

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2026 - 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 The February 17, 2026 meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order by Vice President Deb Cleeton at 7:30 p.m. *Council held an executive session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss land acquisition, litigation and personnel.*

III. MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Randall Brachbill
Ms. Deborah Cleeton, *Vice President*
Ms. Barbara Dann
Mr. Jon Eaton
Mr. Douglas Johnson, *President—Zoom*
Mr. Zach Kelly
Ms. Shawna McKean
Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey, *Pro Tempore*
Ms. Claudia Wilson
Ms. Jalyn Meckley, *Jr. Council Member—EXCUSED*
Mayor Buddy Johnson—EXCUSED

STAFF PRESENT

David Pribulka, Interim Borough Manager
Alyssa Doherty, Assistant to the Borough Manager
Matt Auman, Public Works Superintendent
Gina Thompson, Zoning, Planning, HARB Administrator
Bill Witmer, Police Chief

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.

NONE

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. COMMUNICATIONS (Written)

Seniors for Safe Driving is hosting a Mature Driver Improvement Course on Thursday, March 19, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Bellefonte Senior Center, 110 N. Spring St., Bellefonte. Informational item only; no Council action is requested.

2026 Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Annual Conference, May 31-June 3, 2026. If you are interested in registering for the conference, please contact Alyssa Doherty. Informational item only; no Council action is requested.

Correspondence received from the Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority regarding an upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event and a recycling survey for residents. Informational item only; no Council action is requested.

VII. 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:

<i>1. General</i>	DRAFT Council Meeting Minutes February 2, 2026
<i>2. Finance</i>	Lamb McErlane PC Legal Invoice January 2026
<i>3. Finance</i>	Stover McGlaughlin Legal Invoice January 2026

Brachbill motioned and Dann seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS

Mayor Johnson

Proclamation- Black History Month February 2026 (Presented by Ms. Tosti-Vasey).

Police (Chief Witmer)

- January 2026
- A new officer started in January.
- Recognition of Officer Lyons, BASD School Resource Officer, for his assistance during a medical crisis in the district.
- A question was raised regarding snow routes and signage.
- The police department handles approximately 400-500 calls a month.

Parking

January 2026

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 Final Plan for the Lot Consolidation of Lands of the Bellefonte Cemetery Association and Lot Addition of Lands of Andrew J. and Jennifer L. Youstic.

Dann motioned and Tosti-Vasey seconded to approve the Final Plan for the Lot Consolidation of Lands of the Bellefonte Cemetery Association and Lot Addition of Lands of Andrew J. and Jennifer L. Youstic. Discussion included questions regarding the land consolidation. It was clarified that the cemetery land will be very slightly reduced and that land will be added to the adjacent property. No further discussion. Voice vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Call for a motion/2nd to approve the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for 821 E. Bishop Street (former Rite Aid), conditional upon completion of the required traffic study and Fire Department review.

Brachbill motioned and Eaton seconded to approve the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for 821 E. Bishop Street (former Rite Aid), conditional upon completion of the required traffic study and Fire Department review. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

The next scheduled HARB meeting is Tuesday, February 24th at 8:30am.
The next Planning Commission meeting is Monday, March 9th at 5:00pm.

Interim Borough Manager (Mr. Pribulka)

Mr. Pribulka discussed a meeting that he had with SEDA-COG regarding cost issues with the Talleyrand Park suspension bridge ADA improvements. It was suggested that staff look into alternative options, including redirecting the funds for the suspension bridge improvements to ADA improvements at the train station building.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Elected Official Committee Reports)

Environmental & Parks Committee/ Ordinance ad hoc Committee (Tosti-Vasey)

- January 2026 Report

Finance & Administration Committee (Cleeton)

- January 2026 Report

Ordinance ad hoc Committee

- January 2026 Report

Streets, Infrastructure & Public Works Committee (Johnson)

- January 2026 Report

X. LIASON REPORTS

Reports submitted

Bellefonte EMS will host an open house on Monday February 23 at 7pm for Council Members.

XII. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 02172026-01

- A Public Hearing was opened to receive public comment on proposed Ordinance No.02172026-01, titled “Chapter No. 530 Vehicles and Traffic.” No comments. Public hearing was closed.

Approval of Ordinance No. 02172026-01 amendment to parking prohibitions in Chapter No. 530 Vehicles and Traffic.

Dann motioned and Wilson seconded to approve Ordinance No. 02172026-01 amendment to parking prohibitions in Chapter No. 530 Vehicles and Traffic.

Tosti-Vasey motioned to amend section 530-42 , Snow and Ice Emergency, paragraph B, to add Reverse 911 Service after via website. Brachbill seconded the amendment to the motion. No further discussion. Voice vote. Motion to approve the amended motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 02172026-02

- A Public Hearing was opened to receive public comment on proposed Ordinance No. 02172026-02, titled “Chapter 249 Disorderly Conduct” – regarding consumption of alcoholic beverages during Borough approved Special Events. No comments. Public hearing was closed.

Approval of Ordinance No. 02172026-02 amendment to Chapter 249, Article II, permitting possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages during Borough-approved Special Events.

Tosti-Vasey motioned and Brachbill seconded to approve Ordinance No. 02172026-02 amendment to Chapter 249, Article II, permitting possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages during Borough-approved Special Events. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion to approve with one no-McKean.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

The Streets, Infrastructure, and Public Works Committee recommends that Council authorize the Borough to engage Vialytics for the implementation of its AI-powered road and infrastructure management system.

Dann motioned and Wilson seconded to authorize the execution of an Agreement with Vialytics for the implementation of its road and infrastructure management system, with

payment to be made from Liquid Fuels funds. Discussion included details regarding the authorization. Roll call vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mr. Randy Brachbill	Yes	Mr. Zach Kelly	Yes
Ms. Deb Cleeton	Yes	Ms. Shawna McKean	Yes
Ms. Barbara Dann	Yes	Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey	Yes
Mr. Jon Eaton	Yes	Ms. Claudia Wilson	Yes
Mr. Doug Johnson	yes		

Resolutions to the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB). Current PSAB legislative policy priority information is included in the council meeting materials. Council may discuss new policies that would be submitted to PSAB in the form of a Resolution for their legislative priority process to take place at the annual conference in June. Council may approve Resolutions to be submitted to PSAB for consideration in their annual legislative priorities process. A Work Session will be scheduled in March to discuss resolutions to submit to PSAB. Informational item only; no Council action is requested.

XIV. 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

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

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

Ms. Tosti-Vasey commented that a community member contacted her with concerns regarding a Data Center Ordinance.

Ms. Dann emailed council regarding America 250PA Centre County Kickoff Event to be held Monday February 23 at 12pm at Lambert Hall. There will be light refreshments. Please RSVP for this event. Ms. Dann also mentioned the PSAB conference is coming up and she encouraged council members to consider attending.

Ms. Wilson commented that she had a Borough resident contact her regarding dogs being walked in Talleyrand Park. The resident was concerned regarding dog messes being left in the park and dog owners not being responsible for cleaning up after their pet. She encouraged Council to consider this issue.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.