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**6:30 PM, Executive Session –
Personnel Matters**

Council Business Meeting

AGENDA

7:30 PM Monday, March 17th, 2025

**In-Person, Council Chambers/Large Meeting Room,
301 N. Spring St, 1st Floor**

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I. CALL TO ORDER – Council President Dann

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>Pro Temp, South Ward</i>	Ms. Tosti-Vasey, <i>West Ward</i>	
Ms. Dann, <i>President, South Ward</i>	Mr. Larson, <i>Jr. Council Member</i>	
Mr. Johnson, <i>Vice-President, North Ward</i>	Ms. Meckley, <i>Jr. Council Member</i>	
Ms. McKean, <i>West Ward</i>	Mayor Johnson, <i>At Large</i>	

IV. ADDITIONS TO THE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Under Act 65 of 2021, If a matter is not on the Agenda, Council may not take official action on it with the following exceptions. 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 must state 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)

Clearwater Conservatory Watershed Clean Up Day, Saturday, April 12th, 2025. **FYI, no council action is requested.**

Invitation to Centre County Solar Tours. **FYI, no council action is requested.**

Victorian Storefront Overlay Proposal. A proposal for new zoning regulations has been received by council. **FYI, no council action is scheduled at this time.**

VI. 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. **Motion/2nd to approve the Consent Agenda.**

General	DRAFT Council Meeting Minutes March 3 rd , 2025
General	Solicitor Stover Invoice

VII. REPORTS

Elected Official and Staff Reports

Please limit all reports/rebuttals/deliberations to three minutes maximum.

DEPARTMENT	OFFICIAL/ STAFF	REPORT
Mayor ➤ Proclamation-PA 4-H Week March 16-22, 2025	Mayor Johnson	Submitted
Police ➤ February 2025 Report	Chief Witmer	Submitted
Parking ➤ February 2025 Report	Ms. McCullough	Submitted
Office of Community Affairs (OCA): ➤ 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. <i>There is no OCA report due to Vacation.</i>	Ms. Thompson	Submitted
Borough Manager ➤ February 2025 Report	Mr. Stewart	Submitted

Liaison Reports

Reports will be submitted in writing for inclusion in the council meeting materials. Reports may include draft meeting minutes, notes, memos, etc. No verbal report is to be given unless there is a question regarding the report. If council action is requested, please clearly indicate it, including the wording, so that it can be stated on the council meeting agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE	LIAISON	REPORT
Bandshell/Performance Center Project Committee	Mr. Stewart	
Bellefonte Area Industrial Development Authority (BAIDA)	Mr. Stewart	
Bellefonte Emergency Medical Services	Mr. Rhoat	
Bellefonte Intervalley Chamber of Commerce	Ms. Brooks	
Bellefonte Police Pension Board	Mr. Stewart	
Centre County Boroughs Association	Ms. Dann	
Centre County Government	Mr. Stewart	
CNET Board of Directors	Mr. Stewart	
Governor's Park	Mr. Stewart	
Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority	Mr. Stewart	
Penn State University Sustainability Projects	Mr. Stewart	
Shade Tree Commission	Ms. Brooks	
Union Cemetery Association	Mr. Stewart	
Zoning Hearing Board	Ms. Thompson	

AUTHORITIES / COUNCIL APPOINTED	LIAISON	REPORT
Bellefonte Borough Authority	Mr. D. Johnson	Submitted
Centre County Airport Authority	Mr. D. Johnson	Submitted
COMMISSIONS / COUNCIL APPOINTED	LIAISON	REPORT
Civil Service Commission	Mr. Brachbill	
Spring Creek Watershed Commission	Mr. Brachbill	
SPECIAL COMMITTEES / COUNCIL APPOINTED	LIAISON	REPORT
Bellefonte Fire Department Executive Committee	Mr. Brachbill	
Centre County Library Board	Ms. Cleeton	
Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) Public Safety Committee	Mr. Brachbill	
Talleyrand Park Committee	Ms. Sedgwick	
Workplace Safety Committee	Mr. Brachbill	Submitted
SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS / APPOINTED	LIAISON	REPORT
Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission (NVJPC)	Ms. Thompson	
Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO)	Mr. D. Johnson	

IX. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS

Reminder. Real Estate Tax Bills will look a bit different this year. The Borough partners with Centre County Government to send out the two (County and Borough) tax bills. In 2024, the County chose a new vendor to provide the tax form. Please watch for mail that has "OFFICIAL TAX BILL" on the front. Call 814-355-1501 with any questions. FYI, no council action is requested.
Bellefonte Borough Authority – Big Spring Cover Project. The Authority will be holding a special work session to review all concepts. No decision on a particular concept has been made. The special work session will be held at 6 pm, Tuesday, March 18 th in the Oak Room, 301 North Spring Street. FYI, no council action is requested.
Request for Proposals (RFPs) for grant writing and administration services. Proposals were due March 14 th , 2025, and distributed to Council for review. Motion/2nd to have council's Finance and Administration Committee review the RFPs and bring back recommendations to Council.
Large Wood Desks at 301 North Spring Street. Efforts to sell the surplus desks have been unsuccessful. Motion/2nd to approve giving away the desks for free on a first come, first serve basis. If the motion is approved, then a notice will be put on the borough's website.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions to PA State Association of Boroughs (PSAB). Current PSAB legislative policy priority information is included in the council meeting materials. Council may discuss new policies that would be submitted to PSAB in the form of a Resolution for their legislative priority process to take place at the annual conference in June. Council may approve Resolutions to be submitted to PSAB for consideration in their annual legislative priorities process. Motion/2nd to submit any stated policy resolutions to PSAB.
Delegate and alternate for PSAB Annual Conference voting. Council action is requested. Motion/2nd to appoint Deb Cleeton as the delegate and Doug Johnson as the alternate for voting at the PSAB annual conference.
Consider legal review of Peddling and Soliciting "Do not Disturb" Ordinance. Motion/2nd to have the Borough Solicitor review the Ordinance and submit any recommendations.
Ralph Stewart Retirement announcement. Motion/2nd to accept letter.

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.

XI. 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.

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