

Resolution 2021 - ARPA1 - Direct Business Relief

WHEREAS the Town of Bellefonte has received \$111,712.50 from the U.S. Treasury, via the State of Delaware Treasurer's Office, for the purpose of dispensing such funds under the guidance put forward by the U.S. Treasurer, pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) as approved by Congress on March 6, 2021, and signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, and

WHEREAS the expressed intent of ARPA is to 1) Respond to the COVID-19 emergency and address its economic effects, including through aid to households, small businesses, nonprofits, and industries such as tourism and hospitality; 2) Provide premium pay to essential employees or grants to their employers. Premium pay couldn't exceed \$13 per hour or \$25,000 per worker; 3) Provide government services affected by a revenue reduction resulting from COVID-19; and 4) Make investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure, and

WHEREAS the Town of Bellefonte held Public Hearings on May 10 and July 12, the Town Commission solicited testimony from residents, representatives of non-profit agencies, and business owners. And

WHEREAS the Commissioners of Bellefonte have reviewed proposed spending under ARPA and its requirements and agree to the following:

The Bellefonte Town Commission does hereby approve a \$30,000 tranche (Tranche #1) to be provided for the relief of businesses in Bellefonte's RMX-1 and MX-2 zones according to the restrictions of said grant program, the terms of grant availability, and the application for said grants, and the review and approval process of the Bellefonte Town Commission Review Committee.

After careful consideration, the Bellefonte Town Commission does hereby approve this resolution, effective July 12, 2021.

Signed,

Commission President

Date

Attest: ______

Secretary Andrew Ritchie

Date: _____