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Bellefonte Borough Council Business Meeting
7:30 PM, Monday, February 2nd, 2026
In-Person, Council Chambers/Large Meeting Room
301 N. Spring St, 1st Floor

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AGENDA

I. 7:30 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

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| Mr. Brachbill, <i>South Ward</i> | Mr. Kelly, <i>West Ward</i> | |
| Ms. Cleeton, Vice-President, <i>South Ward</i> | Ms. Tosti-Vasey, Pro Temp, <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, President, <i>North Ward</i> | Mayor Johnson, <i>At Large</i> | |
| Ms. McKean, <i>West Ward</i> | | |

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)

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| Newsletter items are due by Friday, February 6, 2026. Please submit any suggested content to Alyssa Doherty at adoherty@bellefontepa.gov . Newsletters will be mailed no later than March 2, 2026. Informational item only; no Council action is requested. |
| Snow & Inclement Weather Parking memo from Bellefonte Police Department. Informational item only; no Council action is requested. |
| The Public Works Assistant Superintendent would like to remind residents that large snow piles created by plowing are dangerous and should not be played on or around, particularly by children. 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 OR Monday, February 23, 2026, at 7:00 pm. Informational item only; 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.

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| General | DRAFT Council Meeting Minutes January 20, 2026 |
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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 |
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| Mayor | Mayor Johnson | |
| Jr. Council Member ➤ January 2025 | Ms. Meckley | Verbal |
| OCA Memo: <i>See memo for report and updates</i> | Ms. Thompson | Submitted |

IX. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS

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| Streets, Infrastructure & Public Works Committee recommends the 2026 Proposed Street Paving List for Council approval. The street paving list will go out for bid in February. The final selection of streets to be paved will depend on priority and cost. Motion/2nd to approve the proposed street paving list as presented. |
| Streets, Infrastructure & Public Works Committee recommends the amendment to Ordinance No. 530 Vehicles and Traffic. Motion/2nd to authorize advertisement of the amendment to parking prohibitions in Ordinance No. 530 Vehicles and Traffic. |
| Memo to Council providing update on Council Chambers Remodel – Sound System Improvements. Informational item only; no Council action is requested. |
| Clarification for Council regarding the New Temporary Residential Parking Permit. The permit is free and available to Borough residents and their guests. Although there is no cost, the permit only appears in parking report graphs when a permit is generated in the system. Informational item only; no Council action is requested. |
| Ordinance amendment to Chapter 249, Article II, permitting possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages during Borough-approved Special Events. Motion/2nd to authorize the advertisement of the amendment to Chapter 249, Article II, of the Codified Ordinances regarding the consumption of alcoholic beverages on public ways, grounds, and in vehicles, including the addition of an exception for Borough-approved Special Events. |
| First Responders Weekend request for Open Containers response from Chief Witmer. Informational item only; no Council action is requested. |

X. NEW BUSINESS

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| Certify Declaration of Snow Emergency effective January 24, 2026. Motion/2nd to certify the Declaration of Snow Emergency, which was declared effective January 24, 2026. |
| Environmental & Parks Committee recommendation to amend the Air Pollution Ordinance. Motion/2nd to direct staff to prepare an amendment to the Air Pollution Ordinance. |
| The Streets, Infrastructure, and Public Works Committee recommends engaging Paul Downs Cabinetmakers to evaluate and develop a functional room configuration for the Council Chambers, including an accessibility review and preliminary cost estimates, with any contract award subject to future Council approval and budget availability. Motion/2nd to approve the recommendation of the Streets, Infrastructure, and Public Works Committee to engage Paul Downs Cabinetmakers to evaluate and develop a functional room configuration for the Council Chambers. |
| E-Bike Trainings for Elected Officials, Staff and Public. Motion/2nd to approve holding one or two E-Bike trainings at the Bellefonte Elementary School. |

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.