



**Borough of Bellevue
Council Meeting Minutes
November 24, 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:

Written reports were submitted for the Tax Collector's Report and Jordan Tax Collector's Report.

VI. Committee Chair Reports

a. Finance

Councilperson Coder made a Motion to appoint Hosack, Specht, Meutzel & Wood, LLP. As Auditor for the Borough of Bellevue under the condition that the conduct year-end meetings and provide management reports to Council. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani and carried via 5-3 roll call vote (nay – Coder, Menosky, Woshner).

b. Parks & Recreation

i. Parks Master Plan, Update on meeting.

Councilperson Hefley informed Council that the first public meeting was conducted by HRG and attended by 30 people. The second scheduled public meeting was scheduled for December 3, 2015 @ 3 P.M. in Council Chambers.

Councilperson Helbling asked about the cameras in Bayne Park and was informed that they were installed.

c. Public Works

i. Streetscape Engineering RFP – recommendation.

The DPW Committee discussed the reviewed proposals. Councilperson Helbling asked that Mackin be considered, Councilperson Woshner asked that Groundwork Civil Engineering and KU Resources be given consideration and Councilperson Menosky asked that Civil and Environmental Consultants and Mackin be given further reviewed. It was decided to bring all above mentioned bidders in to answer questions as part of the Agenda for the December 8, 2015 Pre-Council Meeting.

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to approve payment of \$ 91,112.75 to Russell Standard Corp. for the 2015 Paving Program (Budget Account No. 01-438-100). There was discussion to check on a loose manhole cover on S. Bryant. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

d. Public Safety

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

Councilperson Scisciani made a Motion to purchase a drone for use by Emergency Services. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Menosky. Councilperson Scisciani pointed out two (2) recent situations where a drone could be used to keep individuals out of danger and \$ 2,000 to \$ 2,500 is a small price to pay. Mayor Cusick asked Solicitor Racunas to investigate the legal aspects of a Borough-owned drone and noted that until these were clear, he could not support drone usage by Emergency Services. The Motion was then rescinded. It was noted to return the drone subject to the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

VII. Resolutions

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to Approve Resolution No. 26-15, authorizing refund of real estate taxes. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Heffley and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 27-15, authorizing the adjustment of Rental Fee Inspections, was to be included on the December Pre-Council Agenda pending additional preparation detail by the Solicitor.

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to Approve Resolution 28-15, requesting a CDBG Grant Application and authorizing the Quaker Valley COG to perform all necessary actions in the submission of the grant to Allegheny County Economic Development. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Heffley and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

VIII. Ordinances:

Councilperson Heffley made a motion to take from the table for third and final reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 15-08 amending Ordinance No. 12-21, the Pension Plan for the full-time non-uniformed employees of the Borough of Bellevue. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani. Councilperson Woshner stated that Ron Bittner was not an Actuary and the Actuary was not answering questions. Financial Administrator Moss informed Council that Bittner was a C.P.A. and appropriately certified to answer questions and discussed the Firefighter Pension evaluation is ongoing. The Motion passed via 7-1 roll call vote (Woshner – nay).

IX. Old Business:

DAS Borczyk informed Council that the letters for the publication of Delinquent Property Tax List would be mailed prior to December 1, 2016 and owners would be given through December 31, 2016 to set up a payment plan to avoid publication of their names.

XI. New Business:

Mayor Cusick declared Free Parking in the Borough after 10:00 A.M. for the Holiday Season effective November 26, 2015 through January 1, 2016 for a period of no more than two (2) hours on Lincoln Avenue. Councilperson Scisciani made a Motion to approve the Mayor's Declaration. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Woshner and carried via 7-1 roll call vote (Menosky – nay).

Councilperson Woshner informed Council that she was dissatisfied with the Pension Company and asked why we are keeping the vendor.

Councilperson Coder asked about the progress on the State Law requiring child clearances, MS-4, Extension on Consent Decree (and whether we were appropriately aligned on the subject, if sewer labor was being properly accounted for and why some older Duquesne Light invoices were included on the Bill List. Some answers were offered and research was needed on the Consent Decree and Ms-4.

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

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

XIII. Public Contribution (2 minutes per person)

Tom Kelly, DPW Employee, thanked Council for their decision on the non-uniformed pension. Kelly stated that when Uninvest was brought in, it was the best thing that ever happened to the Pension and the money was invested well. Councilperson Woshner disagreed in rebuttal.

XIV. Executive Session – None.

XV. Adjournment

Councilperson Heffley made a Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Woshner and carried via unanimous voice vote and meeting was adjourned.

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