 2nd council meeting in August (August 19th). Previous councils have approved this as a summer break from the meeting schedule.

Brachbill motioned and Tosti-Vasey seconded to cancel the August 19th, 2024 council meeting. Motion to cancel carried.

Mr. Kent Bernier	yes	Ms. Shawna McKean	ABSENT
Mr. Randy Brachbill	yes	Ms. Rita Purnell	yes
Ms. Deb Cleeton	yes	Ms. Johanna Sedgwick	yes
Ms. Barbara Dann	yes	Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey	yes
Mr. Doug Johnson	yes		

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.