



**Borough of Bellevue
Council Meeting Minutes
December 22, 2015
7:00 p.m.
Rosemary Heflin Council Chambers**

I. Call to Order

At 7:00 P.M., President Helbling called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

II. Roll Call

Councilpersons Lenard, Coder, Helbling, Hefley, Scisciani, Menosky, Senvisky, Woshner, DAS Borczyk, Mayor Cusick, Solicitor Racunas and Treasurer Scioscia were present. Councilperson Camello was absent.

III. Public Contribution (5 minutes per person) – None.

IV. Review of Prior Meeting Minutes

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to Accept the Pre-Council Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2015 & October 13, 2015 and the Council Meeting Minutes for September 22, 2015 & October 27, 2015. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani and carried via unanimous voice vote.

V. Reports: - None.

VI. Committee Chair Reports

a. Finance – None.

b. Parks & Recreation

i. Update – Library carpeting bid

Councilperson Hefley informed Council that Tony's Carpeting had made a mistake on their previously accepted bid. Due to a clerical error, they would need to add \$ 800 to the bid, which would cause them to be \$ 250 over another submitted bid. Councilperson Scisciani made a Motion to ratify the revised bid, accepting Tony's Carpeting as the contractor for the carpeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Menosky and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

c. Public Works

i. Streetscape RFP discussion with possible motion.

Council discussed interviewed candidates for the Phase III Streetscape Engineering. Comments included;

Councilperson Helbling-would pick CEC. County relationship is huge. They were unfairly blamed for the water problem. Accused of not communicating well is false. Crosswalk crack is not their issue. Brad Hazelwood donated many hours of time to the Borough.

Councilperson Coder – Groundwork Civil is the former Ross Engineer. She did not like that he was a “one man show.” Allegheny County and Allegheny Together are requiring continuity to continue with programs. The Borough should “start again” with the design as it will not bode well. Likes CEC.

Councilperson Menosky – Did not like Groundwork Civil proposal professionalism and they did not include a survey. Water issue was on Lincoln Avenue prior to Streetscape design.

Councilperson Woshner – Water issue was not there prior to Streetscape. People here longer than ten (10) years would know this.

Councilperson Camello – Bellevue should stay with the man that did the job.

Mayor Cusick – The water issue on Lincoln Avenue was not caused by Streetscape. It was caused by the diversion of water from downspouts 8-9 years ago.

Councilperson Heffley – Likes Groundwork Civil as they are local and have Streetscape experience. There were lots of issues with the initial phases of Streetscape, such as maintenance, plantings and rocks. There is something to be said about changing firms. CEC was a higher price.

Councilperson Scisciani made a Motion to select Groundwork Civil Engineering as the contractor to perform the work on the Streetscape RFP. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Heffley. The Motion was rejected via roll call vote of 4 yes (Lenard, Heffley, Scisciani, Woshner) and 5 nays.

Councilperson Menosky then made a Motion to select Civil & Environmental Consultants (CEC) to perform the work on the Streetscape RFP. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Coder and carried via 6-3 roll call vote (nays Heffley, Scisciani, Woshner).

d. Public Safety

i. Drone for Emergency Services (Budget Account No. 01.410.700 Police Capital Purchase.

Councilperson Scisciani would encourage this purchase. The issue was returned to the Public Safety Committee for January.

Councilperson Scisciani thanked all for support during his tenure as Councilperson.

VII. Resolutions

Councilperson Woshner made a motion to Approve Resolution 27-15 Amending the General Schedule of Fees. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

VIII. Ordinances:

Councilperson Woshner made a motion to take from the table for third and final reading and adoption Ordinance No. 15-12 establishing the Real Estate Tax Rate for 2016. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

Councilperson Woshner made a motion to take from the table for third and final reading and adoption Ordinance No. 15-13 adopting the 2016 Bellevue Borough Budget. The Motion was seconded by

Councilperson Scisciani. Councilperson Woshner commented that she would vote no because of the wages and benefits and the reduction in DPW summer help. The Motion carried via 7-2 roll call vote (Woshner, Menosky – nay).

Councilperson Woshner made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 15-14 Establishing 2016 Wages and Benefits. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani.

Councilperson Woshner made a motion to table after second reading and further discussion Ordinance No. 15-14 Establishing 2016 Wages and Benefits. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani and carried via 7-2 roll call vote (Woshner, Menosky – nay).

Councilperson Woshner made a motion to introduce Ordinance No 15-15 Establishing 2016 Garbage Collection Fees. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani.

Councilperson Woshner made a motion to table after second reading and further discussion Ordinance No. 15-15 Establishing 2016 Garbage Collection Fees. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani. Discussion question as to what the 2016 rate would be. Question answered as \$ 195.00 with a discount to \$ 185.00 if paid during discount period (March 30). The Motion carried via unanimous roll call vote.

IX. Old Business:

Councilperson Lenard informed Council that the No Smoking signs had been ordered for Bayne Park.

X. New Business:

DAS Borczyk reviewed possible 2016 Meeting Schedules with Council and several possible changes were discussed. The 2016 Reorganization Meeting had been advertised for January 4, 2016 at 8 P.M. per the requirements of the Home Rule Charter. Oath of Office for new and re-elected office holders would be administered by District Justice Tara Smith at that time. The 2016 Council Meeting Schedule would be decided on at the 2016 Reorganization Meeting.

Mayor Cusick noted the recent announcement of the closing of the Shenango Steel Plant.

Mayor Cusick informed Council that the Meter Feeder program was guilty of a breach of contract and the Borough would, most likely, terminate the current agreement for the parking fee program.

Councilperson Coder suggested that the Borough advertise the Administrative Assistant position ASAP.

Councilperson Coder informed Council of the termination of John Jakiela as the Executive Director of the Quaker Valley COG. The COG Board was in the process of assessing how to move forward.

XI. MOTION: Motion to Approve Payment of the December 18, 2015 bill list.

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to Approve the December Bill List as submitted. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

XII. Public Contribution (2 minutes per person)

Connie Rankin, Arch Avenue, stated that it was a joy to have Councilpersons Helbling and Scisciani to serve Bellevue. She felt that they always had the interest of the people in mind and thanked them for their service.

Councilperson Helbling thanked everyone and stated it was a pleasure to serve Bellevue and he is confident that all is in good hands.

XIII. Executive Session – None.

XIV. Adjournment

Councilperson Scisciani made a Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:02 P.M. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Senvisky and carried via unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved by Bellevue Borough Council on January 26, 2016.