

Executive Session-Personnel, Real Estate 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Oak Room

## **Borough of Bellefonte Council Work Session**

#### **AGENDA**

7:00 – 7:25 PM, Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 In-Person, Council Chambers 301 N. Spring St, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER - Council President Dann

#### II. WELCOMING COMMENTS / OPENING REMARKS:

Welcome, everyone, to the Bellefonte Borough Council Work Session. No council action (making motions or approvals) is taken during work sessions.

#### III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Note – All Times are approximate

A) 2026 Budget- 03 Fire Department Fund, 04 Fire Equipment Fund, 18 Special Projects Fund – 25 Minutes

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

The Work Session will be adjourned at or before 7:25 PM. The Borough Council Business Meeting is scheduled to start at 7:30 PM.

Fire Equipment Fund Fund Analysis

Fund #4

				2025			
		Final	2025	projected	2025	2025	2026
Acct #		2024	9 months	3 months	Total	Budget	Budget
	Revenue						
301.100	Real Estate Tax Rev - Current	\$34,982.54	\$34,102.20	\$487.16	\$34,589.36	\$34,090,00	\$34,200.00
301.200	Real Estate Tax Rev - Supplement	\$41.87	\$25.46	\$0.00	\$25.46	\$15.00	\$20.00
301.400	Real Estate Tax Rev - Delinquent	\$801.16	\$1,002.77	\$200.00	\$1,202.77	\$500.00	\$500.D0
341.010	Interest Income	\$300.79	\$1,330.95	\$400.00	\$1,730.95	\$50.00	\$1,100.00
358 110	Fire Protection Rev (S,B,M)	\$66,585.90	\$47,544.71	\$19,193.24	\$66,737.95	\$66,735.00	\$67,490.00
387.000	Donation Revenue	\$1,443.31	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
391.200	Proceeds from Insurance	\$0.00	\$18,930.50	\$0.00	\$18,930.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Subtotal - Revenue	\$104,155.57	\$122,936.59	\$20,280.40	\$143,216,99	\$101,390.00	\$103,310.00
392.003	Transfer from Fire Dept Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0,00	\$10,000.00
399.001	Use of Cash Reserves	\$0.00	\$0.00	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
·	Total Revenue, Transfers in and Use of Reserves	<u>\$104,155,57</u>	\$122,936.59	\$20,280.40	\$143,216.99	\$101,390.00	\$113,310.00
	Expenses						
411.210	Office Supplies Expense	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
411.215	Postage Expense	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00
411.750	Equipment Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
470.000	Payment on Fire Equipment Loans	\$91,256.44	\$33,533.28	<u>\$11,177.76</u>	\$44,711.04	\$44,715.00	\$44,715.00
	Subtotal - Expenses	\$91,266.44	\$33,548.28	\$16,177.76	\$49,726.04	\$44,730.00	\$44,735.00
492.095	Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$14.500.00	\$56,660.00	\$0.00	\$56,660.00	\$56,660.00	\$68,575,00
	Total Expenses and Transfers Out	\$105,766.44	\$90,208.28	\$16,177.76	\$106,386.04	\$101,390.00	\$113,310.00
	net income/(loss)	-\$1,610.87	\$32,728.31	\$4,102.64	\$36,830.95	\$0.00	\$0.00

	Loan	Balance	\$110,846.07 (as of 9/22/25)		
	Date Loan	Paid Off	11/1/2034	9/1/2029	
			2% Ioan	bank loan	Total loan payments for 2025
ent Payments	- !	2025	\$13,355.28	\$31,355.76	\$44,711.04
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<b>Budget Projections</b>	Budget Projections for 2026 - Fire Equipment	nent	
			2026
		Percent of	PROJECTED
	TOTAL ASSESSED	Total Assessed	BUDGET
MUNICIPALITIES	PROPERTY VALUES	Value	SHARE
			(in dollars)
			\$102,510.00
Bellefonte - Undines & Logans			
Bellefonte Borough	\$155,766,706	34.94%	\$35,816.99
Benner - portion	\$161,976,014	36.33%	\$37,241.88
Spring - portion	\$127,985,720	28.73%	\$29,451.13
Marion Township	0\$	<b>%00.0</b>	\$800.00
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Total	\$445,728,440	100.00%	\$103,310.00
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301.100	Real Estate Tax Rev - Current		\$77,738.90	1	\$87,150.05	\$1,200.00	\$88,350.05		\$85,950.00		\$87,460.00
301.200	Real Estate Tax Rev - Supplement		\$91.84		\$56,58	\$0.00	\$56.58	4,3164	\$25.00		\$30.00
301.400	Real Estate Tax Rev - Delinquent		\$1,669.00		\$2,172.34	\$400.00	\$2,572.34		\$1,350.00	T	\$1,355.00
341.010	Interest income	25	\$733.44	š 30	\$3,183.91			100	\$95:00		\$2,000.00
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387.000	Donation Revenue	8	\$1,443,32		\$100.00	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$100.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
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411.215	Postage Expense		\$34.82		\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	385	\$25.00	200	\$25.00
411.231	Fuel Expense	****	\$11,052.81	Ļ	\$6,398.14	\$2,400.00	\$8,798.14		\$13,500.00	1	\$13,000.00
411.242	Safety Equipment Expense	100	\$0.00		\$194.00	\$200.00	\$394.00	285	\$3,000.00	0.00	\$2,000.00
411.249	Materials & Supplies Expense		\$1,470.00		\$488,00	\$200.00	\$688.00		\$1,000.00	.].	\$1,000.00
411.251	Fire Equipment Maintenance Exp	<u> </u>	\$64,385.29	288	\$33,228.11	\$15,000.00	\$48,228.11		\$70,600.00	T	\$56,000.00
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411.314	Legal Expense		\$0,00	32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Š	\$200.00	100	\$200.00
411.315	Physicals Expense	1	\$0.00	Ц	\$0.00	\$0,00	\$0.00		\$16,000.00		\$40,000.00
411.317	Data Processing Expense		\$195.00	\$8 <i>6</i> 5	\$18.88	\$100.00	\$118.88	33.00	\$250.00	200	\$250.00
411.320	IT/ Email Expense		\$408.00		\$300.00	\$125.00	\$425.00	_	\$450.00	T	\$550,00
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411.351	Commercial Ins Expense		\$29,000.00		\$19,639.41	\$11,360.59	\$31,000.00		\$31,000.00	$\downarrow$	\$31,500.00
411,354	Workers Comp Ins Exp		\$35,047.00		\$33,607,00	\$10,100.00	\$43, <b>7</b> 07.00		\$38,750.00	100	\$46,000.00
411.361	Electricity Expense	T	<b>\$7</b> ,176.83	T	\$10,334.36	\$7,000.00	\$17,334.36	1	\$8,700.00	Τ	\$20,000.00
	Natural Gas Expense	100	\$11,891.07		\$5,462.96	\$7,000.00	\$12,462.96		\$15,000.00	THE STREET	\$15,000.00
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411,373	Building Maintenance Expense	-	\$737,74	1	\$300.12	\$500.00	\$800.12	ii.	\$1,300.00	Ď	\$1,300.00
411.420	Dues/Sub/Membership Expense	21 000	\$5,349.20	_	\$5,349.20	\$0.00	\$5,349.20		\$5,640.00	L	\$5,600.00
411.902	Federal Grant Expense	500	\$209,873.59	9.2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0:00		\$0.00
411.905	Miscellaneous Expenses	$\perp$	\$100.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	_	\$25.00		\$25.00
411,950 I	Fire Police Supplies Expense		\$500.00		\$191.32	\$200.00	\$391.32		\$500.00		\$1,000.00
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### Bellefonte Borough Council Packet November 3, 2025 **COUNTER SALE ESTIMATE**

**Twin Tier Fire & Safety Services** 14180 State Route 267 Montrose, PA 18801 sales@twintierfire.com 570-866-6196

CS:

**Sales-1072** 

Date:

**Purchase Order** 

Exempt (0.0000% of \$7,850.00)

**Total** 

**Balance** 

7/10/2025

\$0.00

\$7,850.00

\$7,850.00

**Bill To** 

Terms

Logan Fire Department 120 East Howard Street Bellefonte, PA 16823 P: 570-849-6072

**Due Date** 

Remit To Bonnie Vale Inc 14180 State Route 267 Montrose, PA 18801

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Line	Part #	Description	UOM Quantity	Rate	Amount
1	138R33-00	Hydro Force Shutoff 1 3/8 waterway, integrated turbo, 1.5NHF x 1.5NHM	. 3	\$750.00	\$2,250.00
2	175T30-00	Blade Force 175, 1.5 NH	3	\$845.00	\$2,535.00
3	200H44-00	Hydro 200 Shutoff 2.5 NHF x 2.5 NHM	1	\$1,475.00	\$1,475.00
4	265T40-00	Blade 265-t Nozzle 2.5 NH	1	\$1,245.00	\$1,245.00
5	025B44-00	Turbo 25 2.5NH	1	\$345.00	\$345.00
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			Subtotal		\$7,850.00

Unit

They don't have a 2.5" Force shutoff available yet.

Shipping Not included Prices Subject to Change

Return Policy:
Return Policy:
Returns are subject to a 20% restocking fee. Special Order or Custom items are not returnable.
Returning party is responsible for shipping related charges. No Returns will be accepted after 30 days from date of purchase.
Returned items must be in NEW and RESALABLE condition for credit.

No returns will be accepted without authorization # issued by Bonnie Vale Inc.

:				2025			
		Final	2025	projected	Total	2025	2026
Acct#		2024	9 months	3 months	2025	Budget	Budget
	Revenue						
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340.000	Interest on Loan - Keystone Grant	\$3,451.68	\$2,473.26	\$801.42	\$3,274.68	\$3,275.00	\$3,095.00
341.000	Principal on Loan - Keystone Grant	\$23,478.00	\$17,724.00	\$5,931.00	\$23,655.00	\$23,655.00	\$23,830.00
341.010	Interest Income - checking/savings	\$3,681.72	\$31,899.00	\$10,100.00	\$41,999.00	\$1,200.00	\$20,000.00
354.001	Grant Funds	\$579,818.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Subtotal - Revenue	\$610,430.03	\$52,096.26	<u>\$16,832.42</u>	\$68,928.68	\$28,130.00	\$46,925.00
399.001	Use of Reserves	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,105,180.00	\$2,746,955.00
	Total Revenues	\$610,430.03	\$52,096.26	<b>\$16,832.42</b>	\$68,928.68	\$2,133,310.00	\$2,793,880.00
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	Expenses						
410.700	Police Dept Grant Expense	\$106,419.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
448.700	Big Spring Cover Grant Expense	\$55,370.10	\$37,799.25	\$5,000.00	\$42,799.25	\$1,706,350.00	\$1,732,250.00
451.700	Bandshell Grant Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400,000.00	\$1,014,655.00
465.700	Gov Park Baseball Field Grant Exp	\$127,527.14	\$25,016.71	\$0.00	\$25,016.71	\$0.00	. \$0.00
489.210	Office Supplies Expense	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
489.311	Audit Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
490.000	Nittany Valley Jt Comp Plan Exp	\$533.88	\$294.97	\$62.64	\$357.61	\$0.00	\$0.00
498.100	American Rescue Funds Expense	\$27,317.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Parkview Hghts Stormwater Proj-Am Res Funds	\$263,184.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
999.998	For Future Keystone Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,930.00	\$46,925.00
	Total Expenses	\$580,372.51	\$63,110.93	<u>\$5,087.64</u>	<u>\$68,198.57</u>	\$2,133,310.00	\$2,793,880.00
	Net income/(loss)	\$30,057.52	-\$11,014.67	<b>\$11,744.78</b>	\$730.11	\$0.00	\$0.00



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#### **AGENDA**

#### I. 7:30 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### III. ROLL CALL

Mr. Bernier, North Ward	Ms. Purnell, North Ward	
Mr. Brachbill, South Ward	Ms. Sedgwick, West Ward	
Ms. Cleeton, South Ward	Ms. Tosti-Vasey, West Ward	
Ms. Dann, President, South Ward	Ms. Meckley, Junior Council Member	
Mr. Johnson, Vice-President, North Ward	Mayor Johnson, At Large	
Ms. McKean, West Ward		

#### 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 comments 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, a non-profit representative, a 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)

Mosquito Disease Control Coordinator's end of year correspondence. FYI, no council action is requested.

Spring Creek Watershed Commission Water Resources Monitoring Project 2026 Contribution of \$3,145.00. Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to include \$3,145.00 in the Tentative Budget for 2026 for the Spring Creek Watershed Commission Water Resources Monitoring Project. Exception to Section 404.3 of the Centre Region Building Safety & Property Maintenance Code for 107 S. Ridge Street. Council may take action.

Property located at the end of Oak Lane in Bellefonte concerns of water runoff. Deferred to Public Works Superintendent, Matt Auman and Streets Committee. **FYI, no council action is requested.** 

Stage at Talleyrand Park Design. Communication will be provided to Talleyrand Park Committee and Friends of Talleyrand. **FYI, no council action is requested.** 

Farmhouse Demolition Letter. FYI, no council action is requested.

The BASD Sustainable Farm (Farmhouse). 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.

General

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#### Call for a motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Consent Agenda.

#### VIII. REPORTS

Please limit all 1	reports/rebuttals/deliberations to three minutes maximum.		
	DEPARTMENT	OFFICIAL/ STAFF	REPORT
Mayor		Mayor Johnson	Verbal
Jr. Council Men	aber	Ms. Meckley	Verbal
Octobe	r 2025 Report		
OCA Memo: Se	e memo for report and updates	Ms. Thompson	Submitted
	/2 <sup>nd</sup> : To approve the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for owing projects:		
0	320 West High Street (Train Station) – installation of the replica Liberty Bell as part of the Bells Across America program, with placement to be determined and no adverse impact to the historic scales if located there.		
0	227 North Allegheny Street - replacement of 16 windows with materials and design as presented.		
	/2nd: To approve the demolition of the Beaver Farmhouse at 1002 Road, requested by the Bellefonte Area School District.		
The Planning C	Commission will meet on Monday, November 10 <sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.		
of Wednesday,	meet on Tuesday, November 11th (holiday) or on the rescheduled date November 12th (no projects for review). The next HARB meeting is Tuesday, November 25th at 8:30 a.m.		

#### IX. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS

Borough Offices will be closed Tuesday, November 11th for Veterans Day. FYI, no council action is requested.

There will be no Brush/ Grass Pick-up on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. The last day for Brush/ Grass Curbside pick-up will be Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. **FYI, no council action is requested.** 

Complete Streets Policy Resolution No. 11032025-01. Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Complete Streets Policy Resolution No. 11042025-01.

Electricity Procurement Contract Bids. Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to award the electricity procurement contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder offering the most advantageous pricing, based on the bid results and staff recommendation.

#### X. NEW BUSINESS

Governor's Park roof repair to pavilions. Volunteers from Faith United Methodist Church would like to volunteer their services to repair pavilions in Governor's Park. All Volunteers will have waivers signed along with Certificates of Insurance provided by the Church and Contractor. Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to allow Faith United Methodist Church and Daniel Zook, Contractor, to preform volunteer work along with providing materials for repairs to pavilions in Governor's Park.

Council may consider joining the Pennsylvania Municipal League and allocate funds in the 2026 budget for the membership fee. Member Benefit information has been provided in the packet. **Council may take action.** 

Council may consider adding the C-NET Bulletin Board in 2026. C-NET Bulletin Board information has been provided in the packet. **Council may take action.** 

Realignment of Airport Road (SR 2002) to create a 'T-intersection' with the school district's driveway/Governor's Road. **Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the deed of dedication as presented.** 

#### XI. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA

This Public Comment period is for oral comments regarding items <u>not</u> 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 to 9:00 PM as possible.

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



# PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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October 3, 2025

**DIRECTOR**RAYMOND J. STOLINAS, JR.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
ELIZABETH LOSE

via email

Dear Centre County Official:

As the days get shorter, and the weather is getting a little colder we are seeing some relief from mosquitoes. Hooray! Mosquito-borne virus levels have started to decrease and the risk to humans is lowering. The monitoring season has officially come to an end. Here is a summary of what occurred in Centre, Clinton, and Clearfield counties during the 2025 season:

On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, our 2025, season concluded. In Centre, Clearfield and Clinton Counties in 2025 there were 20 positive tests for West Nile Virus ("WNV"), all from positive mosquito pools (0 humans, 0 birds). In Centre County, there were 17 mosquito WNV Positive, 2 in Clearfield and 1 in Clinton. Jamestown Canyon Virus ("JCV") was detected once in Centre County mosquitoes. Across Pennsylvania, there were 3,907 WNV positives in mosquitoes, 15 in horses and 51 in humans. There were 31 JCV positive mosquito tests statewide.

We had 11 sites test positive for West Nile Virus within 6 municipalities in Centre County, and 1 site test positive for Jamestown Canyon Virus: College Township, Rush Township, Patton Township, State College Boro, Spring Township and Harris Township.

College Township: 6 mosquito positives Rush Township: 1 mosquito positive Patton Township: 3 mosquito positives

State College Boro: 3 mosquito positives, 1 Jamestown Canyon Virus mosquito positive

Spring Township: 2 mosquito positives Harris Township: 2 mosquito positives

Over the course of the season, to protect public health, mosquito habitat was eliminated, larval and adult controls were utilized, and the public was educated on reducing risk of contracting mosquito-borne diseases.

You should continue to wear repellents, wear long sleeves/pants, and avoid being outside at dusk and dawn if you continue to have mosquito activity at your location.

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I appreciate all your help throughout this year, concluding another successful season!

Sincerely, Glade, Sara Conklin

CENTRE COUNTY MOSQUITO DISEASE CONTROL

BY: Sara Conklin, Centre County WNV Program Senior Advisor

(814) 404-4012 cell

sconklin@centrecountypa.gov



Dear Township Manager and Council:

The Spring Creek Water Resources Monitoring Project has been in operation for 26 years, with annual support from a variety of sources including municipalities. Requested support from municipalities was originally based on the number of residents in each jurisdiction. These annual requests have remained the same since this project began, even though the number of sampling stations has increased. Given the rising costs of operation, our Steering Committee concluded that we must increase our operating income by asking all donors for a modest increase and by seeking new funding sources. The attached invoice for 2026 includes a 10% increase in our annual request for support.

Since the inception of this project, we have collected a huge amount of data on stream flow, water temperature, and water quality at 33 monitoring stations. This includes 22 surface water monitoring stations, three wells and eight springs. These data sets are available upon request to anyone at no cost. Requests for data have come from local municipalities, water authorities, wastewater authorities, several county offices, state agencies, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Penn State Office of Physical Plant, Penn State academic units and students, local industries, and consulting firms. We have summarized our findings in annual or biennial reports which are available on our website.

Your support is essential to the continuation of this monitoring project. We would welcome the opportunity to make a presentation to describe our current sampling efforts and results. If you have additional questions please contact the Water Resources Coordinator, Elyse Johnson at <a href="mailto:elyse@keystonewaterresources.org">elyse@keystonewaterresources.org</a> and visit our website: <a href="mailto:www.keystonewaterresources.org">www.keystonewaterresources.org</a>

Thank you,

Robert Vierck

Keystone Water Resources Center Chair of Board of Directors Robert Carline

Keystone Water Resources Center

Right Carline

Treasurer



# **INVOICE**

# Spring Creek Water Resources Monitoring Project

#### BILL TO

Bellefonte Borough 301 N. Spring Street Suite 200 Bellefonte, PA 16823

DATE 10/18/2025

DESCRIPTION	QTY	AMOUNT
Water Resources Monitoring Project 2026 Contribution	1	
	1	\$3,145
Total Due		3.145

Please make checks payable to Keystone Water Resources Center and mail to PO Box 43, Lemont, PA 16851.

If you have any questions about this invoice, please contact Elyse Johnson, Water Resources Specialist, elyse@keystonewaterresources.org Zebulen S. Smoyer 107 S. Ridge Street Bellefonte, PA 16823

October 30, 2025

Bellefonte Borough Council 301 N. Spring Street Suite 200 Bellefonte, PA 16823

RE: Exception to Section 404.3 of the Centre Region Building Safety & Property Maintenance Code

I am writing regarding my home at 107 S. Ridge Street, which I have lived in for two years. I have temporarily moved out of state with my partner while they attend law school. My goal is to rent my house out for a few years and then return to Bellefonte. I have obtained a rental permit from the Borough.

The house has one bedroom on the first floor and three on the second floor. During the inspection process it was observed that the second-story ceiling height is approximately 6 feet and 8 inches, which does not meet Section 404.3 of the Centre Region Building Safety & Property Maintenance Code (2017 Edition), requiring that "habitable spaces ... shall have a clear ceiling height of not less than 7 feet." As a result, only the first-floor bedroom was permitted to be rented as a bedroom. The house was built in 1910, long before the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act was adopted in 2004.

I fully support the safety objectives behind the ceiling-height rule and have complied with all other fire and life-safety requirements under the code. The existing clear ceiling height is only four inches — roughly 5% — below the minimum requirement. Altering the structure to gain those few inches would require invasive construction that would compromise the historic character of the house while imposing significant cost, with relatively little measurable increase in safety. Additionally, my 1910 house is relatively drafty. I imagine the draftyness reduces smoke build-up against the ceiling, increasing the effectiveness of the ceiling space.

I request that the Council amend their adoption of the Centre Region Building Safety & Property Maintenance Code to include an exception to section 404.3 of that code for structures constructed prior to 2004. There is precedent for this type of exemption in the Centre Region. In July 2023, Harris Township adopted Ordinance No. 360, which exempts structures built prior to 1996 from the minimum ceiling height requirements of Section 404.3.

Thank you kindly for your time,

-Zebulen S. Smoyer



#### Fwd: Property located at the end of Oak Lane in Bellefonte

From Buddy Johnson <Bjohnson@bellefontepa.gov>

Date Wed 10/29/2025 2:58 PM

To Alyssa Doherty <adoherty@bellefontepa.gov>

#### Begin forwarded message:

From: Kelly McManus <kelly.k.m.mcmanus@gmail.com>

Date: October 29, 2025 at 2:29:10 PM EDT

**To:** Buddy Johnson < Bjohnson@bellefontepa.gov>

Cc: Emily Zimdahl-McManus <emily.l.z.mcmanus@gmail.com>
Subject: Property located at the end of Oak Lane in Bellefonte

Good Afternoon Mayor Johnson,

I wanted to officially reach out to the mayor's office & the borough council to voice our displeasure & concerns with the work and process of the work that has taken place at the end of Oak Lane in Bellefonte and on our property (parcel #32-105-094-0000). I have attached pictures to this email to help clarify our concerns. [image.png]

Our first concern is that none of the property owners of the lots adjacent to where the work was completed were notified prior to the work being started. The borough has the right to complete the necessary work in their right-of-ways, but the lack of communication is a concern because it did not give the owners any chance to address our concerns or needs with that particular space & the impacts on said space.

The second concern is that the borough's plan for water drainage on Oak Lane & the immediate run-off from the neighborhood is being channeled directly into the middle of our property. Oak Lane has no street drainage. So any time it rains, all the water runs directly down Oak Lane into the properties at the end of the street. Prior to the work being completed, this run-off would hit the end of Oak Lane and then naturally disperse across the right-of-way, our property on the left, and a separate property on the right side. Now that the work has been done, the borough has cleared the right-of-way and purposely made drainage ditches with rocks & excavation to run the water towards the center of our property. The rock drainage & concrete drainage are on the right-of-way, but the borough dug/excavated the drainage ditch well into our property. This property already sits at the bottom of the neighborhood. It does not need additional drainage being directed at the property.

- We did reach out to Mr. Matt Auman about this issue. We explained our concern and he explained that if the property begins to get too much water/flood, the borough will work with us to fix it.

After talking to Mr. Auman, our thoughts shifted to the future. Right now, our property is just wild/natural, but that might not always be the case. If we decide to build on the property or sell the property in the future, all of that excess drainage will be a future problem.

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The dugout drainage trench (above picture) extends roughly 28 feet into the property from the property line.

The third concern is that with the new clearing of the right-of-way and the drainage excavating that has been done, there is an impact on the properties. After the work had been completed, we had a large storm with lots of rain but little wind rolled through for two days. At the end of that storm, a large dead tree split and half of it fell across the right-of-way that was cleared. I contacted Mr. Auman & the borough about the tree. They cleaned up the part that fell across the right-of-way and left the remaining. Mr. Auman claimed that the tree was dead and fell in the storm. Every land-related worker that we have been in touch with (tree removal services, excavaters of the remaining) and extra run-off water from the borough's work are definitely factors in why the tree fell. We are now left with

having to hire professionals to come in and remove the rest of the tree that split. Could this happen again with how the borough rerouted the drainage into our property?

[image.png]

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The fourth concern we now have is the access gate that the borough installed at the base of Oak Lane.

- When we contacted Mr. Auman, we discussed the fact that the borough would be installing a gate to keep people from driving down into the powerline area behind the neighborhood. Mr. Auman stated that we could get a key anytime we needed to access the property.

Once the borough started working on the gate portion of the job, we reached back out to Mr. Auman about the location of where they were installing the gate. We were concerned with the location of the gate and the fact that we now need to hire tree removal professionals to access the property to safely take down the rest of the dead tree that split. All that had been completed to this point was that two holes were dug for the posts of the gate. No concrete had been poured yet. Mr. Auman did get back to us, but not until after the concrete had been poured and the posts were set. He also suggested moving our access point, but to where I don't know. To the left of the new gate post is a small grass area sandwiched between another property's driveway and the new gate post. I do not believe this area is big enough for vehicles to access when doing work like removing the rest of the dead tree.

[image.png]

To the left of the gate post (above picture) is roughly 10 feet of space to the neighbor's property. This space also enters directly in toward a rocky hill/slope.

To the right of the new gate post is some grass then leading into the new rock/drainage ditch that the borough excavated. Our concern is that there was no communication with any property owners to brainstorm a plan and address any concerns. We tried to stay on top of it the best we could, but even when we reached out with a concern, work was still completed and replies came after the fact.

[image.png]

To the right of the gate post (above picture) is roughly 8 feet of space to the rock drainage trench that the borough dug. Now the work has been done and we, the property owners, are left having to deal with the decisions.

We have no issues with the borough completing their work to gain access to the power lines behind Shady Lane & Oak Lane in Bellefonte. Our concerns lie with the fact that there was no communication between the borough and property owners before work was started & completed, and the fact that the borough decided to route the drainage from Oak Lane directly into the middle of our property. Maybe they thought they could because the property is natural with no buildings currently on it, but this should not have happened without any approval of the property owners.

We bring this to the attention of the mayor & borough council because the work has been done and we, the property owners & taxpayers, are the ones dealing with the issues that the work has caused or has the potential to cause. If we do nothing with the property in the immediate future, then there is little impact felt. But if we decide to build or sell on that property in the future (say 5 years from now) and there are issues stemming from the gate or the water drainage, are we going to be met with "There were no issues over the past 5 years. It is now a past practice concern and any water issues or gate issues will not be addressed"?

Folder of All Photos<a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1\_Z-4\_-eLnwLcvCEcIIL\_F6oeGQZYaNje?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1\_Z-4\_-eLnwLcvCEcIIL\_F6oeGQZYaNje?usp=sharing</a>

Thank you for your time,

Kelly & Emily McManus 971 Shady Lane Bellefonte, PA 16823













From: Moira Stockton <stocktonmoira@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 23, 2025 12:27 PM **To:** David Pribulka <a href="mailto:dpribulka@bellefontepa.gov">dpribulka@bellefontepa.gov</a>

Subject: Stage at Talleyrand Park Design

Dear Dave Pribulka,

I understand that you are our new interim Borough Manager and act as liaison between residents and council. I am writing to you about the Stage at Talleyrand Park Project. I am a Bellefonte resident who frequents Talleyrand Park often and have a critique of the project I would like to voice.

I am not opposed to a bigger performance structure than the gazebo in that section of the park, but it is important to me that the design of that structure match the carefully curated aesthetic of the park as a whole. The project design of the stage on the sign for the Stage at Talleyrand Park is of an angular, harsh, modern looking stage. If such a design were realized, it would not fit in visually with the park. Talleyrand Park is Bellefonte's Victorian jewel, with a fountained promenade, ornate wooden gazebo, historic railroad, and curving footbridges. I believe that the new stage should honor Talleyrand's Victorian charm.

To get around any presumptions, I am a young person, recently moved to Bellefonte from a much larger city. I've had my share of colorless, angular, clinical, modern architecture. Bellefonte's preservation of its Victorian architecture is one of the things I love most about it, both in town and in the neighborhoods. In a world that sometimes feels too digital, too minimalist, too sleek for its own good, I love living somewhere with ornamentation, where the houses and businesses have character, detail, and depth.

I believe a larger stage in Talleyrand Park would be a benefit to all of Bellefonte, but I urge you and other people involved in the project to ask the architects for another design that better honors the Victorian history that Bellefonte puts such an effort into preserving. A structure that looks more like a traditional stage, perhaps drawing inspiration from the burned Garman Opera House, would be a celebration of Bellefonte's commitment to the beauty of the past.

Thank you for taking my feedback to the council.

Very best, Moira Moira J. Stockton

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#### Request for Borough Support - Preservation of Historic Bellefonte High School Farmhouse

From Sadie Belsky <sadiebelsky@icloud.com>

Date Mon 10/27/2025 8:34 AM

To David Pribulka <dpribulka@bellefontepa.gov>; Alyssa Doherty <adoherty@bellefontepa.gov>; Lori McGowan <lmcgowan@bellefontepa.gov>; Gina Thompson <gthompson@bellefontepa.gov>; Steven Barr <sbarr@bellefontepa.gov>; Melissa McCullough <mmccullough@bellefontepa.gov>

1 attachment (88 KB)

Farmhouse Demolition Letter.pdf;

Dear Members of the Bellefonte Borough Council,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing as a concerned Bellefonte resident and district graduate regarding the Bellefonte Area School Board's recent decision to demolish the historic farmhouse located on school property.

I have attached a letter I am sending to the school board that details my concerns about this decision and the significant opportunity being lost. As a current architecture student with a passion for historic preservation, sustainability, and community development, I believe this farmhouse represents not only an important piece of our local heritage but also a valuable educational and community resource.

While I understand this property falls under the school district's jurisdiction, I am reaching out to borough leadership because this decision affects our entire community. The loss of historic structures diminishes the character and heritage of Bellefonte as a whole. Additionally, Myken Poorman has secured plans and grants to transform this building into a green classroom and farm-to-table learning hub—a project that would benefit our community and position Bellefonte as a leader in sustainable, innovative education.

I am hoping the borough might consider voicing support for preservation and adaptive reuse of the farmhouse, encourage dialogue between the school board and community stakeholders, and explore whether borough resources or partnerships could support the preservation effort.

I recognize that borough council may have limited direct influence over school district property decisions, but I believe community voices and collaborative support could make a meaningful difference in this situation.

I would be grateful if you would review my attached letter and consider whether the borough might advocate for reconsidering this decision. I am available to discuss this matter further and can be reached at (814)-321-6862 or via email.

Thank you for your time, your service to our community, and for considering this request.

Respectfully,

Sadie Belsky

Bellefonte Area School District Graduate, Class of 2021

Current B.Arch Student, Pennsylvania State University

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October, 23rd, 2025

Bellefonte Area School District Board of Directors

Superintendent Dr. Roy Rakszawski

318 North Allegheny Street

Bellefonte, PA 16823

Dear Members of the School Board and Superintendent Dr. Rakszawski,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to reconsider the recent decision to demolish the farmhouse on the Bellefonte Area High School property. As a current architecture student, a lifelong resident, a proud graduate of Bellefonte Area School District, as well as a previous agriculture student, this decision deeply saddens and disappoints me. My studies in architecture, combined with my passion for agriculture, sustainability, history, and design, have given me a unique perspective on the extraordinary opportunity this building represents, an opportunity that I fear will be lost forever if we proceed with demolition.

# The Irreplaceable Value of Historic Architecture

Although the farmhouse may not carry a formal historic designation, it is undeniably a historic landmark that deserves protection and preservation. In our community and across Pennsylvania, well-maintained historic architecture is increasingly rare. Every day, buildings like this one, structures that have witnessed generations of our community's history, are carelessly destroyed, taking with them irreplaceable stories, craftsmanship, and architectural knowledge.

As an architecture student, I have learned that historic buildings are far more than old structures occupying space. They are three-dimensional textbooks that teach us about traditional building methods, materials, proportions, and design principles that have been tested by time itself. The farmhouse embodies construction techniques and architectural details that are no longer

commonly practiced such as traditional framing methods, thoughtful orientation to the land, and careful material selection. These are lessons that cannot be fully understood through photographs or drawings alone; they must be experienced in person.

Our students deserve the opportunity to learn from this building. In my own education, I spend considerable time studying historic structures because they offer invaluable lessons about durability, craftsmanship, and design that responds to local climate and materials. The farmhouse on our school property could serve as an accessible, hands-on learning laboratory for students interested in construction, history, art, environmental science, and countless other subjects. Rather than viewing it as a waste of space or resources, we should recognize it as an educational asset with potential that extends far beyond its four walls.

# The Promise of Adaptive Reuse

I urge the board to consider the practice of adaptive reuse—the sustainable approach of repurposing existing buildings for new, beneficial purposes while preserving their historic character. This practice, which has long been embraced throughout Europe and is rapidly gaining momentum in the United States, represents the intersection of historic preservation, environmental responsibility, and creative problem-solving.

Adaptive reuse acknowledges that the most sustainable building is often the one that already exists. The embodied energy in the farmhouse, all the resources, labor, and materials that went into its original construction, represents a valuable investment that should not be casually discarded. Demolition generates an enormous amount of waste and requires significant resources to remove debris and construct something new. In contrast, adaptive reuse honors the craftsmanship and materials of the past while giving the structure renewed purpose and meaning for future generations.

This approach is not merely theoretical. Across the country, schools, municipalities, and private organizations are successfully transforming historic buildings into vibrant educational spaces, community centers, and environmental learning hubs. These projects demonstrate that preservation and progress are not opposing forces, rather they can work together to create something more meaningful than either could achieve alone.

The farmhouse is an ideal candidate for such a transformation. Its location on school property means it is already integrated into our educational infrastructure. Its agricultural heritage connects authentically to discussions of food systems, rural history, and environmental stewardship. Its traditional construction offers teaching opportunities that simply cannot be replicated. Rather than viewing its age as a liability, we should recognize it as an asset that adds depth, character, and authenticity to whatever new purpose it serves.

# A Vision Already in Place: The Green Classroom Initiative

What makes this situation particularly urgent—and particularly heartbreaking—is that a comprehensive vision for the farmhouse's adaptive reuse already exists. Myken Poorman has developed detailed plans and secured grants to transform this historic structure into a "green"

classroom and kitchen, creating a living laboratory for sustainable design and true farm-to-table education.

This proposal represents exactly the kind of innovative, interdisciplinary learning opportunity that modern education strives to provide. Imagine students learning not just about nutrition in abstract terms, but actually growing food in school gardens, preparing it in a restored historic kitchen, and understanding the complete cycle from soil to table. Imagine science classes studying sustainable building practices, insulation, water conservation, and renewable energy, not from textbooks, but from a real building that demonstrates these principles. Imagine history classes exploring agricultural heritage, local foodways, and the evolution of rural Pennsylvania architecture through direct engagement with an authentic historic structure.

This vision transforms the farmhouse from a static historic artifact into a dynamic educational resource. It creates space for hands-on learning that engages students who might not thrive in traditional classroom settings. It provides opportunities for partnerships with local farmers, craftspeople, historians, and sustainability experts. It positions Bellefonte Area School District as a leader in innovative, experiential education that prepares students not just for tests, but for meaningful engagement with the pressing environmental and social challenges of our time.

The fact that grants have already been secured demonstrates that this vision has merit beyond our local community. Funding organizations have reviewed the proposal and determined it worthy of investment. To demolish the building now would not only destroy a historic structure but would also reject a ready-made opportunity to enhance our students' educational experience at minimal cost to the district.

## **Personal Reflection and Future Inspiration**

As a Bellefonte graduate with a passion for agriculture, now pursuing architecture, I can say with certainty that projects like this one are exactly what inspired me to follow this career path. The proposed green classroom project at the farmhouse represents the kind of work I hope to do professionally: work that honors the past while serving present needs and future aspirations. It embodies the principles I am studying such as sustainability, community engagement, adaptive reuse, and design that serves educational and social purposes.

Current and future students deserve the opportunity to be similarly inspired. They deserve to learn in an environment that demonstrates, through action rather than words alone, that we value history, sustainability, innovation, and creative problem-solving. They deserve to see that old and new can coexist, that preservation and progress are not contradictory, and that their community invests in educational opportunities that extend beyond standardized curricula.

If we demolish the farmhouse, we send a different message: that when faced with a building that requires care and vision, the easier path of demolition is acceptable. We teach that history is disposable, that sustainable practices are secondary considerations, and that ready-made educational opportunities can be rejected if they require effort to realize.

#### A Plea for Reconsideration

I recognize that the school board faces difficult decisions and must balance numerous competing priorities with limited resources. I understand that maintaining older buildings presents challenges. However, I respectfully submit that the decision to demolish the farmhouse has not adequately considered the full range of opportunities this building represents.

Before proceeding with demolition, I urge you to:

- Meet with Myken Poorman and other community stakeholders to fully understand the vision for the green classroom and the resources already committed to the project
- Consult with historic preservation professionals who can assess the building's condition and its potential for adaptive reuse & engage with architecture and sustainability experts who can articulate the educational value of the structure
- Survey students, teachers, and community members about their interest in the proposed programming
- Consider the long-term educational and community benefits that adaptive reuse would provide compared to the one-time removal of a perceived problem

Our students deserve better. Our community deserves better. The craftspeople who built this farmhouse decades ago deserve to have their work honored rather than discarded. And the future deserves to inherit a community that made the more difficult, more meaningful choice to preserve, adapt, and learn rather than simply tear down and forget.

I believe Bellefonte Area School District has an opportunity to lead and to demonstrate that rural schools can embrace cutting-edge educational practices while honoring their heritage, that historic preservation and modern education can enhance one another, and that when presented with the choice between easy and meaningful, we choose meaningful.

I sincerely hope you will reconsider this decision and give the farmhouse, and the vision for its transformation, the serious consideration it deserves.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our community's students.

Respectfully,

Sadie Belsky

Bellefonte Area School District Graduate, Class of 2021

Current B. Arch. Student, Pennsylvania State University

From: **Poorman**, **Myken** < <u>mpoorman@basd.net</u>>

Date: Fri, Oct 24, 2025 at 9:33 AM Subject: Farmhouse concern --

To: Buddy Johnson < bjohnson@basd.net >

Hi Buddy,

I'm so sorry to use your school email, but I have something really important that I'd like to share with you.

I wanted to reach out to you about the decision to tear down the Beaver farmhouse beside our school gardens.

Not only is it historic, it's been used for my classes, architecture classes, and many others. We talk about its history, the stonework and how it was built, and students have worked with the PSU architecture students to re-design it using green, sustainable materials.

I have been working for years with the house and finding grants to refurbish it green to use as a model of sustainability. Plus, it would serve as a safe place in case we ever needed it while we were down working in the gardens and it would have a usable kitchen to clean produce before it's donated or brought back for school use.

#### I have included

the <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/17AslDIr6wPPIV\_ZLtzhehAeuNyPZUcvB/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/17AslDIr6wPPIV\_ZLtzhehAeuNyPZUcvB/edit</a> as well as <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mctXEfsbm60qk-vh-NhDdZrdxV5BAugu">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mctXEfsbm60qk-vh-NhDdZrdxV5BAugu</a> of the farmhouse that my students and PSU collaborated on.

I was told for years that nothing was going to happen to the house and it would be spared even with the construction of the new elementary school. I'm sure many on the school board had no idea of its significance to my program and others, but I truly didn't think I needed to fight for it (until now) because I've been told it's fine.

I'm told it's a liability...but it's stood for years with no issues and if that's the argument, athletic fields, bleachers, etc...could all be considered liabilities.

I've emailed the board and asked them reconsider, but I also may attend the next borough council meeting. I suggested they use the \$12,000 that was going to be spent to tear it down to seal it up/winterize it. I will continue researching for grants to refurbish it as a historic farmhouse and model of sustainability and other teachers will be able to keep using it for educational purposes as well. No one goes inside the farmhouse...it's all external and design use at this point, but once refurbished, it would be an awesome working classroom.

I do not live in the Bellefonte borough, so I'm not sure I would be allowed to speak, so I'm trying to reach as many people and ask that they vote no to tearing it down.

Thank you for your consideration!

Myken Mrs. Myken Poorman Agricultural Sciences Teacher FFA Advisor Tech. Ed. Department Chair

# The BASD Sustainable Farm

Old farmhouse area - Land-Use Plan (est. 2 acres)



- Eco house retrofitting an old home to "green" home
  - o BAHS/CPI collaboration use house as model house for green design, sustainability, etc. (Similar to the Sustainability House at PSU)
    - CPI Programs: Construction Trades, Masonry, Emerging Energy and Infrastructure
    - Alternative energy solar, wind, biomass, biodiesel, geothermal

#### Gardens

- Produce production for use in cafeteria, foods classes
   \*A large portion will be completed in the spring/summer, but will carry over into fall.
- o Research seed comparison, natural fertilizers/pesticides, plant structure, soil types, etc.
- Hoop house winter greens production; egg production
- o <u>Future Idea</u>: CSA/farm stand employ students; profit-sharing from sales
  - Small Business: Areas of focus Ag Production, Accounting, Journalism, Art and Marketing (Graphic Design, Communication, Video Production)
  - Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a farming model in which community members pledge support to the farm at the beginning of the season. In return, they pick up a share of the harvest every week. The growers and members provide mutual support in their food production and both partners share in the risks and rewards of small-scale farming (e.g. weather, disease, pests vs. fresh, nutritious and bountiful veggies). CSA restores the lost connection between people and agriculture by providing an opportunity for members to be directly connected to how their food is grown.
- o Pizza Mia! already committed to buying from us!

#### Orchards

- o Apples and pears fruit for cafe, for making cider and apple sauce
- o Plan location and plant ASAP

#### Pollinator gardens

- o Honeybees have a local beekeeper manage the hives; future student involvement in hives BASD honey
- Cross-Curricular Education:
  - o Agriculture Education
  - o Science Habitat diversity, data collection/experiment station
  - o Tech Ed engineering/design, photography, architecture, appropriate technology, wood technology

- o History of the land, property history (land use), architecture, agricultural practices through time
- o Fine Arts drawing, photography, natural design, outdoor classroom music of nature (inspiration space)
- o English writing, reading (nature/environmental literature Wendell Berry), research
- o Math data collection and analysis, mathematical modeling, small business accounting, etc.
- o Health/Physical Education nutrition, open space, walking
- o FCS nutrition, food production, PreSchool Gardening Program (possible Farm to PreSchool program funding)
- Nature trail
- Composting Program
  - o Gardens will be all-natural so they will need natural fertilizers: should come from schools
    - District organic waste
    - Tumblers in every building
- Outdoor Classroom
- Community Outreach
  - o Programs
- District-Wide Resource
  - High school students develop and direct educational activities for Pre-School, MS and Elementary students
  - o MS, Elem. students use space for class, projects, etc.

#### **Safety and Privacy Plan:**

Develop phasing

- Existing faculty/students
- Future director
  - o Funded through grants, corporate sponsorships

#### Access:

Walking path from HS; driving access

- Walking path budgeting at building level and extra grant funds
  - o Temporary path until future development of land is solidified

Below is the Centre County GIS map showing the confluence of the HS property line and the farmhouse property line (<a href="http://gissites.co.centre.pa.us/CentreGISPublic/index.html">http://gissites.co.centre.pa.us/CentreGISPublic/index.html</a> )



#### Resources and Models:

Utilize existing organizations for assistance –

- PSU Extension
- County Conservation District
- Penn State Agriculture and Sustainability programs
- NRCS
- PDA-USDA
- Centre Co. Beekeepers Assoc.
- PASA PA Assoc. Sustainable Agriculture
- FSA Farm Service Agency
- Current CSA's Healthy Harvest, Tait Farm, PSU student farm

http://www.sad1.org/schoolfarm/index.html - nice school farm in Maine

http://www.schoolgardenwizard.org/wizard/pdf/make\_quide.pdf

http://commongroundct.org/urban-farm/

<u>http://www.schoolgardenproject.com/</u> - school project (garden, compost, seed-saving, farmstand)

http://www.ecoliteracy.org/

http://www.farmtoschool.org/

http://www.thespectrum.com/story/news/2016/09/16/students-learn-stem-through-school

s-greenhouse/90514872/

http://www.farmtocity.org/Home.asp?mname=Wild+Fox+Farm

#### **Grant Resources:**

http://www.americainbloom.org/resources/grant-opportunities.aspx

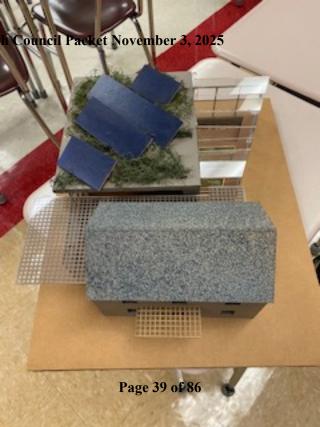
http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/farm-school

http://www.dep.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx

http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/farm-school-grant-program

https://farmtoschool.osu.edu/











#### BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes October 20, 2025 - 7:30 p.m.

301 N. Spring Street, 1st Floor, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823

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ATTEND IN PERSON: The meeting room is open with normal occupancy limits.

**I. CALL TO ORDER** (Council President Barbara Dann) The October 20, 2025 meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. \*Council met for a work session prior to tonight's meeting.

#### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

III. MEMBERS PRESENT Mr. Kent Bernier

Mr. Randall Brachbill

Ms. Deborah Cleeton, Pro Tempore

Ms. Barbara Dann, President

Mr. Douglas Johnson, *Vice President*Ms. Shawna McKean- EXCUSED

Ms. Rita Purnell

Ms. Johanna Sedgwick Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey

Ms. Jalyn Meckley, *Jr. Council Member* Mayor Buddy Johnson- EXCUSED

STAFF PRESENT Bill Witmer, Police Chief

David Pribulka, Interim Borough Manager

Alyssa Doherty, Assistant to the Borough Manager

Gina Thompson, Planning, Zoning & HARB Administrator

#### 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.

Tosti-Vasey moved to add the Barton & Loguidice Invoice to the Consent Agenda.

Tosti-Vasey moved and Brachbill seconded to move the Barton & Loguidice Invoice to the Consent Agenda. No discussion. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Kent Bernier yes	Ms. Shawna McKean	EXCUSED
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		

#### **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.

**NONE** 

#### VI(A). COMMUNICATIONS (Written)

2025 Upcoming Special Events. No council action requested.

Bellefonte Art Museum funding request. This information has also been provided to the Borough Finance Director for the upcoming budget. No council action is needed.

Speeding complaint on Allegheny and High Streets. Deferred to Police Chief. No action at this time.

#### VI(B). 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 September 2025
2. Finance	Budget v. Actual Summary September 2025
3. Finance	Campbell Durrant Legal Invoice September 2025
4. General	DRAFT Council Meeting Minutes October 6th, 2025
5. Finance	Stover McGlaughlin Legal Invoice September 2025
6. Finance	Treasurer Report September 2025
7. Finance	Voucher Summary September 2025
8. Finance	Barton & Loguidice Legal Invoice
o. Finance	Barton & Loguidice Legal invoice

Brachbill motioned and Cleeton seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Discussion included Tosti-Vasey requesting to remove item number 5 – Stover McGlaughlin Invoice and Item number 8 – Barton & Loguidice Invoice for clarification and discussion. Roll call vote to approve items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7. Motion to approve the listed items carried unanimously.

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Mr. Kent Bernier	yes	Ms. Shawna McKean	EXCUSED
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		

Tosti-Vasey clarified that on item 5 – Stover McGlaughlin Legal Invoice, Council will only pay the remaining balance of \$740.00, not the full invoice amount of \$1628.00, as Council has already paid \$888.00.

She further noted that item 8, Barton and Loguidice Invoice for the Suspension Bridge Project, there are 3 invoices. She asked for clarification as to which invoice is being approved for payment. It was clarified that 2 of the 3 invoices were approved by Council and paid and the approval on tonight's agenda is for payment of the 3<sup>rd</sup> outstanding invoice. Roll call vote to approve items 5 and 8 on the Consent agenda. Motion carried with 7 yes and 1 no vote. Tosti-Vasey voted no because she did not approve the Barton Loguidice invoice.

Mr. Kent Bernier	yes	Ms. Shawna McKean	EXCUSED
Mr. Randy Brachbill	yes	Ms. Rita Purnell	yes
Ms. Deb Cleeton	yes	Ms. Johanna Sedgwick	yes
Ms. Barbara Dann	yes	Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey	no
Mr. Doug Johnson	yes		

#### VII. REPORTS

#### **Police (Chief Witmer)**

September 2025 report

450 calls for service in the past month

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

(Ms. Thompson)

1. Recommended for approval:

Call for a motion/2nd to approve the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for 126–128 North Spring Street for replacement of five deteriorated exterior first-floor doors (two front, two rear, one alley) with proposed materials as presented.

Tosti-Vasey motioned and Brachbill seconded to approve the above listed project. No discussion. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kent Bernier	yes	Ms. Shawna McKean	EXCUSED
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		

Call for a motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the demolition of deteriorated garage at 417 East Bishop Street (along Cherry & Badger)

Cleeton motioned and Bernier seconded to approve the above listed project. No discussion. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kent Bernier	yes	Ms. Shawna McKean	EXCUSED
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		

#### (Interim) Borough Manager

September 2025 report submitted and included in tonight's packet.

Mr. Pribulka mentioned an upcoming demolition permit that will be submitted by the Bellefonte Area School District for removal of a structure at the New Elementary construction site. He noted that Council will be asked to approve the permit in the near future. The Borough is working with Centre Region Code to resolve the outstanding issues.

#### **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Elected Official Committee Reports)**

**Environmental & Parks Committee/ Ordinance ad hoc Committee** (Submitted) September 2025 Report

#### Finance & Administration Committee (Verbal)

September 2025 Report

#### **Infrastructure & Public Works Committee** (Submitted)

September 2025 Report

#### **Streets Committee** (Verbal and included at the table)

September 2025 Report

- o Mr. Johnson reported that E High Street Data Speed Study
  - The count was from September 16-23
  - 2600+ vehicles recorded, 14 were above 35MPH, average speed was 17.9MPH
  - Conclusion speed bumps are not needed
- Logan Street curb replacement request it is unlikely the borough would pay for the replacement
- No parking sign requested for E. High Street and School Street in process to be installed
- Handicapped parking request for downtown business was resolved. The business owner is going to be charged \$10/day to bag the meter for Handicapped use and \$5/day to bag a metered space permit. The permit must be displayed when the space is occupied.
- o E. Linn Street paving project update repaving will be completed in the spring
- o New hand railing installed at Blanchard street and E. Logan Street.
- o Discussed the possibility of installing flashing beacon crosswalk signals. Would be installed from the diamond "out" in the diamond district.

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- Discussion regarding Tosti-Vasey's numerous "Complete Streets" requests and suggestions.
- o Meeting with business owner at Happy Wraps issue is being resolved.

#### **Public Transport Task Force Committee (Verbal)**

September 2025 Report (Next meeting scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>.)

#### IX. LIASON REPORTS

Reports were submitted

Update on Centre County Airport Authority – Mr. Johnson reported that Breeze Airways has not made much progress in coming to the area. If this could still happen – it would not be before Spring, 2026.

#### X. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS

The Borough's Fee Schedule was changed/updated.

Brachbill motioned and Tosti-Vasey seconded to approve the updated Fee Schedule as presented. Discussion included Cleeton questioning why the fee schedule is being updated at this point in the year. It was clarified that the changes to the fee schedule were previously missed and are being added now. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kent Bernier ye	S	Ms. Shawna McKean	EXCUSED
Mr. Randy Brachbill yes	}	Ms. Rita Purnell	yes
Ms. Deb Cleeton yes	3	Ms. Johanna Sedgwick	yes
Ms. Barbara Dann yes		Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey	yes
Mr. Doug Johnson yes			

Approval of Resolution No. 10202025-01 Adopting the Police Department's updated Policies.

Cleeton motioned and Brachbill seconded to approve Resolution No. 10202025-01 Adopting the Police Department's updated Policies. No discussion. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kent Bernier yes	Ms. Shawna McKean	EXCUSED
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. NEW BUSINESS

Bellefonte Borough Trick or Treat is scheduled for Friday, October 31st 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm. No council action is requested.

Borough Offices will be closed Tuesday, November 11th for Veterans Day and Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving. No council action is requested.

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There will be no Brush/ Grass Pick-up on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. The last day for Brush/ Grass Curbside pick-up will be Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. 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, street, municipality, if outside of the Borough of Bellefonte. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes maximum.

NONE

#### XIII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

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

Mrs. Purnell reminded the community about the upcoming election day. Today was the last day to register to vote and next Tuesday, 10/28 is the last day to submit any mail in ballots – deadline is 5pm. The new office is 502 E. Howard Street, Suite 104 (the old Centre Crest Building).

Tosti-Vasey mentioned about additional goals – joining the PA Municipal League. Might require additional funds.

Ms. Dann reminded the community that Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November  $2^{nd}$ , 2025.

Mr. Johnson Trivia Question: Who was the first female mayor elected in Centre County? Answer: (Hint: She was from Bellefonte) Mr. Johnson announced that the correct answer is "Candace Dannaker".

#### XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.

#### **MEMORANDUM**



**TO:** Bellefonte Borough Council

**FROM:** Gina Thompson: HARB, Zoning & Planning Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Office of Community Affairs Update

**DATE:** For Council Meeting November 3, 2025

#### **PLANNING:**

The Planning Commission will meet on Monday, November 10 at 5:00 PM. The draft agenda includes review and approval of the Subdivision of Tax Parcel 32-301-300 – SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority.

The next Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission meeting will meet on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Benner Township municipal building.

#### **ZONING:**

I continue to review, process, and issue zoning permits. I have been working on addressing issues for commercial properties. Most inquiries to the Office of Community Affairs relate to questions about local zoning regulations and land use for residential and commercial properties.

#### Council approval required for demolition permit for 1002 Airport Road.

- ➤ The Bellefonte Area School District (BASD) has submitted a zoning application related to the demolition of a mid-19th-century stone farmhouse located behind the Bellefonte Area High School.
- ➤ The structure is historically identified as part of the Valentine farm and has been referenced on 19th-century maps of Spring Township. The farmhouse is currently vacant but has been intermittently used for educational projects.

#### **HARB:**

HARB met on October 28, 2025. The agenda, presentation, and meting minutes are included for review.

For the demolition proposal at 1002 Airport Road (Beaver Farmhouse), **HARB requested that Council consider referring the application to them for comment**, acknowledging that they cannot issue a formal recommendation because the property lies outside the Historic District and is not listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

#### Recommended for approval/the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness:

- ➤ **320 West High Street (Train Station)** installation of the replica Liberty Bell as part of the Bells Across America program, with placement to be determined and no adverse impact to the historic scales if located there.
- **227 North Allegheny Street -** replacement of 16 windows with materials and design as presented.

#### **Administrative Approvals:**

- ✓ 217 North Spring Street (McCully Riffles & Run Bed & Breakfast) Replacing doublehung, 6/6 wood window in kind, only slightly longer dimensions. Window located in rear of house and can't be seen by a right-of-way.
- ✓ **118 North Allegheny (New Wave Salon)** Repaint outside blue trim of storefront in Sherwin Williams, HGSW2286 Pale Patina.
- ✓ **126 South Allegheny (Smith & Front)** Repaint exterior entrance in same color: Flat black. Painted entranceway black from faded periwinkle.
- ✓ **140 West High Street (Uhler)** Replace second floor, southernmost window on Spring Street exposure with Jeld Wen Siteline wood window with metal clad exterior. Exterior color will be chestnut brown to match storm window and matching brown trim paint.
- ✓ **403 East Linn Street (Bloom)** Repaint the wooden rear addition of house and 15 sets of shutters SW7006 Extra White
- ✓ **421 East Curtin Street (Provan)** Roof mounted solar array, 43 modules will be mounted on flat roof on three sides of residence
- ✓ **299 West Linn Street (Badarni)** Roof replacement: shingle to shingle, Owens Corning TruDefinition Duration Shingles, color: midnight plum

HARB will not meet on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> as it's a holiday and will not meet on the rescheduled Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup> as there are no projects for review. The next HARB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am in the Large Meeting Room.



### **ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION**

### **Borough of Bellefonte**

Application Fee: \$50.00 Paid: ☑	Date Received: 9M/ 10/24/2025
(Check can be made out to: Bellefonte Borough)	
Applicant: Homas Lannen	
Phone Number: (8/4) 355-48/4 x 3006 Email: +	lanner @ basd. net
Applicant's Address: 318 N. Allegheny STREET	Bellefink Pa 16823
Owner: Belletonte Area School Bustrict	
Owner's Address: 318 N. Alleghery Street B	elle finte, Pa 16823
Address of Property: 1002 Airport Road B	'ellefinte Pa 16823
*A zoning permit shall be required prior to the erection, extension, or alteration of any structure or land. No zoning permit shall be required for normal maintenance activitie or alteration as defined by the Zoning Ordinance. Nor shall a zoning permit be required for use must meet the same zoning requirements as the old use. No permit shall be granted with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or, upon appeal, in compliance with the decis Application for a Zoning Permit for the following:	s or minor repairs that do not constitute an erection, extension, or a change from one permitted use to another, when such new by the Zoning Officer for any purpose except in compliance
<ul><li>Accessory structure (i.e. – garage/shed/etc.)</li><li>Demolition of a building or structure</li></ul>	
Erection, addition, or structural alteration of a buildin	g
☐ Fence	
Swimming pool	
The use or change in use of a building: Other	
<ul><li>☐ The use or change in use of land</li><li>☐ Other – please specify</li></ul>	
Cities - please specify	
Description of activity: HIRING AN EXCAVATING	Company to Demolish
the FARM House @ 1002 Airport Road. 7	Ley will Fill the Foundation
and plant grass in the location.	
Required Documents:	
Required: Property site plan showing existing st	tructures and proposed project with
distance from lot lines	, acta, co ana propossa project man
☐ Suggested: Construction drawings or plans, as	annlicable
_ ouggested. Constitution drawings of plane, as t	арричало
<u>Certification:</u> I hereby make application for a Zoning Permit under the provisions of the Borough Zoning that I am conversant with the Ordinance governing work to be performed under this application.	cation and that the work will be performed in accordance
herewith. I also certify that the owner of the subject premises has been fully informed of the agreement with this proposal. To the best of my knowledge, the above facts are true and a fine or other legal sanction.	
Signature of Applicant:	Date: 10.22.25
Contact: Gina Thompson 814-355-1501, ext 216	gthompson@bellefontepa.gov









#### **AGENDA**

# HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 28, 2025 | TIME: 8:30AM OAK ROOM (SMALL MEETING ROOM), 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR 301 N. SPRING STREET, BELLEFONTE

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

#### Attendance:

Members	Alternates	Guests
Walt Schneider, Chair	Robert Wagner (CRCA)	
Megan Tooker, Vice Chair	vacancy	
Philip Ruth	vacancy	
Mike Leakey	-	
Marc McMaster		
Maria Day		
Amy Kelchner		

Approval of the HARB meeting minutes: October 12th, 2025

**Public Comment:** 

Additions / Corrections to the Agenda:

Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Declaration of Ex Parte Communication:

#### **Project Review:**

- > 320 West High (Train Station) installation of the Bells Across America bell
  - o Margie Swaboda, BHRS, will be present to discuss the project

The Bellefonte Historical Railroad Association received a grant to obtain a PA 250 fiberglass replica of the Liberty Bell titled The Story of the Railroad in Centre County. Local artist Holly Foy will paint the bell with a PA250 Committee—approved design. The bell includes a stand that will require Borough assistance for installation. Two locations are proposed: the "scales" area by the Station or near the women's restroom.

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#### **Information / Discussion Items:**

- > Bellefonte Area School District Zoning Application Beaver Farmhouse
  - The Bellefonte Area School District has submitted a zoning application to demolish the Beaver Farmhouse located at 1002 Airport Road. This request is scheduled to go before Council for approval at their November 3 meeting. I've received a few inquiries regarding the proposal, mostly expressing concern about the demolition. While the building is historic, it is located outside the Historic District boundary and is not listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, there are no historic covenants or protections applicable to it.

Old Business & New Business: None

Adjournment:



## BOROUGH OF BELLEFONTE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

8:30 AM Tuesday October 28th 2025 Meeting

## Agenda Item 1

- Call to Order:
- Attendance: Additions / Corrections to the Agenda:
- Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Ex Parte Communication:
- Public Comment:
- Approval of the HARB meeting minutes:

October 14th 2025 meeting minutes



## **Project 1: 320 West High (Train Station)**

## **Project Applicant: Bellefonte Historical Railroad Association**

#### **Character Defining Features & Setting:**

Pennsylvania R.R. Passenger Station: Queen Anne

Built: 1888-89

Dutch gable w/ raised crossing gable at center, brick exterior

Windows: 9/9 DH original

Porch: 6 large timber trusses, 10 ft overhang 64 ft. X 20.5 ft.

Bays - 6 | Stories - 1

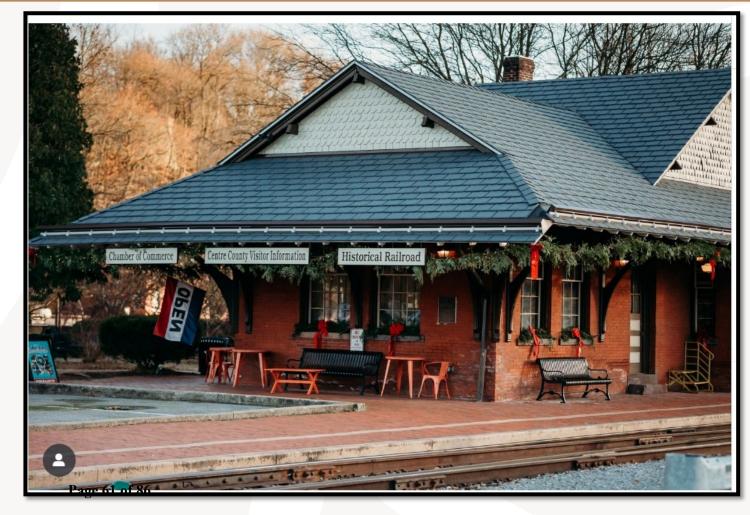
Alteration: New roof in 2023

Replaced B.E.V.R.R. freight and passenger depot located at current Borough parking lot. Shown on 1887 Sanborn and

1872 Pomeroy map

#### **Project Description:**

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#### **BELL SPECIFICATION SHEET**



#### BAP FIBERGLASS BELL

Bell alone stands 2'9". With the base, Bell stands 3'9".

Bell weight with the base is approximately 75 lbs.

The bells are finished in a white gelcoat suitable for sanding and will NEED to be primed. A primer compatible with fiberglass should be used to prevent the paint from flaking off. Any high-quality exterior paint can be used, following the paint manufacturer's instructions. A final clear coat is highly recommended to prevent fading. Possibly consider having the bell sprayed with a clear automotive coat at a local auto body shop for additional durability, especially for any bells being displayed outside.

We recommend filling the inside of the base (the base is hollow and can be screwed close with a piece of plywood via the lip along the base's bottom) with concrete blocks or other weight as needed, especially for any bells being displayed outside.

#### PLAQUE

Plaque size is 10" x 14"

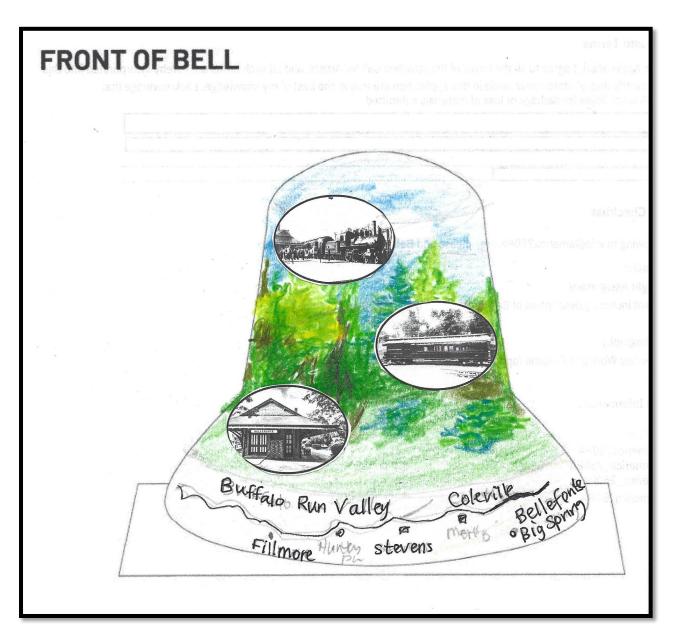
The plaque will be affixed to the front by the Artist using an adhesive to the base.

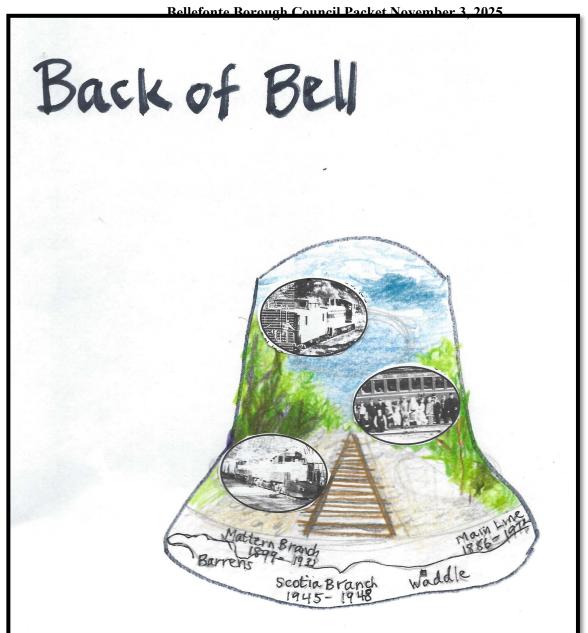
The plaque will be centered on the base front.



For any further questions, please contact Christian Cassidy-Amstutz at Christian@America250PA.org







# Applicable Standards for 320 West High Street (Train Station) project Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

- 1. A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces and spatial relationships.
- 2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
- 3. Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.
- 4. Changes to a property that have acquired historic significance in their own right will be retained and preserved
- 5. Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a historic property shall be preserved.
- 6. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.
- 7. Chemical or physical treatments, such as sandblasting, that cause damage to historic materials shall not be used. The surface cleaning of structures, if appropriate, shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible.
- 8. Archeological resources will be protected and preserved in place. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures will be undertaken.
- 9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
- 10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

## Project 2: 227 North Allegheny Street (Costello)

## **Project Applicant: Renewal By Anderson**

#### **Character Defining Features & Setting:**

Munson, Sarah E. Gephart House; built in 1907

American 4 square & Classical Revival Excellent condition

Hip roof with four hip roof dormers
Exterior Walls are brick, running bond, with
heavy stone lintel/hood

Windows: 1/1 DH wood windows

Wrap around porch, Free classic. Doric cols, dentil frieze

Bays -3 | Stories -2.5

Greek tile cresting at ridge, dentil cornice at top of wall. Patterned brick chimney. Entry door with sidelights and transom

#### **Project Description:**

Replacing 16 windows with no changes to the rough opening sizes. Replacement will be in-kind. Please see application for window specs, worksheets, and photos













# Applicable Standards for 227 North Allegheny Street project Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

- 1. A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces and spatial relationships.
- 2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
- 3. Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.
- 4. Changes to a property that have acquired historic significance in their own right will be retained and preserved
- 5. Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a historic property shall be preserved.
- 6. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.
- 7. Chemical or physical treatments, such as sandblasting, that cause damage to historic materials shall not be used. The surface cleaning of structures, if appropriate, shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible.
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## Administrative Approvals

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118 North Allegheny (New Wave Salon) — Repaint outside blue trim of storefront in Sherwin Williams, HGSW2286 Pale Patina.

126 South Allegheny (Smith & Front) — Repaint exterior entrance in same color: Flat black. Painted entranceway black from faded periwinkle.

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**421 East Curtin Street (Provan)** - Roof mounted solar array, 43 modules will be mounted on flat roof on three sides of residence



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## HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD BELLEFONTE BOROUGH

(DRAFT) MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2025 - 8:30 a.m.
Oak Room/Small Meeting Room, 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR
301 N. Spring Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823

www.bellefonte.net

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The October 28, 2025 regular meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Historical Architecture Review Board (HARB) was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Megan Tooker, Vice Chair

Philip Ruth Amy Kelchner Marc McMaster Maria Day

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Walt Schneider, Chair

Mike Leakey

**STAFF MEMBERS:** Gina Thompson, HARB Administrator

GUESTS: Joanne Tosti-Vasey – Borough Council Member

Vincent Costello – 227 N Allegheny Kristin Wray – 227 N Allegheny Margie Swoboda – Train Station]

<u>Approval of the HARB meeting minutes</u>: McMaster motioned to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2025 meeting. Kelchner seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. **Public Comment**: NONE

Additions / Corrections to the Agenda: NONE

Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Declaration of Ex Parte Communication: NONE

#### **Project Review:**

- ✓ 320 West High (Train Station) installation of the Bells Across America Bell.
  - The Bellefonte Historical Railroad Association received a grant to obtain a PA 250 fiberglass replica of the Liberty Bell titled The Story of the Railroad in Centre County. Local artist Holly Foy will paint the bell with a PA250 Committee–approved design. The bell includes a stand that will require Borough assistance for installation. Two locations are proposed: the "scales" area by the Station or near the women's restroom.

- Margie Swaboda, representing the Bellefonte Historical Railroad Association (BHRS), discussed the grant BHRS received to install a replica Liberty Bell near the Train Station. She noted that Centre County has the highest number of bells in the program, with others located at the Centre County Historical Society, Philipsburg, and Curtin Village.
- BHRS is proposing two possible locations: near the women's restroom or on the historic scales. There was concern that installing it on the scales could affect the historic character. HARB discussed that it does not have authority to approve the bell design, as it qualifies as public art.
- Ms. Thompson noted she preferred HARB's review over an administrative approval, so members could see the design and provide input on a suitable location.

Ruth motioned, Kelchner seconded, to approve installing the replica Liberty Bell as part of the Bells Across America program, with placement to be determined and no adverse impact to the historic scales if located there.

- ✓ 227 North Allegheny Street (Costello) Replacement of 16 windows with no changes to the rough opening sizes. Replacement will be in-kind wood windows.
  - Vincent Costello, homeowner, and Kristin Wray, from Renewal By Anderson were present to discuss the project.
  - The original interior wood and weighted pockets will remain. New window frames and sashes will be installed, using interior wood and exterior composite (wood-polymer) materials. One oversized window on the Burrows Street side will be replaced with a fixed-pane window instead of a double-hung. Existing storm windows will be removed.

Ruth motioned, McMaster seconded, to approve the replacement of 16 windows with materials and design as presented.

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#### **Information / Discussion Items:**

- ✓ Bellefonte Area School District Zoning Application Demolition of Beaver Farmhouse.
  - Ms. Thompson informed HARB that the School District's zoning application to demolish the Beaver Farmhouse will go before Council on November 3rd. The Borough has received several letters opposing the demolition, citing the building's historic and cultural significance to Bellefonte and its educational value to students.
  - o Mr. Ruth noted that if the proposed school development is near a wetland or watershed, the School District should have obtained state or federal permits, which would have triggered a cultural resource review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Ms. Thompson will follow up to confirm whether such permits were issued.
  - HARB cannot make formal recommendations since the property is outside the Historic District and not listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Old Business: NONE** 

**New Business: NONE** 

#### **Adjournment:**

With no other business to come before HARB the meeting adjourned at 9:23am. Motion by McMaster, second by Day.



#### **RESOLUTION NO. 11042025-1**

A RESOLUTION OF BELLEFONTE BOROUGH, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AFFIRMING A COMMITMENT TO MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION AND THE SAFETY OF MOTORISTS, PEDESTRIANS, TRANSIT RIDERS, AND BICYCLISTS; AND ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "AND MADE PART OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, pedestrian, bicycle, and motorized vehicle modes, including those providing public transportation or carrying freight, are integral to the transportation system of the Borough of Bellefonte; and

WHEREAS, the design and function of our streets have often favored the motorist over the needs and safety of other users of the transportation network, particularly pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Bellefonte Borough recognizes that streets are a key factor in the way people experience the public realms and play a vital role in promoting economic development, public safety, health, and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS,** "Complete Streets" are streets that are safe and convenient for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation riders, and motor vehicle operators of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is committed to providing increased mobility choices and improved safety for all residents, as embodied in the goals and policies of the Nittany Valley Region Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, investments in pedestrian, bicycle, and transit infrastructure will help promote "active transportation and bring physical activity into the daily lives of the citizens of Bellefonte Borough, which will improve their health; reduce the incidence of diseases related to inactivity, such as obesity and heart attacks; and improve air quality by limiting greenhouse gas emissions and reducing traffic congestion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough seeks to create an interconnected network of transportation facilities that accommodate all modes of travel in a manner consistent with the community context and goals, and that incorporate green infrastructure measures where appropriate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Bellefonte Borough affirms its commitment to the development of a multimodal transportation network that emphasizes the safety of motorists, pedestrians, transit riders, and bicyclists; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Bellefonte Borough hereby adopts a Complete Streets Policy, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made part of this Resolution, that incorporates Complete Streets into the planning, design, and operation of all future street, sidewalk, trail, and other transportation projects, including new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or pavement resurfacing and restoration; and

language in its subdivision and land development of documents to incorporate the intent of the Complete S established in the Policy.	
ATTEST:	BELLEFONTE BOROUGH
David Pribulka, Interim Borough Manager	Barbara Dann, Council President

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Borough Council and staff shall review and update, as needed,



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> -Matthew Pacifico Mayor, City of Altoona

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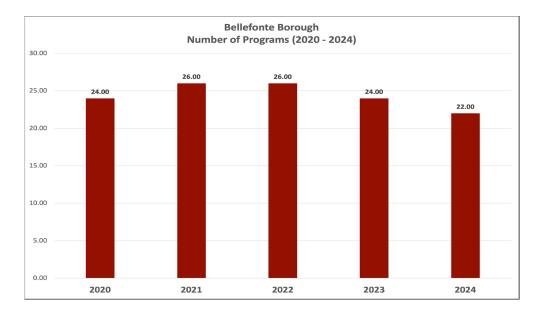
### About the C-NET Bulletin Boards

The Channel 98 and Channel 7 Bulletin Boards air whenever C-NET is not airing programming. Messages on the Bulletin Board simply air "in a loop" during the time that there is not scheduled programming. Bulletin Board messages may be submitted by any C-Net member organization.

A single Bulletin Board message is considered to be up to two screens in length which airs for five days. The message, for example, a meeting agenda, should simply be sent to C-NET.

C-NET has a funding formula based upon the number of programs sponsored over a five-year period of time. For purposes of this formula, each Bulletin Board message is valued as one-tenth of a program.

For example, in 2020 through 2024, Bellefonte Borough sponsored 122 programs. See graph below:



If Bellefonte Borough *would* have sponsored an average of 25 Bulletin Boards per year - one for each Council meeting - the Borough would have sponsored an additional 11.8 programs over the five-year period of 2020 to 2024. Instead of a total of 122 programs, the total would have been 133.8.

Bellefonte Borough's dues to C-NET are \$20,344 in 2026. This represents approximately 4.7% of the total contributions from all C-NET members. Assuming that the Borough would have sponsored 133.8 programs (instead of only 122), the Borough's C-NET dues would be \$24,128 in 2026, or 5.6% of the total member contributions.

It is important to note that the increase would occur gradually, over a fiveyear period of time.

Because it impossible for C-NET to project exactly how many programs each member will sponsor each year, this is a "best guess". Bellefonte Borough's percentage of programming could go up or down, depending on the number of programs sponsored by other members.

My recommendation would be for the Borough to direct C-NET to include only <u>action items</u> and <u>substantial work session topics</u> on the Bulletin Board agenda. Including every item of correspondence, for example, will create agendas which may exceed two screens.

For example, this is what the agenda on the Bulletin Board would have included for the October 20, 2025 Work Session and Meeting:

Work Session Items for Discussion

- A. Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority Kepler Pool
- B. 2026 Budget 05 Parks and Recreation Fund and 09 Refuse Fund

Regular Meeting

- A. Public Comment
- B. Written Communications
- C. Consent Agenda
- D. Reports
  - 1. Mayor
  - 2. Police
  - 3. Parking
  - 4. Office of Community Affairs
    - a. Issuance of a COA for 126-128 N. Spring St.
    - b. Approval of Demolition of Deteriorated Garage at 417 E. Bishop St.
  - 5. Interim Borough Manager
- E. Committee and Liaison Reports

- F. Current and Old Business
  - 1. Updated Fee Schedule
  - 2. Adoption of Police Department's Updated Policies
- G. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda
- H. Council /Member Comments for the Good of the Order

Please note that C-NET will need to receive the agenda on Friday by 2:00 p.m. in order for the agenda to appear on the Bulletin Board for the weekend.

Prepared By: Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.

369 East Park Drive Harrisburg, PA 17111

**Return To:** Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.

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APPLICANT/PERMITTEE	Borough of Bellefonte

# **DEED FEE SIMPLE** (No Monetary Consideration)

THIS INDENTURE, made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by The Borough of Bellefonte owner(s) of property affected by the proposed construction or improvement of the above mentioned State Route under the referenced highway occupancy application/permit, its heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and/or assigns, hereinafter, whether singular or plural, called the GRANTOR, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, hereinafter called the COMMONWEALTH,

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS the COMMONWEALTH has received an application from the GRANTOR for issuance of a highway occupancy permit for access to the above referenced highway; and

WHEREAS the parties hereto have agreed that, as a condition to issuance of the referenced permit, the GRANTOR will convey in fee simple and such other estate(s) as designated, if any, to the COMMONWEALTH the property or portion thereof required by the COMMONWEALTH,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the benefits to the property of the GRANTOR, the GRANTOR does hereby grant and convey to the COMMONWEALTH

☐ In fee simple the premises desc	ribed by metes and bounds in exhibit "A".
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☑ In fee simple that portion of the aforesaid premises designated as required right-of-way or as acquired in fee simple for other purposes on the plot plan attached hereto and made a part hereof; and those areas, if any, designated as required for easement purposes as identified by the plot plan and set forth below.

BEING all or a portion of the same property conveyed or devised to the GRANTOR by Deed of James A. Beaver and Jane Beaver, dated September 9, 1974 and recorded in Deed Book 349 Page 1029 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for the County of Centre, together with the improvements,

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hereditaments and appurtenances thereto. This conveyance contains 0.141 acre of Dedicated Right-of-Way. And the GRANTOR warrants GENERALLY the property hereby conveyed.

Reserving, however, to the GRANTOR the right to deep mine minerals and remove gas and oil within the areas hereunder acquired from a minimum depth to be determined by the COMMONWEALTH, from mine shafts or by means of wells located off the right-of-way.

The GRANTOR does further indemnify the COMMONWEALTH, its employees or representatives against any claim, demand or judgment of any type made by any lessee or easement holder of the aforesaid property who is not an Applicant/Permitee under the referenced application/permit and who may be adversely affected by the construction of the improvements to the demised premises or in the State highway right of way pursuant to the referenced application/permit.

#### Certificate of Residence

I hereby certify the Grantee's precise residence to be:

70 PennDOT Drive Clearfield, PA 16830

Witness my hand this 23 day of October , 2025

Ryan D Coudrist

Agent for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Department of Transportation

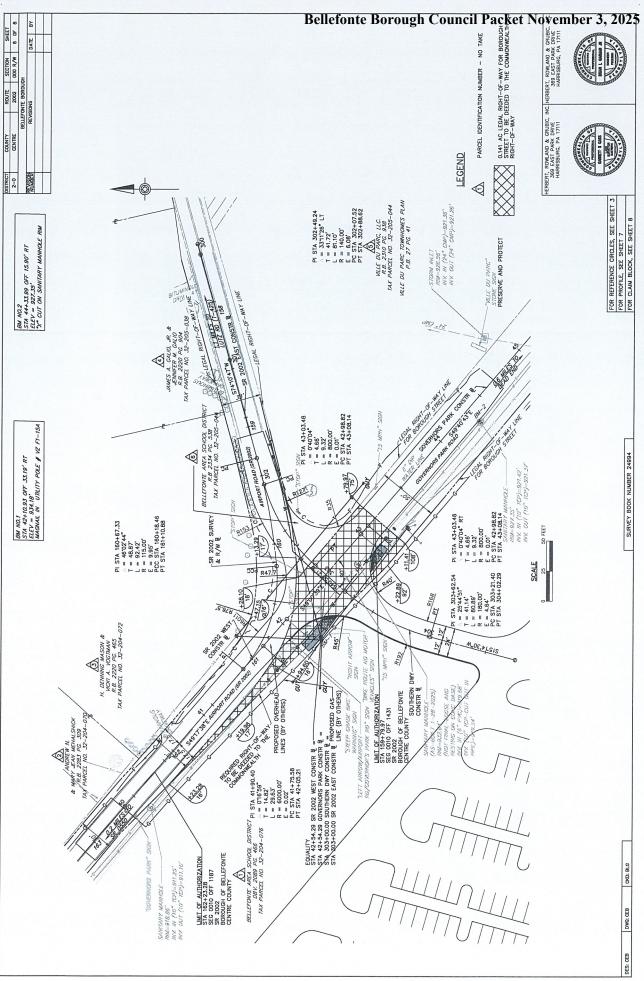
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The GRANTOR has executed or caused to be executed these presents, intending to be legally bound thereby.

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THIS PLAN PREPARED TO DOCUMENT THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR STATE HIGHWAY PURPOSES THAT WILL BE DEEDED TO THE COMMONWEALTH AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF 67 PA. CODE CHAPITER 441, ENTITLED "ACCESS TO AND OCCUPANCY OF HIGHWAYS BY DRIVEWAYS AND LOCAL ROADS."

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REWARK DISTRICT 2-0 CENTRE REVISIONS 2002 SECTION SHEET

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THERE ARE NO NAVIGABLE STREAMS ON THIS PROJECT.

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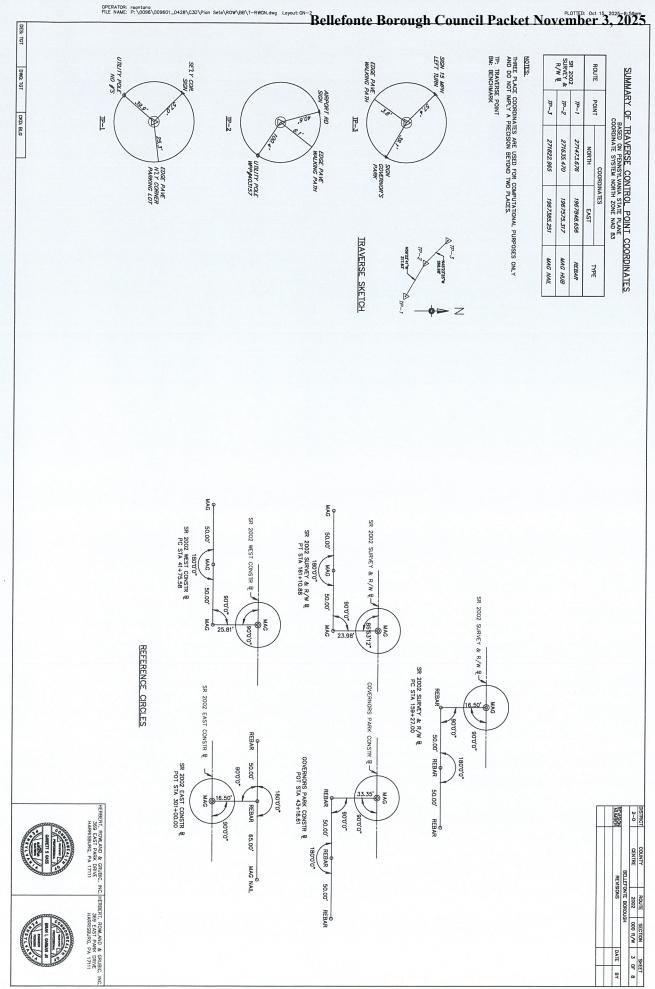
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ALL PROPERTIES ARE PLOTED FROM DEEDS OF RECORD. RECORDED SUBDIVISION OR LOT PLANS, OR FROM FEILD SIMPKY. PROPERTY LINES WERE SURREYED WITH STATE OF THE PROFESSARY BY THE PROFESSARY LAND SURVEYOR RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROJECT, PROPERTY LINES OF ESTABLISHED BY FEILD SURVEY WERE PLOTED BASED ON EXISTING TOPOGRAPHICAL FEATURES AND LUMBED FEILD DHASED

all required Right—of—way for this project shall be deeded in fee simple unless otherwise noted, afeas, if any, not to be deeded in fee simple shalls be deeded in the lesser estate or interest noted on the Yaan sheet.

THE LEGAL RIGHT-OF-WAY ON GOVERNORS PARK ROAD, FROM STA 41+50.12 TO 42+93.71 IS VARIABLE AND FROM STA 42+93.71 TO STA 44+90.00 IS 50 FEET BASED ON DEED DATED COTOGER 9, 1973 AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOKS 349, PAGE 1029, IN THE CENTRE COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS OFFICE.

THE LECAL RIGHT-OF-WAY ON SR 2002, FROM STA 157-451.00 TO 1724-79.00 IS VARNABLE, AND FROM STA 1724-79.00 TO 174-411.00 IS 65 REET; BASED ON QUARTER SESSIONS DOCKET #2, PAGE 51, DATED AUGUST 27, 1810. GENERAL NOTES



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