



### **Resolution 2021 – ARPA5 – Support for Area Nonprofits**

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 acknowledge the impact of the pandemic on nonprofit agencies within and serving the residents of Bellefonte, increased the need for services during the pandemic, and reduced these nonprofits ability to conduct effective fundraising;

NOW THEREFORE, the Bellefonte Town Commission does hereby approve up to \$5,000 (Tranche #4) of ARPA funds to be donated to the following agencies serving our town:

Brandywine Hundred Fire Company - \$3,000

Bellevue Community Center - \$1,000

Bellefonte Lions Club - \$1,000

The ARPA Treasurer is hereby directed to release the above payments after receiving an IRS Letter of Determination from the nonprofit entity. The ARPA Treasurer is also directed to require the nonprofit to sign for receipt of the donation. These funds are from the ARPA account, not the Town of Bellefonte General account.

After careful consideration, the Bellefonte Town Commission does hereby approve this resolution, effective August 9, 2021.

\_\_Scott MacKenzie\_\_\_\_\_

Scott MacKenzie, Commission President / Date

Attest: \_\_Andrew Ritchie\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Andrew Ritchie/Date

[signature copy on file at Town Hall]