

Town of Bellefonte, Delaware
Town Meeting Minutes, May 11, 2026

Attending: Brandon Dougherty, Dave Brenner, Scott MacKenzie, Andrew Ritchie, Logan Ritchie, and Treasurer/Tax Collector Curt Nass

Call to Order/Welcome – Brandon called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes to the Previous Meeting: Andrew made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and to approve them as distributed, seconded by Scott, and all approved. Copies were made available.

Special Guests/Public Comments:

John Cartier presented the Police and Code Enforcement reports to the Commission. He reports that the council is in final deliberations of FY2027 budget. Mandated by state law to pass a balanced budget. Discussion about real estate taxes.

Committee Reports:

- **Board of Adjustments** – Brian reported no activity.
- **Planning Commission/Zoning Review Board** – Update from Jim Paradise. Met on 5/4 2 ZRB 905 Marion deck – 2 Riverside Drive New bathroom. Frank acting chair June meeting. Jim raised the issue of a new deck without a permit. Jim will report to code enforcement.
- **Zoning Code Enforcement** – Resolution 2026-02 - Transfer of Select Zoning Code Enforcement to NCC was sent to NCC and accepted.

Treasurer's Report and Tax Collector's Report – Report on Delinquent Taxes: Curt presented the monthly statement of financial position (attached) and delinquent taxes. Elected town officers should notify Curt of stipends due before the June meeting. Notices sent to delinquent taxpayers over \$1,000. Dave motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Brandon, and all approved.

Old Business:

Town Property Improvements – Status Report from Scott:

- Lamppost refurbishing – Consideration of approving up to \$4,000 to refurbish lamppost brackets and lights. Scott made a motion to approve up to 4000, seconded by Logan, and all approved.
- EECEBG Battery Backup System & Solar Panels – no activity
- DelDOT projects – Sidewalk, repaving, speed signs. No report from Deb Heffernan's office.

Shops of Bellefonte Report – Tonya Smallwood attended. New business owner, Ronnie Durham of Mid Century Collections attended.

Edgemoor Port – Jim Paradise reported that the Benefits Coalition meeting last month was sparsely attended. Another summer meeting being scheduled. Tours scheduled by Enstructure for May and June. Army Corps of Engineers approved dredging at port expansion and there are legal challenges.

Board of Elections – Scott report that the election canceled. Two registrants Curt Nass for Treasurer and Tax Collector Dave Brenner for Commissioner.

Break to eat dinner at 7:45 for 15 minutes for dinner. Meeting rejoined at 8:00 pm.

Correspondence:

- Via Email – WILMAPCO request for letter of support
- Via Email - NPDES Annual Questionnaire – Dave completed
- Via Email – Request for traffic study/review DelDOT Elizabeth & Euclid
- Via Email – from Barbacane Thornton, draft Compilation Report FY2025
- Via Email – Request for clarification of snowplowing reimbursement request (Curt handling)
- Via Email – John Cartier forwarding list of questionable assessments to CFO

Public Comments: Kathy Bailey and neighbors Michael and Kristi Bayerlein on Elizabeth Avenue attended and spoke about the need for a four-way stop at Elizabeth and Euclid. Oliver Bayerlein read a letter requesting stop signs.

NCC Community Policing Officer Anthony Pierce introduced himself and gave us his contact info.

Officer Pierce reported upcoming community events a Senior Picnic at the Chase Center, National Night Out, and the August 22 Hispanic Festival. He also reported on the Senior Roll Call service, an automated calling system for the welfare of seniors is available on the County website.

New Business:

Ordinance 2026-03 - APPROVAL OF FY 2027 TAX RATE, BUDGET and STIPEND SCHEDULE,

Consideration of First Reading. Scott made a Motion to read in title only, seconded by Logan, all approved.

Brandon read the ordinance in title only. Dave made a motion to approve first reading, seconded by Andrew, and all approved.

4-Way stop signs requests, Elizabeth & Euclid, and Brandywine at Rodman – The Town Commission Scott will do. The Commissioners reached consensus for Scott to complete DelDOT forms to request signs at both intersections.

Payment of the Bills:

Payee	Description	Amount
Delmarva Power	Streetlights	\$1,317.23
Delmarva Power	Town Hall	\$297.13
Delmarva Power	Town Hall Annex gas	\$120.55
Casella	Monthly trash/recycling – April	\$12,858.74
Veolia	Water service –March service	\$20.34
Penny Hill Landscaping	May service contract	\$885.49
Parkowski Guerke et al	Inv. 79 – April legal services (Iacono)	\$28.00
New Castle County	Sewer bill – 2 nd Qtr	\$57.50
T-Mobile	Monthly service Internet & phone	\$52.50
T-Mobile	Monthly DIALPAD service	\$49.20
Will Merlo	Monthly cleaning	\$115.44
Scott MacKenzie Reimb	Amazon – file hangers & labelmaker	\$55.91
Dandelina Mediterranean Delights	Meeting food	\$50.00
Selective Insurance Co	Annual insurance premium	\$11,475.00

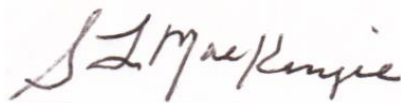
Andrew motion to pay the bills as read, Logan seconded, and all approved.

Announcements/Adjournment

- Planning Commission, Monday, 6/1/26, 7 pm
- Town Meeting, Monday, 6/8/26, 7 pm

Brandon adjourned the meeting at 8:39 pm without objection.

Submitted by:



Scott MacKenzie, Secretary

06-08-26
Approved _____

05-11-26

Town of Bellefonte Monthly Treasurers Report April 2026

	Town Account (5751)	MSAF Account (5312)	Property Transfer Account (8041)	Special Projects & Grants (8097)	WSFS Bank CD <small>3.649%</small>	Total of Town Accounts	April 2025
Balance 04/01/2026	<u>\$167,238.90</u>	<u>\$7,585.70</u>	<u>\$29,540.74</u>	<u>\$10,263.00</u>	<u>\$50,992.86</u>	<u>\$265,621.20</u>	<u>\$308,639.22</u>
Receipts							
Property Transfer Tax			\$19,073.25			\$19,073.25	
Total Receipts	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$19,073.25</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$19,073.25</u>	<u>\$9,990.00</u>
Disbursements							
GFL - Trash Collection		Online	\$12,863.34			\$12,863.34	
Delmarva - Town Street Lights		Online	\$1,317.23			\$1,317.23	
Delmarva - TH Gas & Electric	\$280.86	Online				\$280.86	
Delmarva - Annex Gas	\$181.75	Online				\$181.75	
Veolia	\$20.34	Online				\$20.34	
T-Mobile Phone	\$52.00					\$52.00	
Mediterranean Delights	\$50.00					\$50.00	
Parkowski, Guerke - Legal	\$112.00					\$112.00	
Landscaping	\$1,797.54					\$1,797.54	
US Treasury	\$1,354.51					\$1,354.51	
Reimburse - K.Shotzberger - Flowers	\$88.35					\$88.35	
Reimburse - R.Logan - Website	\$261.87					\$261.87	
Bank Fee	\$18.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00		\$27.00	
Total Disbursements	<u>\$4,217.22</u>	<u>\$3.00</u>	<u>\$14,183.57</u>	<u>\$3.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$18,406.79</u>	<u>\$88,376.65</u>
Ending Balance 04/30/2026	<u><u>\$163,021.68</u></u>	<u><u>\$7,582.70</u></u>	<u><u>\$34,430.42</u></u>	<u><u>\$10,260.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$50,992.86</u></u>	<u><u>\$266,287.66</u></u>	<u><u>\$230,252.57</u></u>

April Properties: 1213 Talley
32 Riverside
803 Brandywine

Curt A. Nass, Treasurer/Tax Collector

