

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes

MAY 18, 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 May 18, 2026 meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order by President Doug Johnson at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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
Alyssa Doherty, Assistant to the Borough Manager

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.

Addition of appointment of Dave Pribulka as C-Net Representative under “New Business”

Tosti-Vasey motioned and Dann seconded to add the appointment of David Pribulka as C-NET Representative under “New Business”. Motion to approve adding this item under “New Business” carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnson announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting tonight to discuss a real estate/legal matter.

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)

The CCMPO is holding a 30-day public comment period to receive input about the Draft 2027-2030 Centre County TIP and 2026 Air Quality Conformity Report. The public comment period begins on Monday, May 4, 2026, and concludes at 5:00 pm on Thursday June 4, 2026. Informational item only; no Council action is requested.

Bellefonte EMS has invited Borough Council and the Mayor to attend the 9th Annual Joint Municipal EMS Meeting on Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bellefonte EMS station. The meeting will include discussion regarding EMS operations, municipal financial support, pending legislation, industry changes, and future service needs. Station tours and refreshments will begin at 6:30 pm. Informational item only; no Council action is requested. Bruce & Merrilees will be onsite beginning Tuesday, May 19, 2026 to begin construction of the intersection improvements and traffic signal installation at Zion Road and Parkview Boulevard. The project is anticipated to be substantially completed by the end of the week, weather permitting, though work may extend into the week of May 25, 2026. Informational item only; no Council action is requested.

Pennsylvania's "Paul Miller's Law" will move into full enforcement beginning June 6, 2026. The law prohibits the use of hand-held mobile devices while driving, including while stopped in traffic or at a red light. Drivers may still use hands-free technology for calls, navigation and music. Violations may result in a \$50 fine plus court costs and fees. Information 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:

1. Finance	Budget v. Actual April 2026
2. Finance	Budget v. Actual Summary April 2026
3. Finance	Campbell Durrant Legal Invoice April 2026
4. General	DRAFT Council Meeting Minutes May 4, 2026
5. Finance	Financial Report April 2026

6. Finance	Stover McGlaughlin Legal Invoice April 2026
7. Finance	Treasurer Report April 2026
8. Finance	Voucher Summary April 2026

Dann motioned and Brachbill seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Voice vote. Motion to approve consent agenda items 1-8 carried unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS

Mayor Johnson

Proclamation: National EMS Week May 17-23. 2026

Mr. Scott Rote offered a presentation regarding EMS services in the Borough

Junior Council Member Report (Ms. Meckley)

Ms. Meckley reported on Mini-Thon, Soak a Sr., concerts, the school musical and ISAAC nominations. The drama production earned 5 ISAAC Award nominations!

Police (Chief Witmer)

April 2026 Report

Parking

April 2026 Report

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

(Ms. Thompson)

1. Recommended for approval:

HARB recommends the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the following projects as presented:

- 334 East Curtin Street – Exterior rear/side modifications for interior restructuring of rooms.
- 431 East Curtin Street – Replace siding and eight front windows.

Tosti-Vasey motioned to approve both projects, but requested to vote on the projects separately. Wilson seconded.

Voice vote to approve the project at 334 East Curtin Street. Discussion included Tosti-Vasey offering her comments and reasons for voting no to this project. She states that the project does not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standard for Rehabilitation guidelines. Ms. Thompson clarified that HARB did approve the project because the sleeping porch in question had already been modified, so the modifications are not modifying any original structure. Roll Call Vote. Motion to approve this project passed with 7 yes votes and 1 no vote.

Mr. Randy Brachbill	YES	Mr. Zach Kelly	YES
Ms. Deb Cleeton	YES	Ms. Shawna McKean	YES

Ms. Barbara Dann	YES	Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey	NO
Mr. Jon Eaton	(EXCUSED)	Ms. Claudia Wilson	YES
Mr. Doug Johnson	YES		

Voice vote to approve the project at 431 East Curtin Street. Dann motioned and Tosti-Vasey seconded to approve this project. Roll Call Vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Interim Borough Manager (Mr. Pribulka)

April 2026 Report

Mr. Pribulka reported that Columbia Gas will not be completing the restoration paving work on Linn Street in June. There is no completion date available at this time for when the work can be expected to be completed.

He also reported that Union Cemetery is looking for volunteers to help mow. Please contact the Borough office for more information.

The Borough has 2 part time employment positions open. The first position is for a part time financial assistant and the second position is for a part time property maintenance inspector.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environmental & Parks Committee - Ms. Tosti-Vasey

- Environmental Committee April 2026 Report
- Parks Committee April 2026 Report

Finance & Administration Committee - Mr. Eaton

- March 2026 Report

Ordinance ad hoc Committee - Ms. Tosti-Vasey

- April 2026 Report

Streets, Infrastructure & Public Works Committee - Mr. Brachbill

- The Committee did not meet in April 2026

X. LIASON REPORTS

Reports were submitted

XI. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS

Engagement of Hoffman Leakey as the architect for Stage at Talleyrand. Call for a motion/2nd to approve the engagement with Hoffman Leakey as the architect for the Stage at Talleyrand.

Brachbill motioned and Wilson seconded to approve the engagement with Hoffman Leakey as the architect for the Stage at Tallyrand. Roll Call Vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Authorization to issue an invitation to bid for the Stage at Talleyrand. Call for a motion/2nd to issue the invitation to bid for the Stage at Talleyrand.

Tosti-Vasey motioned and Dann seconded to issue the invitation to bid for the Stage at Talleyrand. Discussion included clarification of bids and dates of completion for this project. Opening of the bids will be on or before June 8th. Construction would possibly begin the first or second week of July. Roll Call Vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Amendment to the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan: Proposed Record Plan with Dunlop Street as a Borough Street. The proposed amendment reflects the dedication of Dunlop Street from the Bellefonte Waterfront to Bellefonte Borough. Planning Commission recommends approval of the amended plan. Call for a motion/2nd to approve the amended Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan: Proposed Record Plan with Dunlop Street as a Borough Street.

Brachbill motioned and Dann seconded to approve the amended Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan: Proposed Record Plan with Dunlop Street as a Borough Street. Discussion included Mr. Pribulka offering a few clarifications regarding this LDP and a question from Tosti-Vasey regarding a pedestrian walkway.

Brachbill motioned and Dann seconded to amend this motion to conditionally approve both the Land Development plan and the subdivision plan. Roll Call Vote. Motion to approve the amended amendment carried with 7 yes votes and 1 no vote. Ms. Tosti-Vasey voted no citing concerns about a pedestrian walkway.

Mr. Randy Brachbill	YES	Mr. Zach Kelly	YES
Ms. Deb Cleeton	YES	Ms. Shawna McKean	YES
Ms. Barbara Dann	YES	Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey	NO
Mr. Jon Eaton	(EXCUSED)	Ms. Claudia Wilson	YES
Mr. Doug Johnson	YES		

Randy Brachbill Borough Council Resignation. Call for a motion/2nd to accept Randy Brachbill's resignation letter from Borough Council effective July 31, 2026.

Dann motioned and Wilson seconded to accept Randy Brachbill's resignation letter from Borough Council effective July 31, 2026. Discussion included council members expressing appreciation for Mr. Brachbill's service to the community. It was commented that Mr. Brachbill has served on Council for 12 years and is currently the longest serving member on Council. Roll Call Vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Vehicle purchase for Mechanic Service Truck. Call for a motion/2nd to approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford F-350 Mechanic Service Truck in the amount of \$50,305.00, along with a service body in the amount of \$12,686.00, for a total purchase price of \$62,991.00.

Tosti-Vasey motioned and Dann seconded to approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford F-350 Mechanic Service Truck in the amount of \$50,305.00, along with a service body in the amount of \$12,686.00, for a total purchase price of \$62,991.00. Discussion included a question regarding budgets and funding for this purchase. Roll Call Vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

ARC Area Development Application. Council may consider a motion to sponsor.

There was no motion made for this application.

Call for a motion to approve David Pribulka as C-NET representative.

Tosti-Vasey motioned and Dann seconded to approve Mr. Pribulka as C-NET Representative to replace Mr. Don Holderman who stepped down as C-NET Representative. No discussion. Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. 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

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

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

Several council members expressed their appreciation for Mr. Brachbill and his service to Council and the community.

Several other council members made comments.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Brachbill motioned and McKean seconded to adjourn and Tosti-Vasey seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

There was an executive session held before the meeting tonight.