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BOROUGH OF BELLEFONTE, RESOLUTION NO. 01212025-01

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

**WHEREAS**, citizens have a right to free speech under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, residents and taxpayers have rights of public comment and participation under the Sunshine Act of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Bellefonte has an interest in holding orderly public meetings to conduct and administer the business of the Borough.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the Borough of Bellefonte establishes the following public meeting conduct policy for all officials and members of the public at all meetings organized by the Borough:

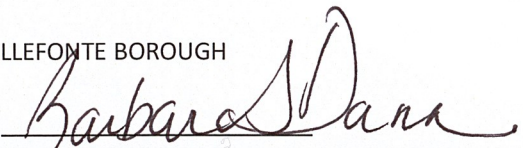
1. Public comments for items on the agenda at Council meetings may be made at the beginning of these meetings. Public comments for items NOT on the agenda at the Council meetings may be made at the end of these meetings.
2. Public comments for meetings of the Authorities, Boards, and Commissions may be made at the beginning of these meetings.
3. On a trial basis, 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.
4. Additional public comments or responses to questions by the Council, Authority, Board, or Commission members may be taken at the request of an appointed or elected official to these said board meetings.
5. Each Bellefonte resident, non-profit representative, business owner, or official representative of another governmental agency may speak on any agenda item for a maximum of three (3) minutes. Written input is not limited in any manner.
6. All public comments shall be made at the podium after being recognized by the chairperson of the meeting.
7. Speakers shall identify themselves by name and street — and municipality/township if outside of the Borough of Bellefonte.
8. All comments shall be addressed to the Council, Authority, Board, or Commission conducting the meeting.
9. Comments that include profane or defamatory language or comments that inflict injury or incite breach of the peace are out of order.
10. Comments that are disruptive or are not related to the business of the public meeting may be out of order as determined by the person presiding over the meeting.

RESOLVED, this 21st day of January, 2025, in public meeting duly noticed and assembled.

ATTEST:

  
Ralph Stewart, Manager/Secretary

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH

By:   
Barbara Dann  
Borough Council President