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Buddy Johnson, Mayor
Commitment to Community

School Resource Officer Appreciation Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, The National Association of School Resource Officers {NASRO} and the Bellefonte Borough Police Department are dedicated to making schools and children safer by providing the highest-quality training to school-based law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, School Resource Officers {SROs} within the Bellefonte Area School District bridge gaps between youth and law enforcement and embrace a triad concept of school policing, serving in informal counseling, education, and law enforcement roles in supporting students and communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, by training law enforcement officers to counsel, educate, and protect school communities, the men and women in blue promote a positive image of law enforcement to school children and school communities; and

WHEREAS, SRO programs across the globe are founded as collaborative efforts by police agencies, law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents, and communities to create safe learning environments, provide valuable resources to school staff members, foster positive relationships with students and develop strategies to resolve problems that affect youth with the goal of protecting all children so that they can reach their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, Bellefonte School Resource Officers are valuable and essential members of the education community and deserve unwavering respect and support from the public in the pursuit of keeping schools and students safe. As a counselor and mentors, the SROs impact the lives of our future generation and ensure the staff's safety through ALICE training; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the National Association of School Resource Officers and I, Gene “Buddy” Johnson, Mayor of Bellefonte Borough, Centre County, Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim February 15, 2025, as School Resource Officer Appreciation Day.

Dated: February 18, 2025

Gene “Buddy” Johnson, Mayor
Borough of Bellefonte

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 2025



HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The police department advertised for the position of police officer. The hiring process to fill the last patrol position is in the process.
- The police department requested to update parking ordinance 530-51- Charges and restrictions; to add Green EV meters to the ordinance.
- Chief Witmer requested Borough Council to review and adopt updated SOP policies.
- All police officers have begun the annual update training.

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

OFFENSES OCCURRED	MONTH	2025 YTD
Alarms	5	5
Assault	1	1
Child Abuse	4	4
Criminal Mischief	1	1
Disorderly Conduct	6	6
Domestics	6	6
Drug Related	3	3
DUI	0	0
Harassment	9	9
Suspicious Activity	9	9
Theft	4	4
Trespass	1	1
All Others	362	362
TOTAL	411	411

CALLS	MONTH	2025 YTD
Handled by BPD	411	411
Off Duty	5	5
TOTAL	411	411

ARRESTS	MONTH	2025 YTD
Felony	1	1
Misdemeanor	12	12
Summary	1	1
TOTAL	14	14

MILEAGE	MONTH	YTD
34-1	991	61,167
34-2	364	87,863
34-3	0	125,932
34-4	702	84,790
34-5	523	5,771
34-6	292	36,202

TRAFFIC	MONTH	2025 YTD
Stops	57	57
Citations Filed	24	24

PAYMENTS RECEIVED	MONTH	2025 YTD
MDJ	\$1,160.35	\$1,160.35
Probation	\$1,271	\$1,271
Other	\$1,055	\$1,055
TOTAL	\$3,486.35	\$3,486.35

ACCIDENTS	MONTH	2025 YTD
Reportable	3	3
Non-Reportable	13	13
TOTAL	16	16

OFFICERS' TIME	MONTH	2025 YTD
Regular Hours	1604	1604
Overtime Hours	31.5	31.5
Reimbursed Overtime	0	0
Training	84	84
TOTAL	1719.5	1719.5

SRO	MONTH	2025 YTD
Number of Incidents	55	55
Arrests	0	0
Traffic (School Zone)	5	5
Hours Worked	352	352

PARKING	MONTH	2025 YTD
Hours Worked	165	165
Tickets Issued	180	180
Revenue	\$9,677.98	\$9,677.98



William W. Witmer
Chief of Police



Know the law.... Changes are coming to the use of cell phones while driving. In June of 2024, Governor Shapiro signed Senate Bill 37 also known as the Paul Miller's law.

Why is it called the Paul Miller Law? Paul Miller Jr. was tragically killed in a motor vehicle accident with a tractor-trailer in 2010 in Monroe County as the result of a distracted driver who reached for their phone while driving. Since Paul's death, Eileen Miller has become a national advocate for stronger laws to curb distracted driving.

What is the Paul Miller Law? The Paul Miller's Law allows law enforcement to issue a ticket when a driver uses a cell phone while driving. Drivers can still use their phones to alert emergency responders and to make phone calls, use GPS, and listen to music if they are using hands-free technology.

What has changed? You can find the new section under PA Title 75 3316.1- Prohibiting the use of interactive mobile devices. Using an interactive mobile device while driving a motor vehicle is illegal.

The new offense applies even when the vehicle is temporarily stopped in the traffic flow due to traffic jams or traffic control devices. The law does not apply to those who have pulled safely out of the flow of traffic and who remain stationary.

Prohibited behaviors include holding the device with one hand or supported by the body, pressing more than one button, or reaching in a manner that the driver is no longer seated or restrained by the seat belt.

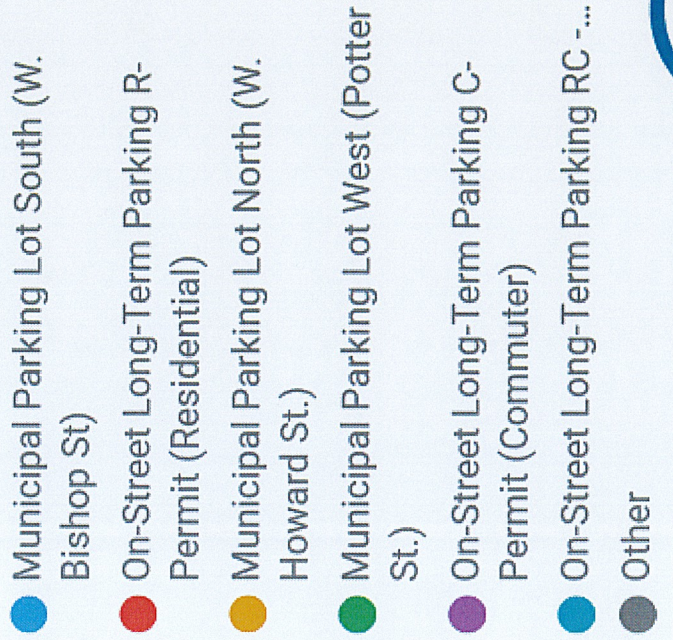
Are there any exceptions? Yes, Communication with law enforcement or emergency services to prevent injury to persons or property.

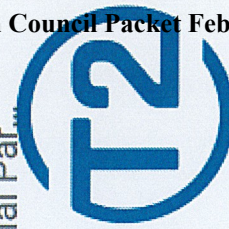
When does this go into effect? Starting June 5, 2025, **ONLY** warnings may be issued. Starting on June 6, 2026, this offense will be punishable by a \$50 fine.

Service with Integrity, Honor and Pride

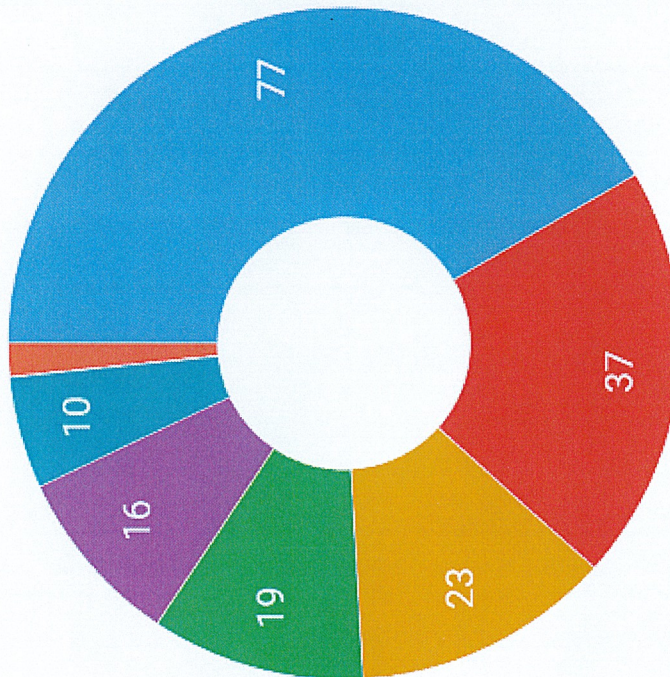


Bellefonte PD - Revenue By Permit Type (Last 30 Days)





Bellefonte PD - Active Permits By Type (Today)



- On-Street Long-Term Parking Permit (Residential)
- Municipal Parking Lot South (W. Bishop St)
- Municipal Parking Lot North (W. Howard St.)
- On-Street Long-Term Parking Permit (Commuter)
- Municipal Parking Lot West (Potter St.)
- On-Street Long-Term Parking RC - ...
- A-NEW Temporary Residential Par...

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2021	R Permit	R Count	RC Permit	RC Count	C Permit	C Count
January						
February						
March						
April						
May						
June	\$565.16	38	\$120.00	6	\$535.48	22
July	\$620.16	43	\$134.38	7	\$526.56	22
August	\$786.28	58	\$167.74	9	\$551.62	22
September	\$758.50	52	\$160.00	8	\$507.50	21
October	\$876.30	60	\$158.06	8	\$523.39	21
November	\$834.50	56	\$159.33	8	\$400.00	16
December	\$780.00	52	\$140.00	7	\$369.35	15

Year End Total	\$5,220.90	359	\$1,039.51	53	\$3,413.90	139
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2022	R Permit	R Count	RC Permit	RC Count	C Permit	C Count	1Day Permit	1Day Count
January	\$779.03	52	\$120.00	6	\$479.04	20		
February	\$737.68	50	\$120.00	6	\$507.14	21		
March	\$720.00	48	\$120.00	6	\$474.19	19		
April	\$824.00	56	\$120.00	6	\$506.66	21		
May	\$790.64	54	\$172.90	9	\$484.68	20		
June	\$809.00	54	\$178.67	9	\$671.66	29		
July	\$735.00	49	\$247.74	13	\$575.00	23		
August	\$800.33	55	\$160.00	8	\$592.74	23		
September	\$777.50	52	\$199.33	10	\$595.00	23		
October	\$773.70	51	\$180.00	9	\$562.10	22	\$8.00	2
November	\$708.50	50	\$246.01	14	\$400.84	17	\$0.00	0
December	\$999.20	68	\$180.00	9	\$396.77	16	\$16.00	4

Year End Total	\$9,454.58	639	\$2,044.65	105	\$6,245.82	254	\$24.00	6
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2023	R Permit	R Count	RC Permit	RC Count	C Permit	C Count	1Day Permit	1Day Count
January	\$982.26	68	\$227.09	12	\$595.97	25	\$0.00	0
February	\$1,214.45	74	\$239.29	12	\$619.64	25	\$4.00	1
March	\$1,120.66	77	\$220.00	11	\$587.10	24	\$0.00	0
April	\$1,348.00	82	\$200.00	10	\$590.00	24	\$4.00	1
May	\$1,206.78	83	\$180.00	9	\$550.00	22	\$0.00	0
June	\$1,363.00	90	\$206.00	11	546.67	22	\$8.00	2
July	\$1,190.32	73	\$198.71	11	\$525.00	21	\$4.00	1
August	\$1,238.24	85	\$236.12	12	\$500.00	20	\$0.00	0
September	\$1,366.50	82	\$203.33	11	\$500.00	20	\$0.00	0
October	\$1,381.93	83	\$198.06	10	\$518.55	21	\$0.00	0
November	\$1,290.00	77	\$196.00	12	\$530.84	22	\$0.00	0
December	\$1,203.87	71	\$278.06	14	\$573.39	24	\$0.00	0

Year End Total	\$14,906.01	945	\$2,582.66	135	\$6,637.16	270	\$20.00	5
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Year End Total \$24,145.83

2024	R Permit	R Count	RC Permit	RC Count	C Permit	C Count	1Day Permit	1Day Count
January	\$1,242.57	79	\$276.77	14	\$529.84	22	\$0.00	0
February	\$1,250.18	75	\$225.52	12	\$568.10	23	\$0.00	0
March	\$1,284.67	76	\$260.00	13	\$472.58	19	\$0.00	0
April	\$1,292.00	77	\$253.33	13	\$423.33	18	\$8.00	2
May	\$1,290.97	78	\$200.00	10	\$474.19	19	\$0.00	0
June	\$1,176.50	79	\$180.00	9	\$423.33	17	\$0.00	0
July	\$1,254.16	74	\$200.00	10	\$470.96	19	\$0.00	0
August	\$1,174.35	71	\$212.26	11	\$457.26	19	\$4.00	1
September	\$1,178.00	69	\$244.00	12	\$490.83	20	\$0.00	0
October	\$1,150.63	70	\$256.13	12	\$444.35	18	\$16.00	4
November	\$1,193.50	72	\$220.00	11	\$551.67	23	\$0.00	0
December	\$1,282.27	78	\$200.00	10	\$567.74	23	\$0.00	0

Year End Total	\$14,769.80	898	\$2,728.01	137	\$5,874.18	240	\$28.00	7
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2025	R Permit	R Count	RC Permit	RC Count	C Permit	C Count	1Day Permit	1Day Count
January	\$1,195.64	71	\$208.39	11	\$475.00	19	\$4.00	1
February								
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								

Year End Total	\$1,195.64	71	\$208.39	11	\$475.00	19	\$4.00	1
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2022	R/RC/C Permit In House
January	0
February	1
March	1
April	1
May	1
June	9
July	9
August	9
September	10
October	10
November	10
December	10
Total	71

2023	R/RC/C Permit In House
January	10
February	11
March	13
April	12
May	11
June	8
July	12
August	11
September	11
October	4
November	12
December	16
Total	131

2024	R/RC/C Permit In House
January	13
February	12
March	6
April	12
May	10
June	15
July	22
August	21
September	21
October	21
November	23
December	22
Total	198

2025	R/RC/C Permit In House
January	20
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
Total	20

2022	R/RC/C Permit Online/In House
January	78
February	78
March	74
April	84
May	84
June	101
July	94
August	95
September	95
October	92
November	91
December	103
Total	1069

2025	R/RC/C Permit Online/In House
January	122
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
Total	122

2023	R/RC/C Permit Online/In House
January	115
February	122
March	125
April	128
May	125
June	133
July	118
August	128
September	124
October	118
November	123
December	125
Total	1484

2024	R/RC/C Permit Online/In House
January	128
February	122
March	114
April	122
May	117
June	120
July	125
August	123
September	122
October	125
November	129
December	133
Total	1480

2023 Online	North Lot	North Count	South Lot	South Count	West Lot	West Count
January	\$1,072.75	19	\$1,863.86	44	\$479.83	14
February	\$1,176.43	22	\$1,994.46	45	\$493.75	15
March	\$1,274.51	30	\$1,935.00	43	\$397.42	12
April	\$1,216.50	23	\$2,149.50	48	\$505.16	15
May	\$1,136.61	26	\$1,834.84	41	\$547.58	16
June	\$850.50	20	\$2,082.00	49	\$681.33	20
July	\$853.55	17	\$1,907.42	44	\$590.48	15
August	\$924.68	19	\$1,821.78	42	\$567.90	15
September	\$876.00	17	\$2,019.00	47	\$646.33	17
October	\$960.97	20	\$1,755.01	44	\$641.28	18
November	\$1,143.00	23	\$1,872.00	41	\$595.00	15
December	\$987.10	19	\$1,525.65	34	\$655.97	17

Year End						
Total/Permit	\$12,472.60	255	\$22,760.52	522	\$6,802.03	189

2024 Online	North Lot	North Count	South Lot	South Count	West Lot	West Count
January	\$1,049.53	22	\$1,530.00	34	\$732.74	20
February	\$976.04	20	\$1,525.35	35	\$533.45	14
March	\$984.20	19	\$1,554.68	35	\$703.38	20
April	\$1,066.50	21	\$1,657.50	36	\$787.50	22
May	\$817.26	18	\$1,641.76	37	\$525.00	13
June	\$997.50	20	\$1,618.50	36	\$617.17	17
July	\$960.97	20	\$1,570.65	36	\$572.42	14
August	\$1,371.76	30	\$1,585.17	37	\$675.17	18
September	\$1,009.50	20	\$1,552.50	36	\$774.66	21
October	\$1,168.55	23	\$1,675.16	38	\$604.03	16
November	\$1,080.00	22	\$1,791.00	41	\$591.50	15
December	\$1,078.55	21	\$1,659.20	38	\$558.87	14

Year End						
Total/Permit	\$12,560.36	256	\$19,361.47	439	\$7,675.89	204

2025 Online	North Lot	North Count	South Lot	South Count	West Lot	West Count
January	\$1,032.10	20	\$1,824.68	41	\$616.45	16
February						
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						

Year End						
Total/Permit	\$1,032.10	20	\$1,824.68	41	\$616.45	16

2025 In House	North Count	South Count	West Count
January	1	0	1
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			

Special Permits	North Count	South Count	West Count	Any Count	R/RC/C
YMCA	5				
Bellefonte Art Museum	2				
Masonic Lodge				40	
Bellefonte Mews		8			

2023 In House	North Count	South Count	West Count
January			
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November	1	5	
December	1	5	

2024 In House	North Count	South Count	West Count
January	2		1
February	1		1
March	2		1
April	0	0	0
May			
June	2		1
July	2		
August	2		1
September	2	0	1
October	2		1
November	2	0	1
December	2	0	1

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bellefonte Borough Council
FROM: Gina Thompson: HARB, Zoning & Planning Administrator
SUBJECT: Office of Community Affairs Update
DATE: For Council Meeting February 18, 2025

PLANNING:

The Planning Commission did not meet on February 10. The County Planning Office reviewed the Mach-One Clubhouse LDP and identified several necessary revisions before it can proceed to the Planning Commission for review.

The March 10 Planning Commission meeting will need to be rescheduled, as I will be on vacation that week (PSU's Spring Break). Rather than postponing until April, I plan to reschedule to ensure timely review of a pending land development plan. I am tentatively considering Tuesday, March 18, and will confirm availability and provide proper notice.

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**ZONING:**

There are minimal updates since my last extensive report. Zoning inquiries and permitting remain ongoing, with continued weekly inquiries about available commercial space. In the past two weeks, I have received at least two new business applications.

Thank you for approving the removal of the Sign Ordinance from Borough Zoning. I will now research the formal process for its removal per the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

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HARB:

HARB did not meet on February 11 due to a lack of scheduled projects for formal review. However, I have been handling administrative reviews and approvals.

The next HARB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, at 8:30 a.m. The agenda includes a review of the revised Bellefonte Waterfront Development project.



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To: Council

From: Ralph

Date: February 7, 2025

Subject: Borough Manager's Report – **January 2025**

Operations/Staff Updates:

- **ADA Updates per DOJ Settlement Agreement** – Training will be ongoing.
- **Borough Administrative Office at the Armory building** – Citizens are finding there way to us to pay a bill, ask a question, etc. Everything seems to be working out well.
- **Bandshell Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** – Representatives attended the October 7th work session. The group is now waiting to see what happens with water well testing in Talleyrand Park approved by council and requested by the borough authority. The group has requested to meet with council and to be given a timeline or yes or no on the use of Talleyrand Park.
- **Batting Cage and Rest Room Face Lift Project, Governors Park** – the batting cage project is nearly complete. Our staff will be assisting the booster club with a few items to finish. In the Spring, work will start on the restroom building with in-house forces.
- **Big Spring Cover project** – As noted above, the Authority is exploring the wells concept which, if successful, would allow the Big Spring to be uncovered. Initial testing indicated where the water is underground. More testing is needed to determine where bedrock is. The Authority is working through its next steps.
- **CATA Services/Public Transit Services/Exploration of Options** – the task force has been meeting. CATA has expanded hours of operation starting 11/18.

- **Former National Guard Armory property along Zion Road** – The owner has put a hold on the brewery project due to high cost estimates to renovate the buildings. No further updates have been received.
- **Kepler Pool /Nittany Valley Rec. Authority** – They are seeking additional grant funding. They will not hear about the success of the grant funding until sometime in 2025. Some small improvements are underway. They are looking to borough staff for some assistance/guidance.
- **New Elementary School along Airport Road** – earthmoving activity is underway. The steel structure is being built. The staff has tried to resolve issues and conflicts with the bikeway/walkway along Airport Road. This will continue to be monitored. The traffic/street improvement plan/Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) application is being submitted to Penn DoT.
- **Parks/Governors Park/Pickle Ball** – Don and I met (November 2023) with Shawn Thompson, YMCA Director at Governors Park. Shawn will be submitting a proposal to take the tennis court and lay it out for four pickle ball courts. We will get the proposal to council once received.
- **Parks/seasonal personnel** – The crews are done for the season. Winter maintenance of the waterfront walkway be provided.
- **Parkview Heights Stormwater Project** – work is complete.
- **Pennsylvania Highlands Community College (PHCC)** – On August 16th, PHCC held their ribbon-cutting ceremony for space at the Match Factory. This was a great event. Having a branch campus in Centre County was in the works for many years. I assist PHCC by being a board and committee member.
- **Personnel** – William Witmer was officially approved as Police Chief at the December 2nd council meeting. One of the shift operators has left the Wastewater Treatment Plant. We are working to fill that vacancy.
- **Police Department Upgrades** – work is progressing. The project is behind its original schedule due to the asbestos needing to be removed.

- **SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority (JRA) RR Spur along Potter Street** – council has approved the purchase of the spur with the rail conditional upon having an agreement with Bellefonte Historical Railroad Society (BHRS) regarding access and use of the spur. The attorneys are working to determine the best way to transfer the spur. Cost estimates for a survey and new deed description are being sought.
- **Service Line Inventory Project** – The survey has been submitted. The official deadline is October 16th. Within 30 days, the Authority must send out letters to customers with service lines considered to be “unknown”. This mandate is under review by the new EPA administration.
- **Streets** – A paving list for 2025 was approved in December. South Spring Street (part of the streetscape improvement project) will be included. The Request for bids will be advertised soon.
- **Streets/Columbia Gas work** – paving of the eastbound lane on East Linn, between Armor and Wilson, took place the week of October 21st. The Borough will try to have the west-bound lane re-surfaced as part of its paving project – so that both lanes have the same wear expectancy.
- **Streets/Traffic Signal at Parkview and Zion Update** – the design is still under review. Final approvals are expected in the near future.
- **Streets/Downtown lighting/stamped crosswalks/flashing lights at crosswalks** – Late in the budget process, we began talking about doing a larger downtown improvement project which would replace the current street lighting (including the conduit under the sidewalk), finish the street crosswalk imprinting, and add the flashing lights at crosswalks. We are working on a plan to make this project affordable. We did not receive the County’s liquid fuel grant for \$25,000. We are looking at using Street paving funds to finish the project.
- **Streets/Storm Drain Issue** – Over the last couple of months we have discovered an unusual situation. There is an old hand-laid stone storm drain at the corner of North Allegheny and Burrows Lane (West side of Allegheny). The drain follows Burrows Lane to the west and then cuts across several backyards. As it goes across the backyards, it goes under at least one barn/garage. It has an inlet in Locust Lane. The storm drain continues to West Lamb Street (it is the same line that collapsed during heavy flooding a number

of years ago). We found out about it through a call from the barn/garage owner on Locust Lane. Some of the large hand-laid stone have fallen in and caused water to back up. The water actually pushed up through the concrete floor of the barn/garage. We have met onsite to look at the situation. We tried to find a Right of way or easement agreement. Nothing is recorded. Borough Solicitor Jeff Stover said the borough is responsible for fixing it or relocating it, including fixing the barn/garage floor. We had a contractor look at the situation. This was not successful. We are looking at excavating from the top and making repairs. This work is tentatively scheduled for late Spring/early Summer.

- **Suspension Bridge ADA Improvements, Talleyrand Park** – this project had its official kickoff on October 18th. This is a CDBG funded project with a lot of red tape. The next few months will be devoted to analyzing the options. We will not see construction until late 2025/early 2026.
- **Waterfront development** – the owners did not get the state funding they had applied for. They are seeking other funding and now stating that the project may start in 2025.
- **1201 Pine Circle Property Encroachment** – This is a legal matter now in the court system.

The property owner was also taken to District Magistrate court by Centre Region Code and our zoning administrator for not having a fence/pool cover or zoning permit for that work. The property owner was found guilty. No action has been taken. The lack of action has been brought up to Code and Zoning officials. The issuance of citations and determining the next steps (legal perspective) was recommended.

January	Meetings/Activities Attended
1	➤ Holiday
2	➤ Council agenda planning meeting
3	➤
4	➤
5	➤
6	➤ Council Meeting
7	➤ Staff meeting ➤ Authority meeting
8	➤
9	➤ Police Dept. construction Project Update meeting ➤ New business ribbon cutting ceremony ➤ Meeting with property owners – discuss changes taking place
10	➤ Penn DoT Zoom Call – Phoenix Ave. Intersection ➤ Meetings/tour with person from Trafford Borough – Junior Council Person program overview
11	➤
12	➤
13	➤ Meeting with Stage Committee reps. ➤ Meeting to discuss council sub-committees
14	➤ Call – discuss filming location and tentative plans
15	➤ Spring Creek Watershed Commission meeting
16	➤ Conference call – borough and authority solicitor ➤ Agenda planning meeting
17	➤ Penn DoT On-site meeting – Millrace bridge replacement project
18	➤
19	➤
20	➤ Chamber event
21	➤ Council work session and business meeting
22	➤ Staff meeting ➤ Meeting to discuss council sub-committees
23	➤ Police Department construction project update meeting ➤ Public Transportation Task Force Meeting
24	➤ PA Rural Water Association board meeting
25	➤
26	➤
27	➤ Call – attorney representing the Borough, Crater suit
28	➤ Meeting with the Council President ➤ Meeting with Swimming Pool Authority reps – grants discussion ➤ Special Authority Work Session
29	➤
30	➤ Council agenda planning meeting ➤ Centre County Tax Collection Committee meeting
31	➤ Conducted personnel evaluations

Activities
Work session and council agenda planning, preparation
Meeting follow up – directives, policy questions, research, scheduling, coordinating
Unscheduled, informal, meetings, calls, emails to/from staff – Department day-to-day operations
Correspondence – elected, staff, legal, residents, business owners, other government staff, realtors, customers, etc. via emails, phone calls, letters
Draft meeting minutes review

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH WATER AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 6, 2025 – 6 p.m.
301 N. Spring Street, Suite 200
Bellefonte, PA 16823
www.bellefonte.net

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order February 6, 2025 at 6 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Authority members present:

Mr. Joe Beigle
Mr. Greg Brown (EXCUSED)
Mr. Dan DeLotto
Mr. Jon Eaton
Mr. Joe Falcone
Mr. Frank (Buddy) Halderman
Mr. Doug Johnson

Staff

Mr. Frank Noll, WWTP Superintendent
Mr. Matt Auman, Public Works Superintendent
Ms. Julie Brooks, Public Works Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager

Engineer Jean Ryan via Zoom

Guests None

MINUTES

A motion was made by Eaton and seconded by Falcone to approve the minutes from January 7, 2024. No discussion. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS- ORAL

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS (Written)

Letter from Spring Township - re: Wells Project

- The Authority will respond to the letter

Mr. Tom Bathgate with Stage Committee – re: Wells Project

Communications—reps of Stage Committee communicating directly with Borough Authority Engineer. Authority took action to address this issue.

FINANCIALS (Mr. Falcone)

Budget v. Actual December 2024 (annual report)

- Water side – net loss \$170,000 (revenues were under and engineering expenses)
- Wastewater side – revenue of \$1,000,089

There was no motion or vote to approve the financial report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT (Jean Ryan, Barton and Loguidice)

Water:

- working on the Valentine Road plans.
- no report about the hotel or warehouse this month

Wastewater:

- Info gathering for the Chapter 94 and Initial Pre-Treatment reports
- Finalized and updated permits and drafted cover letters for the permits regarding the quarterly PFAS sampling requirements for industrial users.
- Next meeting Jean will have contractor pricing for installing the replacement RAS (Return Activated Sludge) pumps

Big Spring Cover Project:

- Moving forward with the proposal from Dr. Parizek for a temperature study
- Should the engineers move forward with the Sourcewater Assessment? (Paper exercise only. The Sourcewater study would look into/mapping surrounding businesses/structures/land uses - cost estimated at \$25,000)

SEWER REPORT (Superintendent – Frank Noll)

The Superintendent highlighted the details of various projects and repairs completed in January 2025.

- Bulk Water sales for January were 43,800g
- Both heating units were replaced last month in the pre-treatment building.
- EDMR report was filed with DEP and the Gear 2 report to PSU on 1/23
- An operator gave notice that he is leaving his position on February 7, 2025.
- January 22-30 hauled 238WT to the Wayne Township Landfill

WATER REPORT (Superintendent - Matt Auman)

Details were offered regarding projects and repairs completed in January 2025.

- 29 PAONE calls
- Installed 25 new water meters
- Niagara - 186,000g

OLD BUSINESS

- Water Line for Hotel, Length of Service Line, McCrossin Property – No update
- Warehouse at Benner Commerce Park – No update
- Logan Greene Water Main warrantee/dedication – No update
- Big Spring Cover Project – work session held on January 28th
- Service Line Inventory project update - updates
- Tour of UAJA biosolid facility – schedule when weather is better
- Tour of Niagara bottling plant

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Proposal from Dr. Parizek – temperature study related to Well Project (to be received by the meeting date). As soon as this proposal is received, it will be sent out to the Authority.

Chemical Bid Opening (liquid Alum).

- The Authority may take action to have bids reviewed and awarded.
 - Chemco Inc – NO BID
 - USA Alco - \$6,338.70/4,500g load OR \$1.4086/g (currently paying \$1.382/g)

Eaton motioned to accept/approve the bid contract and Falcone seconded. Motion to accept the contract carried.

Change to Borough Fee Schedule – related to Water System. Consider approval of adjusted fees. (Cost of water heaters increased)

Falcone motioned and Eaton seconded to accept the change to the Borough Fee Schedule. Motion carried.

Daily Water withdrawal January 2025

DISCUSSION

Discussion regarding masonry work on the wall around the Big Spring – cost estimates need to be broken out – borough work and Authority (Big Spring) work separated.

ADJOURNMENT

Eaton motioned and Falcone seconded to adjourn tonight's meeting. No discussion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Centre County Airport Authority Meeting Minutes January 23, 2025 7:00pm

Attending: C. Groshel – Chair, D. Johnson, H. Mose, G. Khoury, R. Stewart, G. Hanscom, R. Gmela, By Zoom: (W. Steudler, D. Gray).

Absent: None

Additional Attendees: J. Meyer C.M. - Executive Director, CCAA, J. McMurtrie Terminal manager, Byran Rodgers Director of State College Regional Airport. Tracey Benson Attorney for the Authority.

Guests: Tom Walenchok, Partner, Baker Tilly, Jamie Ritter, Senior Assurance Associate, Baker Tilly, Titus Seid CCAA

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by J. Meyer

Election of Officers for 2025

Slate of Officers who have served during 2024

Chairman-----Chris Groshel

Motion to nominate Chris Groshel as Chairman was made by H. Mose. R. Stewart seconded the motion.

Vice Chair--- Doug Johnson

Motion to nominate Doug Johnson as Vice Chair was made by R. Stewart. C. Groshel seconded the motion.

Secretary-----Bill Steudler

Motion to nominate Hugh Mose as Secretary was made by W. Steudler. D. Johnson seconded the motion.

Treasurer-----Ralph Stewart

Motion to nominate Ralph Stewart as Treasurer was made by D. Johnson. C. Groshel seconded the motion.

All nominated officers were elected into their respective positions by a unanimous vote.

Public Comments

NONE

*AGENDA CHANGE:

6. New Business:

a. Audit Review

- Tom Walenchok, Partner, BakerTilly
- Jamie Ritter, Senior Assurance Associate, BakerTilly
 - The auditors report the audit went well and the financials are all in good shape.

1. Approval of the December 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes

*Motion for approval was made by D. Gray. H. Mose seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.***

2. Financial Statements for December, 2024

- a. Schedule of Budget Annual vs. Actual YTD
 - b. Statements of Assets, Liabilities & Equity
 - c. Statement of Revenues and Expenditures YTD
 - d. Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, December
 - e. Statement of Cash Flows YTD
 - f. Excel Budget Format Rev & Exp
- R. Stewart provided an overview of the financial statements.
 - Discussions:
 - Last half of the fiscal year. Finances and expenses are good.

*R. Stewart made a motion to accept the Financial Report. D. Gray seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.***

3. Executive Director's Report – J. Meyer

a. Enplanements (report provided)

- Enplanement report provided for the entire 2024 Fiscal Year

- Down by 5,000 (Reflective of Delta leaving) – but in general, enplanements this past year were better than last year if Delta is factored out.

b. Rental Car Report

- \$600,000 more in sales in 2024 (average rental went up about \$7)
- Contracts: 2,400 more than previous year
- Rental days: 80,000
- Income increased by ~ \$116,000

c. Republic Parking (report provided)

- Report includes 11 of the 12 months for the past year (February – December).
- The Authority's share of the total revenue of \$971,000 (\$942,000 after credit card fees) is \$676,000. ~\$33,000 short of the \$700,000 that was budgeted.

4. Air Operations (Bryan Rodgers)

- a.** Aircraft Operations for December 2024 were up 4.6%
(Due to the 12/21 PSU Playoff Game)
- b.** To end the calendar year, 2024, overall traffic is up 3.1%
- c.** Fuel sales – Sales are up across the board
- d.** Hangar Occupancy:
 - Previous month no changes
 - the Authority will get a new long-term tenant in the corporate hangar (Occupancy will be at 75% with the new tenant)
 - Game commission will be in the hangars in Jan/Feb for elk surveying.
- e.** Financial summary:
 - December Month-to-Date Actual is a positive of \$169,000
 - Variance to the positive of \$153,000 (due to December PSU Playoff Game)
 - Year to Date Actual is a positive of \$252,597
- f.** Fed Ex had reported they were discontinuing their flights, but this changed and Fed Ex will remain.
- g.** Discussion regarding increased air traffic and sales for the December PSU Playoff game. The revenue from this day was a record for the Authority.

5. Committee Reports

a. Airport Governance/Organization Task Force (AFOTF)

- No Report

b. Boarding Bridges – G. Khoury

- No report

c. HR – H. Mose (No Report)

6. Continuing Business

a. NONE

7. New Business

- a.** Audit Review – report was presented earlier in the meeting.
- b.** CPE: Cost Per Enplanement (To the Airlines)
 - Presentation regarding CPEs
 - Proposal to decrease the airline terminal rate by 50% and waive the airport security fee. This proposal could decrease airline costs by \$559,000/year.
 - 10 years ago, the airport had about 16-18 flights a day, now it is down to 10-11 flights a day.
 - Email from United on the Fuel Flowage Fees
 - Should the Authority assist with reducing CPE's?

*H. Mose made a motion to allow a rent reduction of 50% to the airlines and to waive the security fee, with a 3 year review period. D. Johnson seconded the motion. **The motion was approved with one abstention. (R. Gmela)***

8. 2025 Fiscal Year Budget Approval

- Revenue shows that the Authority is budgeted for a net change of \$263,000

*Motion to give staff permission to spend money as needed at the same rate as the previous budget until the new budget is finalized and approved. **No action was taken on the budget at this time.***

Executive Session for Personnel and Real Estate Matters

*D. Johnson made a motion to go to executive session. G. Khoury seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.***

Came Out of Executive Session at 10:34pm.

With a motion by G. Khoury, seconded by D. Johnson

*W. Steudler made a motion to authorize the HR Committee to work with Thrive HR Management Company on the proposed work program, which will include everything except the update to the employee handbook. G. Khoury seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.***

9. Around the Room

- NONE

Adjournment:

D. Johnson motioned to adjourn. Seconded by G. Khoury. The meeting adjourned at 10:37pm.

*The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2025.
Backup meeting date February 13, 2025.*

01/23/2025

Bellefonte Borough Civil Service Commission

Meeting Purpose - Reorganizational Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6pm by Mr. Stewart, Bellefonte Borough Manager.

Attending

Jim Vaiana – Bellefonte Civil Service, Chair

Donald Townsend – Bellefonte Civil Service, Vice-Chair

Randall Brachbill – Bellefonte Civil Service, Secretary

Nominations for Civil Service Commission, Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary,

Civil Service Commissioner, Chairperson – Jim Vaiana

Civil Service Commissioner, Vice-Chairperson – Donald Townsend

Civil Service Commissioner, Secretary – Randall Brachbill

Each nomination was unanimously approved. Bellefonte Borough Manager Ralph Stewart completed the swearing in of each Commissioner to the Civil Service Commission.

The Civil Service Commission approved the revised Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service Commission. The Commission also approved adding 1502, listing that if the Chairperson is not available, the Vice -Chairperson shall be authorized to administer oaths and affirmations in connection with all matters brought before the Commission. Also, the oaths and affirmations may be printed in connection with all matters brought before the Commission. Motion by Mr. Townsend, 2nd by Mr. Brachbill.

Motion to Adjourn – Mr. Brachbill, 2nd by Mr. Townsend Meeting ended at 6:25 pm.

With Respect to Bellefonte Borough Council,

Randall Brachbill, 

Bellefonte Borough, Civil Service Commission, Secretary

Centre County Library & Historical Museum Board of Trustees Meeting
Historical Museum/Hybrid
Thursday, December 12, 2024
6:00 pm

Trustees Present: Deborah Cleeton, Carl Inglesby, Vickie Barnett, Lindsey Kurtz, Bryce Taylor, Justin Miller

Trustees Absent: Kathleen Gomez, Pam McCloskey

Staff Present: Michele Reese, Denise Sticha

Guests Present: Rhonda Rumbaugh, Jennifer Rosson

Call to Order: Carl Inglesby, President, called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Public Comments and Correspondence: Introduction of board members and staff to guests.

Consent Agenda: Barnett made a motion to approve the October minutes. Seconded by Taylor. Motion carried. Cleeton made a motion to approve the Director's October and November Operations Report. Seconded by Prendergast. Motion carried.

Finance Report and Investment Summary: Sticha stated that we will be ending the year in the black. A work around has been created with the County check disbursement. Reese is going to the Willowbank building to pick up the check and deposit it into the Federation account. Government donations were slightly higher due to the Halfmoon Township donation that was not expected. Sticha reviewed the P&L and discussed line items that were slightly over budget. Taylor made a motion to approve the Finance Report and Investment Summary. Seconded by Barnett. Motion carried.

Directors Report: - Sticha stated that the Memory Lab equipment is aging out and will need to be replaced. When the new equipment is purchased, the Memory Lab will be moved to the Bellefonte Library and patrons will be able to schedule appointments to use the equipment. It will be located in the rear of the Bellefonte Library where the bar counter is currently located. Sticha updated the board regarding the expense of the transiting library materials between Schlow and CCLHM. A delivery schedule has been set where Schlow will do pickup on Tuesdays and Thursdays from the Bellefonte branch, and Bellefonte will do deliveries on Friday's to Schlow. Inglesby asked about bin deliveries to Holt and Centre Hall and Sticha stated that if Staff is going out to those branches they will take the bins, however, deliveries are still done by UPS if no one goes out. Further discussion was held regarding the deliveries and the funds that are being saved.

New Business:

2025 Board meeting schedule - Sticha discussed the schedule and dates selected. Taylor stated that the Budget needs to be presented at the October meeting for review and passed at the December meeting. Kurtz stated she felt it would be important to have the meetings at the Centre Hall and Holt locations. Discussion followed regarding the meetings and the decision was made to make the May meeting at Centre Hall and June at Holt. Cleeton made a motion to approve the 2025 Board meeting schedule. Seconded by Prendergast. Motion carried.

2025 budget and discussion - Sticha reviewed the budget and line items, and discussed the level funding from the State and County. Sticha pointed out the EITC income line and stated that a check is expected from Jersey Shore Bank. Discussion was held regarding businesses that are able to donate and approaching banks for donations. Discussed opening a retirement fund for an employer contribution into the full-time staff retirement accounts in the future and contributing a set percentage. Sticha suggested having the Finance Committee and the Personnel Committee meet with a representative from PMRS to discuss the best setup. **Cleeton made a motion to accept the 2025 Budget. Seconded by Barnett. Motion carried.**

Old Business:

PPVLS - Sticha met with Dan Decker on Monday, December 9th and discussed the name change survey. Decker stated that the survey had closed out, and they will not be moving forward to change the name of the library due to the overwhelming response to keep the name as is.

Municipal Visits: No discussion.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Cleeton stated that the budget had been reviewed and that a checking account has been opened for the Centre Hall expansion. Sticha stated that there were two donations received for the Centre Hall expansion and that is where the funds came from to open the account. Sticha stated that she will be reaching out to WeAreInvested and FNB to schedule meetings in January.

Personnel: Kurtz asked if annual review had been completed for Sticha. Kurtz discussed with Barnett about setting up a meeting to do the review. Sticha stated that she will be meeting with Staff in January/February to review job descriptions and make sure they are still accurate and setting goals with staff.

Property:

Museum – The Victorian Christmas proclamation will be done on the balcony again this year. Cookie crawl will be done at the Museum and piano recitals will be held.

Bellefonte branch – Sticha stated the boiler has had several issues but is currently running without any problems. Several components were replaced and it is now running without issue. Sticha stated that the Board needs to look into replacing the boiler unit in the future. Taylor asked if we thought we would be able to get through the winter with the boiler. Sticha stated that it is running well now and will be able to get through the winter. Discussion was held regarding pricing and the funding for replacing the system.

The Bellefonte Library will also participate in the Cookie Crawl and will offer a passive take and make craft.

Centre Hall – Nothing to report.

Holt – Inglesby asked about the lighting issues and Sticha stated that the Emergency Light batteries have all been replaced and working now.

Bellefonte Little House - Sticha gave an update on the Little House regarding the steps and sidewalk. She stated that Sengle has reached out to Brian Chilton regarding the design and is waiting to hear back from him. Sticha stated that Francey Shreve informed her that she would be willing to underwrite whatever costs will be involved. Further discussion was held regarding the project.

Fundraising/Development: Annual Appeal and Giving Tuesday - Reese reported that \$11,953.25 has been raised to date.

Planning: No updates.

Nomination: Discussion about 2025 officers and committee appointments - Sticha informed the board that the Centre Hall Borough will be appointing Rhonda Rumbaugh to the board at their reorganizational meeting January 6, 2025. She will be replacing Kurtz, whose term ends December 31. Sticha stated that we will need to have someone replace McCloskey for her remaining two years and that there are two interested parties to join the board. Sticha stated that she feels an application needs to be made for those who are interested in joining the board. Inglesby stated that board members need to think about what positions they would like to hold next year. Sticha reviewed whose term would be up at the end of 2025 and who would be cycling off. Further discussion followed regarding the Federation Board and committee positions.

Holt Friends - Struggling to get new members but have members that work with the book sale. There have been problems with the Friends getting investment passwords and working to gather that information from a prior member.

Bellefonte Friends - Cleeton stated that the Friends is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a handmade quilt or a shawl. Friends will be handing out hot chocolate and selling bookmarks during Victorian Christmas. Sticha stated that the Bellefonte Elks will be giving a grant for the computer desk station at the Bellefonte branch.

PPVLS- Rumbaugh stated that a grant was written to receive additional hotspots and the PPVLS will match the grant to help purchase six additional hot spots. Sticha discussed the circulation of the hotspots in the system. An additional steak dinner is planned for March as well.

Comments for the Good of the Order and Adjournment: Taylor had asked if we have any policies regarding a minor using the internet. Sticha stated that we do have an Internet Policy and it can be found on the website. Discussion followed regarding computer usage. Holiday Staff party is Friday, December 20th and Board members are welcome to join. Sticha recognized Lindsey Kurtz for her service with the Board and stated that a book will be placed at the Centre Hall library and a book will be placed at Bellefonte for Pam McCloskey for her service on the board. Kurtz said she will be available to help with committees.

Kurtz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm. Seconded by Barnett. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Reese, Office Manager



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To: Council

From: Ralph

Date: February 14, 2025

Subject: OLD BUSINESS: Owners of the Waterfront Property – submitting new forms to PA DCED – Council Approval is needed.

RACP Funding for the Waterfront Project. The owners have a Cooperation Agreement with the Borough. The owners are submitting new forms to the PA DCED and need Council approval and official signing. **Motion/2nd for approval of the forms to be submitted to PA DCED and to be signed, contingent upon all Cooperation Agreements being reviewed and updated where needed. It is further motioned that Council strongly encourages the owners to break ground on this long-anticipated economic development project as soon as possible.**

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of the Budget Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program							
RDA-300 Sources of Funds							
PROJECT INFORMATION							
ME # 300- 2070		ESA ID		Project Phase 1		of 1	
Project Name Bellefonte Waterfront Redevelopment Project							
Grantee Borough of Bellefonte							
Sub-Grantee(s) Bellefonte Waterfront Associates 2, LLC							
OFFICIAL CONTACT PERSONS							
Chief Elected Official or Officer of Grantee Federal ID No. 24-6000566 Name and Title Barbara Dann, President Organization Borough of Bellefonte Address 301 N. Spring Street Suite 200 Bellefonte, PA 16823 Phone 814-355-1501 Email Address bdann@bellefontepa.gov				Contact Person (normally the person from the entity at left that is most familiar with the project; enter "Same" if same person & provide email address) Name and Title Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager Organization Borough of Bellefonte Address 301 N. Spring Street Suite 200 Bellefonte, PA 16823 Phone 814-355-1501 Ext 214 Email Address rstewart@bellefontepa.gov			
FUNDING SOURCES							
Type	Amount	Description					Is the Funding Secured?
Redevelopment Assistance Funds	\$ 3,500,000						
Total Match Funds	\$ 8,117,686						
Matching Funds	Local Funds						
	Private Funds	\$ 8,117,686	Bank Loan - Kish Bank				
	Land						
	Federal Funds						
Other							
Total Project Funds	\$ 11,617,686						
PROJECT ADMINISTRATION							
Will the Grantee administer the project?				If No, the Grantee should identify the Designated Administrator below.			
Administrators:				Grantee's Staff Sub-Grantee Staff Tom Songer, II Designated Administrator			
APPLICANT'S AUTHORIZATION							
To the best of my knowledge and belief, the data on this form is true and correct and the submission of this form has been duly authorized by the governing body.							
Signature & Title of Authorized Official						Date	

PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

BREAKDOWN OF LINE 1 CONSTRUCTION

Contract Amount

Total Construction Costs RDA-301, Line 1	\$ 11,279,307
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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of the Budget Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program				
RDA-301 Uses of Funds				
PROJECT INFORMATION				
ME # 300- 2070		ESA ID	Project Phase	1 of 1
Project Name Bellefonte Waterfront Redevelopment Project				
Grantee Borough of Bellefonte				
Sub-Grantee(s) Bellefonte Waterfront Associates 2, LLC				
FUNDING USES				
LINE ITEM	BUDGET CATEGORY	RACP REIMBURSEMENT	MATCH ONLY	TOTAL
1.	Construction (See RDA-302 for breakdown)	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 7,779,307	\$ 11,279,307
	A. Contingency	Not Applicable	\$ 338,379	\$ 338,379
2.	Permits			
3.	Equipment			
4.	Land (if used, entries A., B., or C. below should reflect the [planned] ownership at commencement of the RACP project construction)			
	A. Grantee owned (value)			
	B. Sub-Grantee owned (value)			
	C. 3rd Party owned (value)	Not Applicable		
5.	Interest During Construction			
6.	Legal	Not Applicable		
7.	Architectural/Engineering			
	A. Feasibility Study	Not Applicable		
	B. Surveys	Not Applicable		
	C. Design	Not Applicable		
	D. Inspection Services	Not Applicable		
	E. Other (Specify)	Not Applicable		
8.	Other (Specify & itemize below)			
	A. Operations and Maintenance	Not Applicable		
	B. Administration	Not Applicable		
	C.	Not Applicable		
	D.	Not Applicable		
Total Project Costs		\$ 3,500,000	\$ 8,117,686	\$ 11,617,686
APPLICANT'S AUTHORIZATION		COMMONWEALTH'S APPROVAL		
Applicant	Borough of Bellefonte	Agency	Office of the Budget	
Signature of Authorized Official		Signature of Authorized Official		
Title		Title		
Typed or Printed Name		Typed or Printed Name		
Date		Date		



William W. Witmer
Chief of Police

Bellefonte Borough Council Packet February 11, 2025



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February 11, 2025

Bellefonte Borough Council,

I am addressing you in this letter to request an addition be made to the Bellefonte Borough codified book of ordinances, Chapter 108 Police. This recommendation was made by the borough's acquired labor attorney Siana Law. With the recent update to SOP section 1.2.4 Arrest with/without warrant, an addition needs to be made to chapter 108 in the borough ordinances to be in accordance with a newly adopted policy. The following is the requested ordinance to be added to chapter 108 Police.

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLEFONTE AMENDING THE CODIFIED BOOK OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 108 POLICE, TO ADD ARTICLE III, SECTION 108-10 WARRANTLESS ARREST"

Article III

Section 108-10- Warrantless Arrest

1. Each police officer employed by the Bellefonte Borough shall follow the guidelines established in Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure No. 441, as the same may be from time to time amended, modified and supplemented, and any hereafter promulgated Police Department procedures, if any, in making arrests without warrant upon probable cause as authorized by 42 Pa. C.S.A. § 8902(a)."

Respectfully,

Chief W. Witmer

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 02182025-1

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S UPDATED POLICIES

WHEREAS, the Bellefonte Borough recognizes their legal and ethical duty to provide constitutional, safe, and effective law enforcement services to all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Bellefonte Borough Council acknowledges the need for clear and concise policies for the members of the Bellefonte Borough Police Department pursuant to federal and state law; and

WHEREAS, the Bellefonte Borough police department command staff regularly reviews all police General Orders, policies, and training to make sure that best practices are being followed, and all applicable State and Federal Constitutional rights are properly protected; and

WHEREAS, The Chief of Police and members of the police department are reviewing the Department's policies and related topics. Updates were recommended, then reviewed by an attorney who specializes in police policy. The changes include updated terminology and changes based on applicable case law and training standards; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Bellefonte Borough Council adopts the Police Department's updated policies, **Search and Seizure 1.2.3, Strip and Body Cavity Searches 1.2.5, Rules of Conduct 1.8.1, Code of Conduct Penalty Matrix 1.8.1.1, Unlawful or Improper harassment or Discrimination 1.8.2, Bias Based Policing/profiling 1.8.3, Vehicle Pursuits 4.2.1, Objective Risk Factors in vehicle pursuits 4.2.1.1, Pursuit Decision-Making Matrix 4.2.1.2**, which is effective immediately. A true and correct copy of the Policies are attached to and incorporated into this Resolution as Exhibit "A." The Policy shall supersede all prior Department policies that are inconsistent with the Policy. Furthermore, the Chief of Police is directed to immediately implement the Policy, furnish a copy of the Policies to all police personnel and revise the Police Department's Standard Operating Procedures in conformance with the Policy.

DULY ADOPTED this day of 2025 by the Borough of Bellefonte in lawful session duly assembled.

Barbara Dann, President

Johanna Sedwick

Doug Johnson, Vice President

Shawna McKean

Randy Brachbill

Rita Purnell

Deborah Cleeton

Joanne Tosti-Vasey

Kent Bernier