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Bellefonte Borough Council Business Meeting
7:30 PM, Monday, November 16, 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, *South Ward*		Ms. Kessler, *West Ward*	
Ms. Dann, *South Ward*		Ms. Tosti-Vasey, Pro Temp, *West Ward*	
Mr. Eaton, *North Ward*		Dr. Vess, *South Ward*	
Mr. Johnson, President, *North Ward*		Ms. Wilson, *North Ward*	
Mr. Kelly, *West Ward*		Mayor Johnson, *At Large*	

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**. Please note that an amendment to the PA Sunshine Act will take effect December 21, 2026, placing further restrictions on the ability of Council to add items to an agenda within the 24-hour period prior to a meeting.

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)

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS VACANCIES Provided with the agenda is a summary of upcoming vacancies on the Borough's Authorities, Boards, and Commissions. Staff is attempting to reach current appointees to determine who is interested in reappointment. Applications for any of the vacancies can be submitted to the attention of the Borough Manager. Additional information on the vacancies, and details on the application process will be placed on the Borough's website.
PSAB MEMO – NEW ACTS AFFECTING BOROUGHS A handout has been included with the agenda summarizing legislative changes from the General Assembly that relate to public notice requirements for meetings; infrastructure; volunteer fire services and emergency response; procurement; and more.

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.

General	Council Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2026
Finance	Stover McGlaughlin Invoice - $987.00
Finance	Stover McGlaughlin Invoice - $1,155.00
Finance	September 2026 Treasurer's Report
Finance	Trans Associates Invoice - $7,946.00

Recommended motion: That Borough Council approve the Consent Agenda.

VIII. REPORTS

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

DEPARTMENT	STAFF	REPORT
MAYOR • Proclamation – Small Business Saturday Declaration	Mayor Johnson	Verbal
CHIEF OF POLICE • October 2026 Report	Chief Witmer	Written
PARKING • September 2026 Report	Melissa McCullough	Written
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS Recommend approval and the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the following applications, as presented, unless otherwise noted: • **301 N. Spring Street** – Approve the design for the two exterior door replacements, with the request that the marine-grade finish be used for longevity and the old doors be stored instead of thrown away. • **320 W. Hight Street (Talleyrand Park)** – Approve the modifications to the Stage at Talleyrand Park. The HARB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24 at 8:30 a.m. This may be canceled if there are no projects for review.	Gina Thompson	Written
BOROUGH MANAGER • October 2026 Report	David Pribulka	Written

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

COMMITTEE	COUNCILMEMBER	REPORT
Environmental & Parks Committee • Environmental & Parks Committee October 2026 Meeting Summary	Ms. Tosti-Vasey	Written
Finance & Administration Committee • October 2026 Meeting Summary	Mr. Eaton	Written
Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee	Ms. Tosti-Vasey	No Meeting
Streets, Infrastructure & Public Works Committee • October 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	
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	Verbal
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	Did not meet
Public Transit Task Force Committee	Tosti-Vasey	Written
SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS / APPOINTED	**LIAISON**	**REPORT**
Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission (NVJPC)	Tosti-Vasey	Did not meet
Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO)	Tosti-Vasey	Did not meet
Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) Technical Comm.	Thompson	

XI. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN MODIFICATION – STAGE AT TALLEYRAND PARK

Narrative
Provided with the agenda is a site plan showing requested revisions to the approved land development plan for the Stage at Talleyrand Park These modifications are requested to accommodate additional storage space for equipment associated with the stage, and to add a chimney feature. Primarily, the additional impervious area being added to the building footprint necessitates an amendment to the land development plan, although Council is asked to approve both of the changes since this is a public project at Talleyrand Park. The HARB and Planning Commission have reviewed the proposed changes recommended approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness and plan amendment, respectively.

Recommended motion: That Borough Council approve the amendment to the Stage at Talleyrand Park Land Development Plan.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE BELLEFONTE TRAIN STATION REMOVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS (RAB) PROJECT

Narrative
SEDA COG received proposals for final design and engineering of the Bellefonte Train Station RAB Project that Council appropriated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to construct. The project includes retrofitting the train station to provide ADA accessibility, including a ramp and push-button doorway, as well as to install accessibility accommodations in the restrooms at the facility. Provided with the agenda is the bid tabulation for the project. SEDA COG and Borough staff have reviewed the proposals submitted, and are recommending Council award the contract to Hoffman Leakey Architects in an amount of $32,750.

Recommended motion: That Borough Council award the professional services contract for the Bellefonte Train Station Removal of Architectural Barriers project to Hoffman Leakey Architects in an amount of $32,750.

2. BELLEFONTE BOROUGH HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN AMENDMENT

Narrative
In an effort to offer employees options for employer-sponsored health insurance, staff is requesting authorization to amend the current healthcare plan offered through the Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative by adding a second plan alternative. The plan would include a $750/$1,500 deductible and current copays for other services, offset by a contribution from the Borough to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement of $500 or $1,000, depending on which plan an employee is enrolled. The plan amendment would be optional for covered employees to consider and would not apply to retirees receiving Borough healthcare. The approval is conditional on agreement with the Borough's two employee unions, Police and AFSCME.

Recommended motion: That Borough Council conditionally approve the amendment to the health insurance plan.

3. AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A DCED LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE BELLEFONTE BOROUGH AUTHORITY FOR AN ULTRAVIOLET TREATMENT SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

Narrative
Provided with the agenda is a draft letter of support for the Bellefonte Borough Authority for a grant from the DCED Local Share Account program. The application is for the replacement of the ultraviolet treatment system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The total cost of the project is estimated at $615,000 and requires no local match.

Recommended motion: That the Borough Authority authorize a letter of support for a DCED Local Share Account grant application by the Bellefonte Borough Authority for the replacement of the UV treatment system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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