



**Borough of Bellevue
Council Minutes
April 27, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Rosemary Heflin Council Chambers**

I. Call to Order

At 7:00 p.m. Council President Tennant-Heffley called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

II. Roll Call

Councilpersons Hefley, Coder, Fodi, Hrynda, Lenard, Menosky, Saylor, Senvisky, Woshner; Mayor Cusick, Solicitor Racunas and DAS Borczyk were present. Treasurer Scioscia was absent.

III. Staff Sergeant Promotion & Recognition:

- i. **MOTION: Motion to approve Resolution No. 07-16 appointing Nicholas McGaughey to the position of Bellevue Borough Police Sergeant.**

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to approve Resolution No. 7-16 appointing Nicholas McGaughey to the position of Bellevue Borough Police Sergeant. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Lenard and carried via unanimous roll call vote. Mayor Cusick administered the oath to appoint Nicholas McGaughey to the position of Bellevue Borough Police Sergeant.

IV. Recognition of Bellevue Borough First Responders

Councilperson Hefley, on behalf of Bellevue Borough Council, recognized our first responders (Fire and EMS) for their actions during the recent Roosevelt Avenue fire and their general contributions to the safety of the Borough.

V. Public Contributions (5 minutes per person)

Fire Chief Pritchard reviewed official response and actions taken during the April 15, 2016 fire on Roosevelt Avenue.

Chief Sentner informed Council that he had spoken several times to the Lasch family (fire victims) and they thanked all for their support during this very difficult time.

Vince Dish, of 140 Jackson Avenue, spoke in favor of Streetscape. Mr. Dish noted that projects like this increase the values of the town and its properties. Mr. Dish distributed a copy of a Streetscape plan from Eastern Pennsylvania for distribution to Council members.

Mark Helbling, of Teece Avenue, spoke in support of Streetscape but noted that a maintenance plan was needed.

Connie Rankin, Arch Avenue, commented that she had many questions about Streetscape and that more time should be taken to get input on the design.

VI. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to approve the following meeting minutes:

- i. February 23, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes**
- ii. March 8, 2016 Pre-Council Meeting Minutes**
- iii. March 22, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes**
- iv. April 5, 2016 Parks and Rec Meeting Minutes**
- v. April 5, 2016 DPW Meeting Minutes**
- vi. April 5, 2016 Public Safety Meeting Minutes**
- vii. April 5, 2016 Finance Committee Minutes**

The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Fodi and carried via unanimous voice vote.

VII. Reports:

i. Administrative/DAS Report

DAS Borczyk discussed the desire of CEC Engineer Brad Hazelwood to approve his submitted Concept #1 as the desired Streetscape design. Mayor Cusick discussed some of the details of the public meeting. Councilperson Fodi made a Motion to Approve Streetscape Design Concept #1 as submitted by CEC Engineering. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Saylor. Councilperson Woshner discussed several concerns about the Streetscape and the bump outs included in the design. After much discussion, Councilperson Fodi made a Call for Question, which was seconded by Councilperson Coder and carried via 6-3 roll call vote (Heffley, Hrynda, Woshner – no). The Streetscape Motion then passed via 6-3 roll call vote (Heffley, Hrynda, Woshner - no).

VIII. Committee Chair Reports

a. Finance:

i. PAMS Delinquent Taxes

Councilperson Fodi informed Council that he and Solicitor met with Rich Lear of PAMS. His thoughts on the meeting were that PAMS cannot pursue legal action, there are discrepancies in the PAMS recordkeeping, PAMS business is shrinking and Bellevue Borough needs to order PAMS to cease and desist their collection activities. Solicitor Racunas briefed Council on the history of business with PAMS, which were retained to collect delinquent EIT taxes dated prior to 2012 when Keystone was hired by the region to collect EIT taxes under a new format. Councilperson Fodi made a Motion to direct the Solicitor to terminate all collection efforts on EIT taxes for the years 2013 and prior. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Menosky and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

b. Parks and Recreation:

i. MOTION: I move to approve Northgate School District Cross Country Alumni Run at Bellevue Memorial Park on August 13, 2016.

Councilperson Lenard made a Motion to approve the Northgate School District Cross Country Alumni Run at Bellevue Memorial Park on August 13, 2016. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Saylor and carried via unanimous voice vote.

Councilperson Heffley informed Council that an additional Master Parks Planning Meeting would be held prior to the May Pre-Council Meeting.

IX. Committee Chair Reports continued:

c. Public Works

Councilperson Lenard inquired as to the status of the 2016 Paving Plan. DAS Borczyk was to get an updated from Engineer Gilberti.

Councilperson Lenard asked about a Streetscape landscaping plan. DAS Borczyk informed him that DPW Supervisor Olczak was awaiting recommendations as promised by CEC Consulting Engineer, Brad Hazelwood.

d. Public Safety:

i. New Police Vehicle Purchase – Discussion

DAS Borczyk was awaiting pricing information by Police Chief Sentner in order to present a leasing option to Council.

ii. Request for an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) as a Conditional Use at 208 N. Balph Avenue rear (at Deer Lane) over garage as provided by the Veterans Administration to be ADA accessible for the property owner – Discussion

DAS Borczyk informed Council that Code Enforcement Officer Delcroix did not received promised communication from the Veterans Administration and this issue is no longer an action item.

iii. Request by prospective buyer for vacant commercial property (vacant approximately 25 + years) to change to a 3-unit apartment house pending engineering study at 571 Forest Avenue – Discussion

Council informed DAS Borczyk that they do not wish to make any judgements or decisions until the appropriate steps had been taken with Tri-Borough Zoning.

X. Resolutions:

i. MOTION: Motion to approve Resolution No. 06-16 Refunding Real Estate Taxes due to Reassessments.

Councilperson Woshner Made a Motion to approve Resolution 06-16 Refunding Real Estate Taxes due to Reassessments. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Menosky and resulted in a roll call vote of eight (8) yes and one (1) abstention (Woshner).

ii. MOTION: Motion to approve Resolution No. 08-16 revising Resolution No. 29-10, Section 6 as stated.

Councilperson Woshner Made a Motion to approve Resolution No. 08-16 revising Resolution No. 29-10, Section 6 as stated. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Fodi and resulted in a roll call vote of seven (7) yes and two (2) no votes (Heffley, Woshner).

iii. MOTION: Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-16 authorizing and directing the hiring of seasonal Pool Desk staff.

Councilperson Woshner Made a Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-16 authorizing and directing the hiring of seasonal Pool Desk staff. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Hrynda and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

- iv. **MOTION: Motion to approve Resolution No. 11-16 appointing the Director of Administrative Services as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Police, Non-Uniformed, and Fire Pension Plans.**

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to approve Resolution No. 11-16 appointing the Director of Administrative Services as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Police, Non-Uniformed, and Fire Pension Plans. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Menosky and carried via unanimous voice vote.

- v. **MOTION: Motion to approve Resolution No. 12-16 authorizing and directing the hiring of Seasonal DPW Employees.**

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to approve Resolution No. 12-16 authorizing and directing the hiring of Seasonal DPW Employees. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Menosky and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

- vi. **MOTION: Motion to approve Resolution No. 13-16 authorizing and directing the hiring of pool staff.**

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to approve Resolution No. 13-16 authorizing and directing the hiring of pool staff. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Menosky and resulted in a roll call vote of eight (8) yes and one (1) no (Woshner).

XI. Ordinances:

- i. **MOTION: I move to introduce revised Ordinance No. 15-14 fixing the 2016 Compensation of Members of Town Council for the Mayor; and certain employees of the Borough of Bellevue.**

Councilperson Lenard made a Motion to take from the table for the second reading of the revised Ordinance No. 15-14 fixing the 2016 Compensation of Members of Town Council for the Mayor; and certain employees of the Borough of Bellevue. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Senvisky and resulted in a roll call vote of eight (8) yes and one (1) no vote (Woshner).

- ii. **MOTION: I move to take from the table for second reading and further discussion of Ordinance No. 16-02, amending Ordinance No. 10-10 designating no stopping, standing, or parking on South Howard Avenue.**

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to take from the table for the second reading and further discussion of Ordinance No. 16-02, amending Ordinance No. 10-10 designating no stopping, standing, or parking on South Howard Avenue. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Menosky and resulted in a roll call vote of eight (8) yes and one (1) no (Fodi). Councilperson Saylor requested a better alternative.

- ii. **MOTION: I move to introduce Ordinance No. 16-03, the revised Pawnshop Ordinance.**

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to introduce Ordinance 16-03.

XII. Old Business None.

XIII. New Business

DAS Borczyk notified Council that the lettering had been completed for the doors identifying the Rosemary Heflin Council Chambers.

Councilperson Coder asked that Bellevue Borough join the Live Well Allegheny campaign.

Councilperson Fodi commented on the heroin epidemic in the area.

XV. MOTION: Motion to Approve Payment of the April 27, 2016 Bill List.

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to Approve Payment of the April 27, 2016 Bill List as submitted. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Fodi and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

XVI. Public Contribution (2 minutes per person) None.

XVII. Executive Session

XVIII. Adjournment

Councilperson Lenard made a Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 9:50 P.M. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Fodi and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved by Bellevue Borough Council on May 24, 2016