



# HISTORIC Bellefonte™

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**Bellefonte Borough Council Business Meeting**  
**7:30 PM, Monday, November 17<sup>th</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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

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

**IV. ADDITIONS TO THE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

*Under Act 65 of 2021, if a matter is not on the Agenda, Council may not take official action on it with the following exceptions. Council can act on matters relating to potential or real emergencies. Council may add a matter of agency business to its agenda through a majority vote. The council must state why the action item is being added to the Agenda.*

**Council may vote to add an action item(s) to the agenda.**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT (Oral)**

Borough Council intends to take public comment related to the motion that is on the floor after it has been duly made and seconded. The order of 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)**

Additional funding information for the Beaver Farmhouse. <b>FYI, no council action is requested.</b>
Congressman Glenn “GT” Thompson’s letter of support to restore the Beaver Farmhouse. <b>FYI, no council action is requested.</b>
Historic House by Bellefonte Elementary School. <b>FYI, no council action is requested.</b>
Old Stone Farmhouse on the proposed new elementary school site. <b>FYI, no council action is requested.</b>
Structural Review of Beaver Farmhouse at 1002 Airport Road, Bellefonte. <b>FYI, no council action is requested.</b>
The Gamble Mill is the best example of preservation. <b>FYI, no council action is requested.</b>

## VI. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be acted upon by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the Council request specific items to be removed for separate action. **Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Consent Agenda.**

Finance	Campbell Durrant Legal Invoice October 2025 Report
General	DRAFT Council Meeting Minutes November 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025
Finance	Stover McGlaughlin Legal Invoice October 2025 Report

## VII. REPORTS

<b>Elected Official and Staff Reports</b> <i>Please limit all reports/rebuttals/deliberations to three minutes maximum.</i>		
DEPARTMENT	OFFICIAL/ STAFF	REPORT
Mayor ➤ Proclamation-Small Business Saturday	Mayor Johnson	Submitted
Police ➤ October 2025 Report	Chief Witmer	Submitted
Parking ➤ October 2025 Report	Ms. McCullough	Submitted
Office of Community Affairs (OCA): <i>See memo for report and updates</i> ➤ <b>Motion/2nd to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the subdivision of Tax Parcel 32-301-300 (SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority), contingent upon revising the plan in accordance with the review comments from the County Planning Office.</b>  ➤ <b>Motion/2nd to approve the appointment of Jean Gerber to the Planning Commission. She will fill the vacancy created by Chris Morelli's move away. Her term will expire on 12/31/2026.</b>  ➤ The Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, November 20, at 6:00 pm at the Benner Township building. ➤ The next HARB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 25, at 8:30 am ➤ The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 8, at 5:00 pm.	Ms. Thompson	Submitted
Interim Borough Manager ➤ October 2025 Report	Mr. Pribulka	Submitted

## VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

<b>Elected Official Committee Reports</b> <i>Please limit all reports/rebuttals/deliberations to three minutes maximum.</i>		
COMMITTEE	ELECTED OFFICIAL	REPORT
Environmental & Parks Committee/ Ordinance ad hoc Committee ➤ The committee met on November 12, 2025. A report will be provided for the Council meeting in December.	Ms. Tosti-Vasey	Verbal
Finance & Administration Committee ➤ October 2025 Report	Ms. Cleeton	Submitted
Infrastructure & Public Works Committee ➤ October 2025 Report	Mr. Brachbill	Verbal
Streets Committee ➤ October 2025 Report	Mr. Johnson	Verbal
Public Transport Task Force Committee ➤ October 2025 Report	Ms. Cleeton/ Ms. Tosti-Vasey	Submitted

## IX. LIAISON REPORTS

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

ADMINISTRATIVE	LIAISON	REPORT
Bandshell/Performance Center Project Committee	Mr. Pribulka	
Bellefonte Area Industrial Development Authority (BAIDA)	Mr. Pribulka	
Bellefonte Emergency Medical Services	Mr. Rhoat	
Bellefonte Intervalley Chamber of Commerce	Ms. Thompson	
Bellefonte Police Pension Board	Mr. Pribulka	
Centre County Boroughs Association	Ms. Dann	
Centre County Government	Mr. Pribulka	
Governor's Park	Mr. Pribulka	
Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority	Mr. Pribulka	
Penn State University Sustainability Projects	Mr. Pribulka	
Shade Tree Commission	Ms. Doherty	
Union Cemetery Association	Mr. Pribulka	
Workplace Safety Committee	Ms. Doherty	
AUTHORITIES / COUNCIL APPOINTED	LIAISON	REPORT
Bellefonte Borough Authority	Mr. D. Johnson	
Centre County Airport Authority	Mr. D. Johnson	
COMMISSIONS / COUNCIL APPOINTED	LIAISON	REPORT
Civil Service Commission	Mr. Brachbill	
Spring Creek Watershed Commission	Mr. Brachbill	
SPECIAL COMMITTEES / COUNCIL APPOINTED	LIAISON	REPORT
Bellefonte Fire Department Executive Committee	Mr. Brachbill	
Centre County Library Board	Ms. Cleeton	Submitted
Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) Public Safety Committee	Mr. Brachbill	Submitted
SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS / APPOINTED	LIAISON	REPORT
Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission (NVJPC)	Ms. Thompson	Submitted
Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO)	Mr. D. Johnson	

## X. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS

Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority Match Request. <b>Council may take action.</b>
Council Chambers Improvements. <b>Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the quote provided for tables and panels.</b>
Armory Building front steps improvement. <b>Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the quote provided by Gary Horner to repair the steps on the Spring Street side of the Armory Building.</b>
2025 Goals update-November 2025. <b>FYI, no council action requested.</b>
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. <b>Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to remove from the table.</b> <b>Council may take action.</b>
Exception to Section 404.3 of the Centre Region Building Safety & Property Maintenance Code for 107 S. Ridge Street. <b>Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to remove from the table.</b> <b>Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to direct staff to advertise for Chapter 425 Ordinance Amendment.</b>
Demolition Permit Application requested by Bellefonte Area School District for the Beaver Farmhouse, 1002 Airport Road. <b>Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to remove from the table.</b> <b>Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the demolition of the Beaver Farmhouse at 1002 Airport Road, requested by the Bellefonte Area School District.</b>

## XI. NEW BUSINESS

Lamb McErlane P.C. engagement letter to retain Christopher Gerber as Special Counsel with respect to labor and employment matters for the Bellefonte Borough Police Department. <b>Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the engagement letter from Lamb McErlane, P.C. to retain Christopher Gerber as Special Counsel with respect to labor and employment matters for the Bellefonte Borough Police Department.</b>
List of items to be auctioned on Municibid. <b>Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the provided list to be auctioned on Municibid.</b>

The last day for Brush/Grass Curbside Pick-Up will be Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. The final Saturday opening of the Borough Compost Facility on Musser Lane will be Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. **FYI, no council action requested.**

Borough Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving. **FYI, no council action is requested.**

At the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting held on January 20, 2025, Council approved the Courtesy Parking Program for the 2025 Holiday Season. Under this program, the first time the Parking Enforcement Officer observes a vehicle with no time on the meter, the officer will issue a complimentary two-hour pass. On the officer's second pass-through that same day, if no time remains on the meter and the two hours have expired, a parking ticket will be issued. Courtesy parking begins on Thursday, November 27, 2025 (Thanksgiving Day), and continues through Thursday, January 1, 2026 (New Year's Day). We encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to do some holiday shopping in beautiful Downtown Bellefonte—and have a Happy Holiday Season! **FYI, no council action is requested.**

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA**

This Public Comment period is for oral comments regarding items not listed on this meeting agenda. Speakers shall identify themselves by name and street, municipality, if outside of the Borough of Bellefonte. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes maximum.

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

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

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**The Council Public Comment Policy will be included with each Agenda.**