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Bellefonte Borough Council Business Meeting
7:30 PM, Monday, October 19th, 2026
In-Person, Council Chambers/Large Meeting Room
301 N. Spring St, 1st Floor

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AGENDA

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Ms. Cleeton, Vice-President, <i>South Ward</i>	Ms. Kessler, <i>West Ward</i>	
Ms. Dann, <i>South Ward</i>	Ms. Tosti-Vasey, Pro Temp, <i>West Ward</i>	
Mr. Eaton, <i>North Ward</i>	Dr. Vess, <i>South Ward</i>	
Mr. Johnson, President, <i>North Ward</i>	Ms. Wilson, <i>North Ward</i>	
Mr. Kelly, <i>West Ward</i>	Mayor Johnson, <i>At Large</i>	

IV. ADDITIONS TO THE COUNCIL MEETING 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 comments 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, a non-profit representative, a 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. COMMUNICATIONS (written)

ONE HAND DENTAL FESTIVAL FLIER

Provided with the agenda is a flier announcing the One Hand Dental Festival scheduled for October 24th from noon to 3:00 p.m. in Governor's Park. The event will feature free dental cleanings and other basic work from a mobile clinic. Registration is required.

CLIMATE RESILIENCY TABLETOP EXERCISE

Provided with the agenda is a flier announcing a Climate & Health Elective Virtual Tabletop Exercise sponsored by the Penn State College of Medicine on Tuesday, December 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A QR code is on the flier to register.

PLANNING COMMISSION RESIGNATION – MARK EDWARDS

Provided with the agenda is a resignation letter from Mark Edwards, who has served on the Bellefonte Borough Planning Commission for ten years. Mr. Edwards' term expires on December 31, 2026, so it is recommended that Council identify his successor to begin a term starting January 1, 2027. Mayor Johnson, Borough Council, and staff greatly appreciate the ten years of service that Mr. Edwards has provided to the Planning Commission.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be acted upon by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of Council request specific items to be removed for separate action. Requests to remove items need not be seconded and action on removed items will be deferred to a later point in the agenda.

<i>General</i>	Special Event Fee Waiver Request – BASD Raider Reindeer 4k
<i>General</i>	October 5, 2026 DRAFT Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommended motion: That Borough Council approve the Consent Agenda.

VIII. REPORTS

Please limit all reports/rebuttals/deliberations to three minutes maximum.

DEPARTMENT	STAFF	REPORT
CHIEF OF POLICE September 2026 Report	Chief Witmer	Written
PARKING September 2026 Report	Melissa McCullough	Written
ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT REPORT September 2026 Report	Brandon Eckenroth Bryce Steiner	Written
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS Recommend approval and the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the following applications, as presented, unless otherwise noted: 201 West High Street (Hoffman Leakey) – Approve the rooftop mechanical structure with a screen-printed mesh wrap designed to match the existing asphalt shingle. The Planning Commission will meet on Monday, November 9 at 5:00 p.m. The HARB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27 at 8:30 a.m. This may be canceled if there are no projects for review.	Gina Thompson	Written
BOROUGH MANAGER September 2026 Report	David Pribulka	Written

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Committee Reports <i>Please limit all reports/rebuttals/deliberations to three minutes maximum.</i>		
COMMITTEE	COUNCILMEMBER	REPORT
Environmental & Parks Committee • Environmental & Parks Committee September 2026 Meeting Summary	Ms. Tosti-Vasey	Written
Finance & Administration Committee • September 2026 Meeting Summary • October 2026 Special Meeting Summary (fire apparatus)	Mr. Eaton	Verbal
Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee • October 2026 Meeting Summary	Ms. Tosti-Vasey	Written
Streets, Infrastructure & Public Works Committee • September 2026 Report	Ms. Cleeton	Written

X. LIAISON REPORTS

Reports will be submitted in writing for inclusion in the council meeting materials. Reports may include draft meeting minutes, notes, memos, etc. No verbal report is to be given unless there is a question regarding the report. If council action is requested, please clearly indicate it, including the wording, so that it can be stated on the council meeting agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE	LIAISON	REPORT
Stage at Talleyrand Project Committee	Pribulka	Verbal
Bellefonte Area Industrial Development Authority	Pribulka	
Bellefonte Emergency Medical Services	Rhoat	
Bellefonte Fire Department Executive Committee	Pribulka	Verbal
Bellefonte Alliance (BIACC & DBI)	Thompson	Written (OCA)
Bellefonte Police Pension Board	Pribulka	
Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority	Pribulka	
Penn State University Sustainability Projects	Pribulka	
Shade Tree Commission	Pribulka	
Union Cemetery Association	Pribulka	
Workplace Safety Committee	Pribulka	Verbal
AUTHORITIES / COUNCIL APPOINTED	LIAISON	
Bellefonte Borough Authority- October 6, 2026	D. Johnson	Verbal
Centre County Airport Authority	D. Johnson	Verbal
COMMISSIONS / COUNCIL APPOINTED	LIAISON	REPORT
Spring Creek Watershed Commission	Eaton	
SPECIAL COMMITTEES / COUNCIL APPOINTED	LIAISON	REPORT
Centre County Library Board	Cleeton	Written
Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) Public Safety Committee	Cleeton	Written
Public Transit Task Force Committee	Tosti-Vasey	Written
SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS / APPOINTED	LIAISON	REPORT
Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission (NVJPC)	Tosti-Vasey	
Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO)	Tosti-Vasey	
Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) Technical Comm.	Thompson	

XI. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS

1. CONTINUED DISCUSSION - AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE NEW PIERCE ENFORCER 100' AERIAL FOR UNDINE FIRE COMPANY

Narrative

Provided with the agenda is a copy of a purchase order from Glick Fire Equipment Company, Inc. approving the acquisition of a new 100-foot aerial ladder truck manufactured by Pierce to service the Undine Fire Company. The Bellefonte Fire Department provides fire service from the Logan and Undine Companies to Bellefonte Borough and the Townships of Spring, Benner, and Marion. The current apparatus is at the end of its useful life and a new truck is required to be manufactured. The lead time on manufacturing is estimated to be 24 months from execution of purchase order. This was referred to the Administration and Finance Committee for further discussion with Spring and Benner Townships. A meeting occurred with the municipalities on October 14, and a verbal report on the outcome of that meeting will be provided this evening. Staff is recommending this item be tabled until November 2, 2026.

Recommended motion: That Borough Council table action on this item until November 2, 2026.

2. AUTHORIZATION OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REVISED LOCAL PRETREATMENT LIMITS FOR THE BELLEFONTE BOROUGH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Narrative

Provided with the agenda is a memorandum from Frank Noll, Wastewater Treatment Plan Superintendent, describing the revised Local Limits accepted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the Bellefonte Borough Authority. Council tabled the motion to authorize advertisement of a public hearing until a draft of the ordinance amendment was prepared. Provided with the agenda is a copy of the draft amendment revising local pretreatment limits for the Bellefonte Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant. It is requested that the hearing and consideration of enactment be advertised for November 2, 2026.

Recommended motion: That Borough Council authorizes a public hearing and consideration of enactment of an ordinance accepting the revised Local Limits for the Bellefonte Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant for November 2, 2026.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. REVIEW OF COUNCIL CHAMBER FURNITURE PROPOSAL – PAUL DOWNS CABINETMAKERS

Narrative

Council requested a design proposal to replace the current dais with new tables and an improved layout for conducting meetings. Provided with the agenda is a proposal from Paul Downs Cabinetmakers, a COSTARS contractor, to replace the current Council tables with a custom “V-shape” design. The proposal does not include replacements of the podium or chairs. Staff is requesting this item be referred to the Streets, Infrastructure, and Public Works Committee for further review.

Recommended motion: That Borough Council refer the proposal to the Streets, Infrastructure, and Public Works Committee for review.

2. SPECIAL EVENT FEE WAIVER REQUEST – ONE HAND FOUNDATION DENTAL CLINIC

Narrative

Council received a presentation from the One Hand Foundation on September 21 about hosting a proposed free children’s mobile dental clinic in the Borough. The Borough Manager has approved the use of Governor’s Park on October 24 for the clinic and other family-friendly activities. Details were provided on the flier in the agenda packet. While One Hand Foundation is not based in Bellefonte Borough, it is a nonprofit organization that will operate in the Borough, and Council is asked to consider waiving the \$100 special event permit application fee that would typically apply. For additional clarity on the policy, Council is asked to refer the special events permitting process and associated fee structure to the Parks Committee to review.

Recommended motion: That Borough Council approve the special event fee waiver for the One Hand Foundation Dental Clinic and refer the special event permitting process and associated fee structure to the Parks Committee for review.

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

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

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

XV. ADJOURNMENT