

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 20, 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 April 20, 2026 meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order by President Doug Johnson at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Johnson asked council members to please be sure to pull their microphones close to their mouths when speaking and to speak loudly and clearly in order to ensure good sound quality on the recordings.

III. MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Randall Brachbill
Ms. Deborah Cleeton, *Vice President*
Ms. Barbara Dann
Mr. Jon Eaton
Mr. Douglas Johnson, *President*
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

STAFF PRESENT

David Pribulka, Interim Borough Manager-ZOOM
Alyssa Doherty, Assistant to the Borough Manager
Gina Thompson, Planning, Zoning, 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)

2026 Centre County Spring Job Fair, Thursday, April 23, 2026, held at C3 Sports, 200 Ellis Place, State College. Informational item only; no Council action is requested.

Airport Road will close Monday, April 20, as part of a project to realign the intersection of Route 2002 (Airport Road) and Governor’s Park Road and install a new traffic signal at the intersection of Route 550 and Airport Road. Informational item only; no Council action is requested.

Donation to Bellefonte Fire Police from Bellefonte Historical Railroad Society in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the Fire Police contributions in 2025. Informational item only; no Council action is requested.

A reminder to all property owners that the 2% discount deadline for real estate taxes is Thursday, April 30, 2026. 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. Finance</i>	Campbell Durrant Legal Invoice March 2026
<i>2. General</i>	DRAFT Council Meeting Minutes March 2, 2026
<i>3. Finance</i>	Stover McGlaughlin Legal Invoice March 2026

Brachbill motioned and Eaton seconded to approve Consent Agenda item. Voice vote. Motion to approve item 2 carried unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS

Mayor Johnson

Proclamation: National Library Week April 19-25, 2026

2 representatives from the Centre County Library spoke to thank Council for their support of the library.

Police (Chief Witmer)

March 2026 Report

Chief Witmer reported there was a higher number of incidents this past month and March was very busy.

Parking

March 2026 Report

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

(Ms. Thompson)

1. Recommended for approval:

245 West Linn Street – Window replacement and siding replacement.

Stage at Talleyrand, Talleyrand Park – Design and construction of an open-air a multi-functioning stage on the west side of Talleyrand Park.

251 North Allegheny Street – Existing carriage house being modified to add a masonry foundation at the alley and side elevation.

Tosti-Vasey motioned and Brachbill seconded to approve the above listed projects as presented. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

HARB will meet on Tuesday, April 28 at 8:30am

Planning Commission will meet on Monday, May 11 at 5:00pm

Interim Borough Manager (Mr. Pribulka)

March 2026 Report

Staff is working to schedule meetings of the Industrial Development Authority and the Tree Commission.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Environmental Committee March 2026 Report
- Parks Committee March 2026 Report

Finance & Administration Committee (Eaton)

- Report submitted

Ordinance ad hoc Committee (Tosti-Vasey)

- January, February, March 2026 Report

Streets, Infrastructure & Public Works Committee (Brachbill)

- March 2026 Report

X. LIASON REPORTS

Reports submitted

Mr. Johnson offered additional comments on the Centre County Airport Authority. He commented that minutes for the January, February and March meetings are still in draft form and not available and he offered comments regarding several projects that are in the works at the airport.

XII. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS

Memorandum of Understanding for Fly State College Fund Contribution. Call for a motion/2nd to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Fly State College Fund Contribution.

Wilson motioned and Eaton seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Fly State College Fund Contribution. Discussion included Tosti-Vasey asking for clarification of the details of the Memorandum. Mr. Pribulka highlighted and clarified various details regarding the Memorandum. No further discussion. Voice vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 04202026-01 – Chapter 180 Air Pollution

Call for a motion to recess the regular meeting for the purpose of holding a public hearing to receive comments regarding Ordinance No. 04202026-01. Dann motioned and Tosti-Vasey seconded to recess the regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

- Public Hearing to receive public comment on proposed Ordinance No.04202026-01, titled “Chapter No. 180 Air Pollution.”
- Comments included Tosti-Vasey offering more details regarding the ordinance. She commented that the committee recommends retiring the current law and replacing it with the new ordinance.

There were no other comments received. Mr. Johnson closed the public hearing and resumed the regular meeting.

Approval of Ordinance No. 04202026-01 amendment Chapter No. 180 Air Pollution. Call for a motion/2nd to approve Ordinance No. 04202026-01 amendment to No. 180 Air Pollution.

Tosti-Vasey motioned and Dann seconded to approve Ordinance No. 04202026-01 amendment to No. 180 Air Pollution. No discussion. Roll call vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Centre List of items to be auctioned on Municibid. Call for a motion/2nd to approve the provided list to be auctioned on Municibid.

Eaton motioned and Wilson seconded to approve the provided list to be auctioned on Municibid. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Employment Offer Letter – Borough Manager. Council consideration of Offer Letter for David Pribulka for the position of Borough Manager. Call for a motion/2nd to authorize execution of the Offer Letter for David Pribulka as Borough Manager.

Tosti-Vasey motioned and Dann seconded to authorize execution of the Offer Letter for David Pribulka as Borough Manager. No discussion. Roll call vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

W. Bishop Street Emergency Repair Resolution No. 2026-04. Call for a motion/2nd to approve Resolution No. 2026-04 for the W. Bishop Street Emergency Repair.

Brachbill motioned and Eaton seconded to approve Resolution No. 2026-04 for the W. Bishop Street Emergency Repair. Discussion included clarification of various details regarding the repair. Mr. Pribulka clarified that the repair is estimated to cost approximately \$42,000 and there will be a road closure to complete this repair. Voice vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Ordinance amendment to Chapter 410 Peddling and Soliciting. Call for a motion/2nd to authorize the advertisement of the amendment to Chapter 410, Peddling and Soliciting.

Tosti-Vasey motioned and Brachbill seconded to authorize the advertisement of the amendment to Chapter 410, Peddling and Soliciting. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Nittany Valley Coordinating Committee Representative to the CCMPO. Call for a motion/2nd to appoint Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey (Bellefonte Council), and Mr. Jeff Kranch (Spring Twp PC) to serve on the MPO's Coordinating Committee for the Nittany Valley as primary representative and alternate representative, respectively.

Eaton motioned and Brachbill seconded to appoint Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey (Bellefonte Council), and Mr. Jeff Kranch (Spring Twp PC) to serve on the MPO's Coordinating Committee for the Nittany Valley as primary representative and alternate representative, respectively. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

MNMC Medical Office Building Land Development Plan: HRG request to Council for waivers of two sections of the Stormwater Management Ordinance (SMO), Section 490-19.B.7 and Section 490-19.B.8. Call for a motion/2nd to approve waivers of two sections of the SMO.

Brachbill motioned and Eaton seconded to approve waivers of two sections of the SMO. Discussion included comments and clarifications of the waiver. The waiver is in regards to the retention pond on the property. Voice vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan of Mount Nittany Medical Center, Bellefonte Medical Office Building: Planning Commission recommends approval of plan, conditional upon the receiving outstanding items (to be done by staff): Engineer Review, Fire Department Review, NPDES permit, Traffic Impact Assessment, and Highway Occupancy Permit for the driveway. Call for a motion/2nd to approve the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan of Mount Nittany Medical Center, Bellefonte Medical Office Building, conditional on receiving all outstanding items listed.

Brachbill motioned and Tosti-Vasey seconded to approve the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan of Mount Nittany Medical Center, Bellefonte Medical Office Building, conditional on receiving all outstanding items listed. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

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.

Mr. Kelly commented regarding feeding the ducks at Tallyrand Park. He reminded residents that bird seed is the best food for ducks.

Ms. Tosti-Vasey commented regarding the CCMPO appointment.

Mr. Mayor congratulated Mr. Pribulka on his approval as Borough Manager.

Ms. Cleeton thanked all community volunteers.

Mr. Pribulka reminded residents that there will be a Downtown Business Development Workshop at the Borough Office. He also commented that DBI did not receive a grant.

Ms. Dann commented that there is an existing resolution regarding Council Member Code of Conduct. The existing resolution is from January 21, 2025. The resolution will be included in all meetings and posted in all future meetings.

Mr. Eaton reminded motorcycle riders to be careful, quiet and conscientious.

Mr. Johnson thanked the Ad-Hoc committee for their work to find and hire a new Borough manager. He welcomed Mr. Pribulka as the new Borough Manager.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Brachbill motioned and Eaton seconded to adjourn and Brachbill seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:34PM.

There was an executive session held before the meeting tonight at 6:30pm to discuss Personnel.