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Bellefonte Borough Council Business Meeting
7:30 PM, Monday, January 6th, 2025
In-Person, Council Chambers/Large Meeting Room
301 N. Spring St, 1st Floor

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AGENDA

- I. 7:30 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Bernier, <i>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>President, South Ward</i>	Mr. Larson, <i>Junior Council Member</i>	
Mr. Johnson, <i>Vice-President, North Ward</i>	Mayor Johnson, <i>At Large</i>	
Ms. McKean, <i>West Ward</i>		

IV. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

By agreement in early 2022, borough council agreed to rotate officers/re-organize annually. Mr. Bernier will step down as council president. Ms. Dann will move from Vice-President to President. Mr. Johnson will move from Pro Tempore to Vice-President. **Motion/2nd to approve the officers as noted.**

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRO TEMPORE

Nominations do not require a second and are voted on in the order that nominations are made. Voting continues until one nominee attains a majority vote. **Action will be taken to elect a Pro Tem.**

V. 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.

On a trial basis, council is going to allow public comment, in compliance with the above stipulations, following comment from council members after a motion has been made and seconded. A Resolution with this change to the Public Comment policy will be on the January 21st meeting agenda.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS (written)

2025 Centre County Liquid Fuels Program unable to provide financial assistance to Borough Project. FYI, no council action is requested.
Masullo Park-Complaint about the new light in the park. Council may take action.
Terrapin Bellefonte Grand Opening-Thursday, January 9 th at 11:00 am. FYI, no council action is requested.
Thank you note from Scott Rhoat, Bellefonte EMS (BEMS). FYI, no council action is requested.
Letter to Council from Steve and Denise Snook BACF Resignation Letter. FYI, no council action is requested.
Junior Council Person Application—Jalyn Meckley. Jalyn application is included. Motion/ 2nd to approve Jalyn Meckley as Jr. Borough Council Member.

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/2nd to approve the Consent Agenda.

IX. REPORTS

<i>Please limit all reports/rebuttals/deliberations to three minutes maximum.</i>		
DEPARTMENT	OFFICIAL/ STAFF	REPORT
Mayor ➤ Jr. Council Member Pledge-Jalyn Meckley	Mayor Johnson	Submitted
Jr. Council Member-December 2024 Report will be available at the next meeting	Mr. Larson	

<p>OCA Memo</p> <p><i>Due to the holidays and vacation, there is no report for Council.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Planning Commission will meet on Monday, January 13th at 5pm. ➤ HARB will meet on Tuesday, January 14th at 8:30 a.m. <p>Reminder of vacancies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HARB has one vacancy - Planning Commission has a vacancy for an alternate - Zoning Hearing Board has one vacancy 	Ms. Thompson	Submitted
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X. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS

Penn DoT Traffic Signal Information. FYI, no council action is requested.
Penn DoT Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement Instructions. FYI, no council action is requested.
Application for Penn DoT Highway Occupancy Permit related to New Elementary School along Airport Road. Council action is requested. Motion/2nd to approve the Application.
Penn DoT Traffic Signal Application (TE-160) for Airport and Zion Roads. Council action is requested. Motion/2nd to approve the Application being signed and submitted to Penn DoT.
Penn DoT Traffic Signal Application (TE-160) for Parkview Blvd and Zion Road. Council action is requested. Motion/2nd to approve the Application being signed and submitted to Penn DoT.
Penn Dot Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement for signal at Airport and Zion Road. Council action is requested. Motion/2nd to approve the Agreement.
Resolution No. 01062025-01 related to Penn DoT Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement Submission. Council action is requested. Motion/2nd to approve the Resolution.
Resolution No. 01062025-02 Authorizing Borough Officials to sign Penn DoT related Applications and Maintenance Agreements. Council Action is requested. Motion/2nd to approve the Resolution as presented.
Description of Authorities, Boards and Commissions (ABCs). In an effort to get the word out about vacancies on some of the Borough’s ABCs, a short description of each will be read. Some vacancies have residency requirements and some do not. Interested citizens can find out more information at the borough’s website bellefonte.net. FYI, no council action is requested.
The Airport Authority approved a recommendation to Council to reappoint Ralph Stewart to the Centre County Airport Authority. Motion/ 2nd to reappoint Ralph Stewart to the Centre County Airport Authority.
The Bellefonte Borough Authority approved a recommendation to Council to reappoint Joe Falcone and Frank Halderman to the Authority. Motion/ 2nd to reappoint Joe Falcone and Frank Halderman to the Bellefonte Borough Authority.
The Civil Service Commission approved a recommendation to Council to reappoint Randy Brachbill to the Civil Service Commission. Motion/ 2nd to reappoint Randy Brachbill to the Civil Service Commission.
The Historic Architectural Review Board approved a recommendation to Council to reappoint Walt Schneider to HARB. Motion/ 2nd to reappoint Walt Schneider to HARB.
The Planning Commission approved a recommendation to Council to reappoint James Mills to the Planning Commission. Motion/ 2nd to reappoint James Mills to the Planning Commission.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

The local business sponsored Ice rink is being set up again this year in Talleyrand Park. Ice skating on the rink is weather permitting and free. FYI, no council action is requested.
Christmas Tree Disposal. Christmas Trees can be set out at any time. Borough public works personnel will pick them up separately as they see them out. FYI, no council action is requested.
Reminder/Notice. Council will meet on Tuesday, January 21 st instead of Monday, January 20 th Martin Luther King Day. FYI, no council action is requested.

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. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Please try to limit all comments/rebuttals to three minutes maximum.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Council Code of Conduct and the 2025 List of Goals/action items will be included with each Agenda.