



**Borough of Bellevue
Council Meeting Minutes
October 27, 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 (arrived 7:20 P.M.) were present. Councilperson Camello was absent.

III. Public Contribution (5 minutes per person)

Kevin Holmes (Ridge Ave.), Ted Popovich (YMCA instructor), Michael Bennett (Ben Avon Council person), Barbara Pace (Water Tower Area) and Lewis Braham all spoke in favor of the Bellevue adoption of the Air Quality Resolution as submitted. All cited violations of the Shenango Coke Works Plant. Councilperson Lenard asked if anyone had “asked Shenango” about the issues.

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to pass Resolution 26-15, Clean Air Resolution, as submitted. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Coder and carried via unanimous voice vote.

IV. Review of Prior Meeting Minutes.

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2015 Council, August 25, 2015 Council, September 1, 2015 Parks and Rec., September 1, 2015 DPW, September 1, 2015 Public Safety, September 1, 2015 Finance, October 6, 2015 Parks and Rec., October 6, 2015 DPW, October 6, 2015 Public Safety and October 6, 2015 Finance. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani and passed via unanimous roll call vote.

V. Reports:

- i. **Jordan Tax Service Reports: Sept. Sewage and Garbage**– written reports submitted.
- ii. **NorthWest EMS** – written report submitted.

VII. Committee Chair Reports

a. Finance:

- i. **Recommendation – Auditor – 2015: Discussion.**

Councilperson Coder discussed the Audit Firms that applied for the 2015 Bellevue Audit. The Finance Committee recommended Holsinger or Hosack, Specht. Councilperson Woshner noted that false

statements were made concerning the Quaker Valley COG Audit and asked if we could call back the firms with that in mind. It was decided to return the issue to the Finance Committee for further analysis.

b. Parks and Recreation:

i. Veteran's Day Ceremony – Joint Celebration.

Councilperson Heffley notified Council that the Veteran's Day Ceremony would be on November 11, 2015 1:15 P.M. in the Bellevue Elementary Auditorium.

Councilperson Heffley made a motion to authorize the repair of the library porch by Holmes Properties & Management at a cost not to exceed \$3,500. (Budget item 04.409.373 Building Repairs). The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani. There was discussion with Council and DPW Supervisor Olczak about the inability to secure bidders. The Motion was revised to table the repair until other bids were received by Councilperson Woshner. The Motion to table was seconded by Councilperson Menosky and carried via 5-3 roll call vote (Lenard, Heffley and Scisciani-nay).

Councilperson Heffley informed Council that the Master Park Plan Committee had held its initial meeting and would like to advertise two (2) public meetings. Councilperson Heffley made a Motion to advertise the public meetings in The Citizen at a cost not to exceed \$ 150.00. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

c. Public Works:

Councilperson Woshner noted several locations (Jefferson, South Euclid) where utility company road repair created patches that were not in compliance with the current Ordinance. DAS Borczyk informed Council that Columbia Gas had requested all street opening permits issued since the passing of the Ordinance so that appropriate adjustments could be made to their repairs. West View Water seemed to continue non-compliance.

Councilperson Menosky asked if there was further progress on the water issue on South Jackson. DAS Borczyk informed Council that the contractor that was performing the sewer lining project (Insight Pipe) had agreed to camera the storm lines for possible issues when they are in town. This would save the Borough money as they would already be using the equipment in Bellevue and there would be no additional mobilization charge.

Councilperson Woshner asked that the street at Orchard and North Sprague be included on the agenda of the next Public Works Committee Meeting.

VII. Committee Chair Reports continued:

d. Public Safety:

- i. Update: Crossing Guard Search** – No updates.
- ii. Speed Trailer discussion**

Councilperson Scisciani discussed the merits of a speed trailer for the Borough. The subject would be included on the agenda of the November Public Safety Committee for further review.

VIII. Resolutions:

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to Approve Resolution No. 24-15, authorizing refund of real estate taxes. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Heffley and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

Councilperson Heffley made a Motion to Approve Resolution No. 25-15 authorizing and revising the compensation for the Finance Clerk. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani and carried via 7-1 roll call vote (Woshner – nay).

IX. Ordinances:

Councilperson Woshner made a motion to take from the table for third and final reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 15-10, revising Ordinance No. 93-20 regarding Meter Parking. Councilperson Coder mentioned that she did not see the first reading on record. Solicitor Racunas stated that introduction and second reading were added to the September Pre-Council meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

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 uniformed employees of the Borough of Bellevue. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani. Councilperson Woshner asked if the most recent Actuarial Report had been received. DAS Borczyk informed Council that he would get a copy to Council for the November Pre-Council Meeting, if available. Mayor Cusick stated that this was just another delay and the Ordinance should be passed. Councilperson Heffley made a Motion to table the above Motion until receipt of the reports. Councilperson Scisciani seconded the table and the Motion carried via 5-3 vote (Nay – Heffley, Scisciani and Lenard).

Councilperson Heffley made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 15-11 fixing the compensation of certain employees of the Borough of Bellevue. Councilperson Heffley made a Motion to table after the second reading and further discussion Ordinance 15-11. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani and carried via 7-1 roll call vote (Woshner – nay). Councilperson Heffley made a Motion to take from the table for the third and final reading and adoption, Ordinance No. 15-11 fixing the compensation of certain employees of the Borough of Bellevue. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani and carried via 7-1 roll call vote (Woshner – nay).

X. Old Business:

i. Publication of Delinquent Real Estate Property Tax List

DAS Borczyk informed Council that the list (over 70 names) was being reviewed to determine existence of all listed parties. The Borough would send out notice letters, regardless, and take the steps to purge any non-existent entities.

DAS Borczyk also notified Council that there had been several inquiries from firms interested in bidding the Streetscape Engineering for Phase III.

XI. New Business

Councilperson Coder notified Council that CONNECT would be holding its second Utilities Summit on November 16, 2015.

Councilperson Coder notified Council that the John Jakiela had stepped down from his position as Executive Director of the Quaker Valley Council of Governments.

Councilperson Coder informed Council that Kathy Risko was no longer Executive Director of CONNECT and they had found a new Executive Director, which they would announce shortly.

Councilperson Coder inquired about the Budget.

Mayor Cusick presented the 2016 Mayor's Budget in accordance with Article XVII, Section 1702 of the

Home Rule Charter. Mayor Cusick proposed no increase in property taxes and a “Hold the Line” attitude for departmental needs, while focusing on the upgrade of the Borough streets and alleys. There was also no proposed increases in the sewer surcharge.

XII. MOTION: Motion to Approve Payment of the October bill list.

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to Approve the October bill list, with the exception of those of HRG Engineers, until appropriate detail is provided. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Heffley and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

XIII. Public Contribution (2 minutes per person).

Michael Bennett, Ted Popovich and Lewis Braham thanked Council for the passing of the Clean Air Resolution.

XIV. Executive Session – None.

XV. Adjournment

Councilperson Heffley made a Motion to Adjourn at 9:32 P.M. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Senvisky and carried via unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned.

**Minutes Approved by Bellevue Borough Council
December 22, 2015**