BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2026 - 7:30 p.m.
301 N. Spring Street, 1st Floor, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823
www.bellefonte.net

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ATTEND IN PERSON: The meeting room is open with normal occupancy limits.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The June 15, 2026 meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order by President Doug Johnson at 7:30 p.m.

There was an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel.

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
Mayor Buddy Johnson—EXCUSED

STAFF PRESENT

David Pribulka, Interim Borough Manager
Alyssa Doherty, Assistant to the Borough Manager

***Mr. Johnson noted that Council procedures dictate that when the Mayor is absent, the Council President acts as Mayor and as such, cannot vote on Council matters. Mr. Johnson will be abstaining from all votes for this meeting.*

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)

Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority (CCRRA) Tire Collection Event

The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, from 8:00 am. to 1:00 pm. The event is open to Centre County residents only and will accept light car and truck tires, as well as motorcycle, bicycle, and ATV tires. Registration is required through CCRRA, and participants may dispose of up to 12 tires per appointment at no cost. Informational item only; no Council action is requested.

Bellefonte Cruise Road Closures

Council reminds residents and visitors that temporary road closures and parking restrictions will be in effect for the Bellefonte Cruise on Friday, June 19, and Saturday, June 20, 2026. Portions of High Street, Allegheny Street, and Howard Street will be closed to accommodate cruise activities, food vendors, and the car show. Residents are encouraged to plan ahead, use alternate routes, and observe all posted parking restrictions and detour signage. Informational item only; no Council action is requested.

Council Vacancy – South Ward

Council is accepting letters of interest and resumes from individuals interested in filling the vacant South Ward Council seat. Letters of interest and resumes may be submitted to Alyssa Doherty at Adoherty@bellefontepa.gov or delivered to the Bellefonte Borough Administrative Office, 301 N. Spring Street, Suite 200, Bellefonte, PA 16823. Submissions will be accepted from June 29, 2026, through July 30, 2026, at 4:30 pm. 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:

1. *Finance*	Budget v. Actual May 2026
2. *Finance*	Budget v. Actual Summary May2026
3. *Finance*	Campbell Durrant Legal Invoice May 2026

4. General	DRAFT Council Meeting Minutes May 4, 2026
5. Finance	Financial Report May 2026
6. Finance	Stover McGlaughlin Legal Invoice May 2026
7. Finance	Treasurer Report May 2026
8. Finance	Voucher Summary May 2026

Eaton motioned and Dann seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Discussion included a clarification of funds that were awarded by the state regarding the Mill Race project. Voice vote. Motion to approve consent agenda items 1-8 carried unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS

Mayor Johnson

- Proclamation: America 250 Proclamation, presented to Deb Berger
  - Presented by Council President Doug Johnson
  - There will be a parade that currently has 50 units signed up and with the new additions to the Hometown Hero Banners, there will be over 80 banners in the Borough honoring over 100 veterans.

Police (Chief Witmer)

May 2026 Report-Detective Larkin was nominated for Centre County Officer of the Year

Parking

NONE

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:

➢ 464 East Curtin Street - decking material as presented and the railing material to be wood or another historically appropriate material, with the approval of the accent panels and spacing of spindles to be handed administratively by staff.

➢ 110-112 West Bishop Street – façade improvements including replacement of five 3rd story windows and trim painting. (Cornice and gutter/soffit replacement not included in approval, tabled by HARB for further information.)

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

Interim Borough Manager (Mr. Pribulka)

May 2026 Report

- Mr. Pribulka reported on several projects being completed in the Borough.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environmental & Parks Committee - Ms. Tosti-Vasey

➢ Environmental Committee June 2026 Report
- Ms. Tosti-Vasey reported on several projects being completed in the Borough.

➢ Parks Committee June 2026 Report

Finance & Administration Committee - Mr. Eaton

➢ April 2026 Report

Ordinance ad hoc Committee - Ms. Tosti-Vasey

➢ June 2026 Report

Streets, Infrastructure & Public Works Committee – Ms. Cleeton

➢ The Committee did not meet in May 2026

X. LIASON REPORTS *Reports were submitted*

Mr. Johnson offered a report regarding the State College Regional Airport. He reported that the Centre County Airport Authority is working to get the property transferred from Penn State to the Authority. He also reported that the airport is adding non- stop flights to Charlotte through American starting on October 5, 2026. The new route will operate twice daily.

XI. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS *(Listed as XII on Agenda)*

Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission Logan Branch Bridge Replacement Project Comment Letter. Informational item only; no Council action is requested.

Award of Contracts – Bellefonte Borough Stage at Talleyrand Project. Consideration of awarding construction contracts for the Bellefonte Borough Stage at Talleyrand Project. Recommended Motion: Motion/2nd to award the General Construction Contract for the Bellefonte Borough Stage at Talleyrand Project to Mid-State Construction in the amount of $820,000.00, contingent upon the implementation of a contingency plan to protect Big Spring, and to award the Electrical Construction Contract to Westmoreland Electric in the amount of $105,999.00.

Tosti-Vasey motioned and Wilson seconded to award the General Construction Contract for the Bellefonte Borough Stage at Talleyrand Project to Mid-State Construction in the amount of $820,000.00, contingent upon the implementation of a contingency plan to protect Big Spring, and to award the Electrical Construction Contract to Westmoreland Electric in the amount of $105,999.00. Discussion included clarification of the contingency plan. The contingency plan is in regards to hitting or disturbing groundwater and contamination of the groundwater during construction. There was another question raised regarding the existing data from the proposal to use wells at Big Spring. It was clarified that all existing data will be used in the construction phase of this project. Mr. Johnson *also commented that the stage project will have 5 years to construct permanent restroom facilities for this project. He raised a concern regarding Council's plan for assuming financial responsibility of restroom construction for this project if the funds are not raised for restrooms. The temporary occupancy permit would be for 5 years and is contingent on permanent restroom facilities being constructed within 5 years. It was clarified that if permanent restroom facilities are not constructed within 5 years, the stage will be shut down and will not be able to be used for public or private events. Organizers from the Tallyrand Stage Committee spoke in response and asked Council for help with this aspect of the project, which is required by Centre Region Code and was unexpected. Mr. Johnson reiterated that neither Council or the Stage Committee seem to have a plan in place to ensure the funds are raised and that a permanent restroom facility can be constructed within 5 years. He also clarified that the stage would be shut down in 5 years if no permanent restrooms are constructed during that time frame. There was another concern raised regarding borough staff being responsible for maintenance of the restrooms and funds for regular/yearly maintenance of the stage and the restrooms. Mike Leakey, a leader in the project, commented that he feels this project is a very valuable and worthwhile project for the Bellefonte area and that he hopes that Council will commit to helping with the project to keep it moving forward. Ms. Wilson commented that she also feels the stage will add value to our area and she also hopes Council will commit to helping this project continue. Mr. Johnson mentioned that the Water Authority just raised water rates due to shortfalls in the Authority budgets and that there are many other capital projects the Borough and Authority need to tend to, and he feels this project has the potential to further raise taxes for the residents. Ms. Dann commented that with or without the stage, she feels that restroom facilities are necessary on that side of the park and she encouraged council to continue to work with the stage committee and continue to support this project. No further discussion. Roll call vote. Mr. Eaton voted no, citing his concern for this project's impact on the future. Motion to approve carried.*

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	NO	Ms. Claudia Wilson	YES
Mr. Doug Johnson	ABSTAIN (as acting mayor)		

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Public Transportation Letter of Support. Recommended Motion: Motion/2nd to approve a letter of support for Public Transportation to the Public Transit Task Force.

Tosti-Vasey motioned and Cleeton seconded to approve a letter of support for Public Transportation to the Public Transit Task Force. No discussion. Roll call vote. Motion 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 ABSTAIN (as acting mayor)	

Appointment to the Civil Service Commission.

Dann motioned and Brachbill seconded to appoint Charles Witmer to the Civil Service Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2029. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment to the Bellefonte Fire Department Executive Committee.

Wilson motioned and Dann seconded to appoint David Pribulka to the Bellefonte Fire Department Executive Committee. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment to the Bellefonte Borough Workplace Safety Committee.

Eaton motioned and Dann seconded to appoint Deb Cleeton to the Bellefonte Borough Workplace Safety Committee. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment to the Spring Creek Watershed Commission.

Tosti-Vasey motioned and Wilson seconded to appoint Jon Eaton to the Spring Creek Watershed Commission. Discussion included the appointment of an alternate. Ms. Dann does not wish to continue as the alternate. Ms. Tosti-Vasey commented that Council will need a appoint an alternate at a future meeting. 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 made comments regarding events in the Borough.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Brachbill motioned and Tosti-Vasey seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9PM.