

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

Special Meeting Minutes

August 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 August 17, 2026 Special 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

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. Tomalei Vess
Ms. Claudia Wilson
Mayor Buddy Johnson

STAFF PRESENT

David Pribulka, 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.

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.

VI. SOUTH WARD VACANCY

Each applicant for the South Ward Council Vacancy will be allotted five (5) minutes to address Borough Council and present their qualifications, interest in serving, and reasons for seeking appointment. Following all presentations, Council may ask questions before considering an appointment.

Suggested Motion: That Borough Council appoint [Applicant Name] to fill the South Ward Council vacancy following the applicant presentations and Council deliberation, for the remainder of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2027, contingent upon taking the required Oath of Office.

There was 1 application received for this vacancy. The applicant was Tomalei Vess.

Eaton motioned and Tosti-Vasey seconded to appoint Tomalei Vess to fill the South Ward Council vacancy following the applicant presentations and Council deliberation, for the remainder of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2027, contingent upon taking the required Oath of Office. Discussion included Ms. Vess detailing the reasons she was interested in filling the South Ward vacancy. Roll vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

XII. 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

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

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

NONE

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Dann motioned and Wilson seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.