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Bellefonte Borough Council Business Meeting
7:30 PM, Monday, March 3rd, 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>	Ms. Meckley, <i>Junior Council Member</i>	
Ms. McKean, <i>West Ward</i>	Mayor Johnson, <i>At Large</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.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT (Oral)

Borough Council intends to take public comment related to the motion that is on the floor after it has been duly made and seconded. The order of comment will be public comment and then council comment including, proposed amendments by council members. If amendments are proposed to the original motion, the public will then only comment on the amendment(s) before final votes are taken. 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.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS (written)

Thank you letter from former resident John Brouse. FYI, no council action is requested.
Reminder – community group summit, 6:30PM, Wednesday, March 5 th , Oak Room or (Council Chambers if needed), 301 North Spring Street, Bellefonte. FYI, no council action is requested.
FERC Notice, Gas line Compressor Work to take place in Centre County, other Counties. Public comment/participation is due by 5pm, March 6 th . Council may vote to comment on the scope of work related to this project.
Logan Fire Company Banquet Invitation to elected officials. April 12 th , 2025. RSVP to Bobbi Salvanish by March 31 st , 2025. FYI, no council action is requested.

VII. 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.

VIII. REPORTS

Please limit all reports/rebuttals/deliberations to three minutes maximum.		
DEPARTMENT	OFFICIAL/ STAFF	REPORT
Mayor	Mayor Johnson	Verbal
Jr. Council Member ➤ February 2025 Report	Mr. Larson	Submitted
OCA Memo: <i>See memo for report and updates</i> ➤ The HARB meeting for March 11 will be canceled. The next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, March 25 at 8:30 a.m. ➤ The Planning Commission meeting for March 10 has been moved to Tuesday, March 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room. Motion/2nd to approve the revised designs of Building 1 (hotel) and Building 2 (garage, condo, commercial) of the Bellefonte Waterfront Project.	Ms. Thompson	Submitted

IX. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS

Follow Up from Traffic Signal Discussion at February 18 th Work Session.
Stamped Asphalt Crosswalks at Airport/Zion and Parkview Blvd/Zion Traffic Signals– PennDOT will permit, but the design for both intersections will need to be submitted under a separate Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) application and be in the Boroughs name. PennDOT will require a letter from the Borough stating that they understand that the Borough is responsible for paying for all future maintenance of the crosswalk asphalt material. Also, that they understand that when the Department repaves these intersections, these crosswalks will not be replaced in kind using PennDOT money. Those conditions will also be in the HOP when issued. The HOP engineering/design costs are not the scope of the borough's engineer (working on the Parkview Intersection) or the School's engineer (working on the Airport Road intersection) and would be additional fees.
Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) pushbuttons will be installed at all locations.
Leading Pedestrian Indicator (LPI) (gives pedestrians the opportunity to enter the crosswalk at an intersection 3-7 seconds before vehicles are given a green ...) will be installed at the Airport Road crossing. It can't be added to the Parkview crossing due to the advance left on S.R. 550. It will be part of the timings for the 550 crossing though.

Crossing at Triangle Road – At the work session on February 18th, there was discussion about having a pathway on the Triangle Road Right-of-Way, in place of a sidewalk along the South side of Zion Road. PennDOT has given their ok for an Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) light here. Grant funds can be applied for however, there is no guarantee. If a grant is awarded, there will be a local match. Fees for the design work, the RRFB, the stamped crosswalk, and the pathway on Triangle Road need to be committed.

Motion/2nd to have council's Streets Committee review these matters and to bring back recommendations.

Street Paving Street Selection, Budgeted Funds. **Motion/2nd to have council's Street Committee review staff recommendations for the streets to include in this year's paving project and to bring back recommendations.**

Legal Opinion, borough staff member application for appointment to Shade Tree Commission. Borough Solicitor Jeff Stover's opinion, based on the position and facts, a conflict of interest does not exist. **Council may vote to appoint Mr. Jason Ostroskie to the Shade Tree Commission to fill the current vacancy for the remainder of the term.**

RFP for Grant Writing Services has been issued. Proposals are due on Friday, March 14th. **FYI, no council action is requested.**

Signed agreement contract for Section 902 Municipal Recycle Program Development and Implementation Grant received by the Borough. Awarded amount \$200,000, purchase of equipment can begin. **FYI Please see Grants update memo. No council action requested.**

Settlement Agreement between the US Department of Justice and Bellefonte Borough: All deadlines for implementation of services, ADA training and documentation have been met by the borough ADA Coordinator within timeframes and deadlines set forth in the settlement. The borough remains under the settlement until February 20, 2026. ADA training and improvements to borough services will be ongoing as outlined in Title II. **FYI no council action requested.**

Approval of Ordinance No. 03032025-01 Amendment to Chapter 108: Police Department. **Motion/2nd to approve Ordinance No. 03032025-01 Amendments to Chapter 108: Police Department.**

X. NEW BUSINESS

Bellefonte Waterfront Property National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. Owners notified staff that they had inadvertently left their NPDES permit expire. Riparian zone regulations near waterways had changed after the permit was originally issued. Staff is working with their engineers and PA DEP on a new permit application that may involve Borough Authority property downstream of the waterfront property. **FYI, no council action is requested.**

Discussions regarding bike path/walkway to/from former Cerro complex in Spring Township to Talleyrand Park. Discussions are underway primarily through the Happy Valley Adventure Bureau and stakeholders. **FYI, no council action is requested.**

Approval of Resolution No. 03032025-01 Amending the Police Department's updated Policies Vehicle Pursuits 4.2.1, Objective Risk Factors in vehicle pursuits 4.2.1.1, Pursuit Decision-Making Matrix 4.2.1.2. **Motion/2nd to approve Resolution No. 03032025-01 Amending the Police Department's updated Policies as presented.**

XI. 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.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel Matters

The Council Public Comment Policy and the 2025 List of Goals/action items will be included with each Agenda.