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Bellefonte Borough Council Business Meeting
7:30 PM, Monday, January 5th, 2026
In-Person, Council Chambers/Large Meeting Room
301 N. Spring St, 1st Floor

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 Recordings can be viewed on CNET, Comcast’s Government Education Channel 7, or at www.cnet1.org. **ATTEND IN PERSON:** The meeting room is open with normal occupancy limits.

AGENDA

I. 7:30 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Mr. Brachbill, <i>South Ward</i>	Mr. Kelly, <i>West Ward</i>	
Ms. Cleeton, <i>Vice-President, South Ward</i>	Ms. Tosti-Vasey, <i>West Ward</i>	
Ms. Dann, <i>South Ward</i>	Ms. Wilson, <i>North Ward</i>	
Mr. Eaton, <i>North Ward</i>	Ms. Meckley, <i>Junior Council Member</i>	
Mr. Johnson, <i>President, North Ward</i>	Mayor Johnson, <i>At Large</i>	
Ms. McKean, <i>West Ward</i>		

IV. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

By agreement in early 2022, borough council agreed to rotate officers/reorganize annually. Ms. Dann will step down as council president. Mr. Johnson will move from Vice-President to President. Ms. Cleeton will move from Pro Tempore to Vice-President. **Motion/2nd to approve the officers as noted.**

V. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRO TEMPORE

Nominations do not require a second and are voted on in the order that nominations are made. Voting continues until one nominee attains a majority vote. **Action will be taken to elect a Pro Tem.**

VI. 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)

The 2026 Centre County Liquid Fuels Program is unable to provide financial assistance to the Parkview/ Zion Road Traffic Signal Project. Informational item only; no Council action is requested.
Invitation: Introduction to Emergency Medical Services; EMS in your community for Newly Elected Officials Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 7:00 pm. Informational item only; no Council action is requested.
Letter of Support to allow Open Containers during events in Bellefonte Borough. Council may take action.

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.

Finance	Barton & Loguidice Engineering Services for Talleyrand Park Suspension Bridge ADA Ramps Invoice November 2025
General	DRAFT Council Meeting Minutes December 15th, 2025
Finance	Stover McGlaughlin Legal Invoice December 2025

Call for a motion/2nd to approve the Consent Agenda.

VIII. REPORTS

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

DEPARTMENT	OFFICIAL/ STAFF	REPORT
Mayor	Mayor Johnson	Verbal
Jr. Council Member ➤	Ms. Meckley	Verbal
OCA Memo: <i>See memo for report and updates</i>	Ms. Thompson	Submitted

IX. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS

Bellefonte Borough Council Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2025, with additional Public Comment added under the Bellefonte Area School District Demo Permit Application. These minutes were approved at the December 1 Council meeting. Informational item only; no Council action is requested.
The Bellefonte Borough Authority approved a recommendation to Council to reappoint Greg Brown to the Authority. Motion/ 2nd to reappoint Greg Brown to the Bellefonte Borough Authority.
The Centre County Library Board approved a recommendation to Council to appoint Jennifer Cifelli to the Centre County Library Board. Motion/ 2nd to appoint Jennifer Cifelli to the Centre County Library Board.
The Historic Architectural Review Board approved a recommendation to Council to reappoint Phil Ruth to HARB. Motion/ 2nd to reappoint Phil Ruth to HARB.
The Planning Commission approved a recommendation to Council to reappoint David Lomison to the Planning Commission. Motion/ 2nd to reappoint David Lomison to the Planning Commission.
The Zoning Hearing Board approved a recommendation to Council to reappoint Lanny King to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion/ 2nd to reappoint Lanny King to the Zoning Hearing Board.
The Vacancy on the Vacancy Board has received a Volunteer Application from Jean Gerber. Motion/2nd to appoint Jean Gerber to the Vacancy Board.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO) Annual Appointment. SEO Proposal from Centre Region Code. Motion/ 2nd to approve Centre Region Code as Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO).
Fee Schedule Approval. The Borough’s Fee Schedule was changed/updated. Motion/2nd to approve the updated Fee Schedule as presented.

RFP For Solicitor Services. **Motion/2nd to direct staff to prepare and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Solicitor Services for Borough Council.**

Christmas Trees will be collected by the Bellefonte Borough Refuse Crew from January 2 through January 30, 2026. A separate truck will travel throughout Bellefonte Borough in the mornings to collect trees. There is no additional charge for Christmas tree pick-up. For questions or additional information, residents may contact the Borough Office at 814-355-1501. **Informational item only; no Council action is requested.**

Please note that Borough Council will meet on Tuesday, January 20, instead of Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. **Informational item only; no Council action is requested.**

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

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

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The council meeting will be adjourned at or as close 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.