



Resolution 2021 – ARPA4 – Accepting ARPA Funds

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 accept \$111,712.50 in American Rescue Plan Act monies and hereby authorizes the Treasurer to place said monies in a separate account created to keep said funds separate from the Town’s general accounts; and seeking guidance from the U.S. Treasury, the Town Solicitor, the residents (through public hearings) and the well-intentioned counsel of all Commissioners, do pledge thoughtful distribution, full transparency, and stewardship of these funds, and direct a section to be created on the Town’s website to ensure full disclosure.

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