

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 6, 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 July 6, 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—EXCUSED
Ms. Claudia Wilson
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.

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)

Bellefonte Emergency Medical Services Annual Joint Meeting

Bellefonte EMS 8th Annual Joint Meeting invitation for 7:00 pm on Wednesday, July 29th, 2026. The meeting will be held at Bellefonte EMS, 369 Phoenix Avenue, Bellefonte, PA. Please RSVP to Scott Rhoat at ssrhoat@bems.net by Monday, July 27th, 2026. No council action is needed.

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.

CCRRA 2026 Community Events

Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority's 2026 community events schedule. Upcoming events include Arts Festival Kids' Day (July 8), paper shredding events (August 29 and October 3), Lion Bash (September 3), and the Tire Collection Event (September 12). Registration is currently open for the September 12 Tire Collection Event. Informational item only; no Council action is requested.

PennDOT Route 550 Resurfacing Project

PennDOT will begin overnight resurfacing work on Route 550 (Bishop Street) in Bellefonte on Monday, July 6, with milling on Route 550 (High Street) beginning Wednesday, July 8. Work will occur between 6:00 PM and 6:00 AM and will include milling, paving, and line painting. Motorists should expect flaggers, lane restrictions, and minor delays. 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. General	BASD stormwater Improvements Surety Agreement
2. General	DRAFT Council Meeting Minutes June 15, 2026
3. Finance	Zion Road/Parkview Boulevard Traffic Signal Installation Payment Application #1 \$94,730.85

4. Finance	Zion Road/Parkview Boulevard Traffic Signal Installation Payment Application #2 \$141,101.98
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Brachbill motioned and Dann seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Voice vote. Motion to approve consent agenda items 1-4 as listed carried unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS

Mayor Johnson

Mayor Johnson thanked all the participants and organizers of the Bellefonte America 250 Celebration. The event was a huge success in spite of the intense heat.

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

(Ms. Thompson)

- Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 5:00 pm in Council Chambers.
- HARB is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 8:30 am in the Oak Room.

IX. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS

2026G Project Selection. Call for a motion/2nd to approve the Potter Street Water Main Replacement for the 2026 CDBG Project.

Wilson motion and Eaton seconded to approve the Potter Street Water Main Replacement for the 2026 CDBG Project. No discussion. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

- Call for a motion/2nd to approve Centre County, on behalf of Bellefonte Borough, to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for FFY 2026 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement funding for the Potter Street Water Main Replacement.

Eaton motioned and McKean seconded to approve Centre County, on behalf of Bellefonte Borough, to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for FFY 2026 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement funding for the Potter Street Water Main Replacement. Discussion included Mr. Pribulka offering various details regarding this project. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Alternate Appointment to the Spring Creek Watershed Commission. Recommended Motion: Motion/2nd to appoint Zach Kelly as Alternate to the Spring Creek Watershed Commission.

Eaton motioned and Dann seconded to appoint Zach Kelly as Alternate to the Spring Creek Watershed Commission. No discussion. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment to the COG Public Safety Committee. Recommended Motion: Motion/2nd to appoint Deb Cleeton to the COG Public Safety Committee.

Dann motioned and Wilson seconded to appoint Deb Cleeton to the COG Public Safety Committee. No discussion. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

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, street, municipality, if outside of the Borough of Bellefonte. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes maximum.

NONE

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

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

Ms. Dann commented regarding feral cats in the Borough.

Ms. Wilson thanked Mayor Johnson for his participation in the America 250 parade and she also commented regarding several grant awarded to the Borough from the Happy Valley Adventure Bureau. The grant awarded was \$164,500.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Eaton motioned and Brachbill seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.