



**Borough of Bellevue
Council Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2013 7:00 P.M.
Rosemary Heflin Council Chambers**

I. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Borough of Bellevue was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

II. Roll Call

In attendance were Councilpersons Braunlich, Camello, Hefley, Scisciani, Sue Viscusi, James Viscusi, President Woshner, Mayor Doscher, Solicitor Racunas and Interim DAS Whitney Brady. Councilpersons Coder and Helbling were absent.

III. Public Contribution

Dan Geiger wanted to use a municipal park for a fund raiser in August, 2013 for Alma Santis. Interim DAS Brady noted that Council would need to make a motion to approve. President Woshner stated that a motion would be entertained during the Parks & Recreation portion of the meeting.

Carol Wible, Roseridge Avenue inquired as to the confidentiality of and access to information given to the Borough through the website for those who sign up for the newsletter..

President Woshner introduced Rich Joyce of CONNECT Pittsburgh to give an update on water and sewer issues as they pertain to the Feasibility Study and the issues as they move forward after July, 2013. Mr. Joyce noted that implementation of solutions would require a regional effort which should involve “green” solutions.

Scott Diemert, Global Investments, spoke to Council about a mandate of the Allegheny County Health Dept. that he thought was the Borough’s responsibility. Solicitor Racunas noted that the project involved was a joint effort of Avalon and Bellevue and that further information was needed before assessing responsibility. Solicitor Racunas informed Mr. Diemert that he needed to satisfy the Health Department, then work with the Bellevue Solicitor and Engineer, as well as the Avalon Solicitor and Engineer to assess any further responsibility in this matter.

IV. Review of Prior Meeting Minutes: April 9, 2013 Council Meeting, May 28, 2013 Public Safety Committee Meeting, May 28, 2013 Finance Committee Meeting, May 28, 2013 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, May 28, 2013 DPW Committee Meeting, and June 4, 2013 Pre-Council Meeting (for action 6/11/2013).

Ms. Braunlich moved to approve the previous meeting minutes and was seconded by Mr. Viscusi. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

V. Motion to Approve Payment of the June Bill List and Addendum (for action 6/11/2013).

Ms. Braunlich moved to approve the June Bill List and Addendum and was seconded by Mr. Viscusi. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote (7-0).

VI. Reports

a. Mayor

Mayor Doscher provided a written report to Council for review.

b. Treasurer

Treasurer Cusiak provided a written report to Council for review. Mr. Cusack stated that the Borough should be careful with expenditures as there is an anticipated \$ 300,000 revenue shortfall due to assessments and appeal results.

VII. Committee Chair Reports

a. Finance

Councilwoman Viscusi moved to approve two (2) business days for Public Partners of Pennsylvania to transition the new manager. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Braunlich. The motion carried without discussion by a unanimous roll call vote (7-0).

Councilwoman Viscusi moved to recommend to Council that bills be signed by two (2) committee members at each Pre-Council meeting every month. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Braunlich. After discussion by Council and comment by Treasurer Cusack, the motion was amended to “move to Council that bills be signed by two (2) committee members before each bill is paid. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote (7-0).

b. Parks and Recreation

Councilman Scisciani moved to permit a group to hold a fundraiser for Paula DiSantis at Memorial Park on August 18, 2013. The motion was seconded by Councilman (J) Viscusi. The motion carried without discussion by a unanimous roll call vote (7-0).

i. Cultural Celebrations

Councilwoman Braunlich moved to authorize an expense of \$2,000.00 for the Independence Day celebration with entertainment cost of \$500.00. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Heffley. After a discussion on the amount of expense and a change of volunteers to coordinate the event, Councilman Scisciani moved to revise the motion to authorize expense of \$ 1200.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman (J) Viscusi. After further discussion about the amount of expense, Councilwoman Braunlich moved to authorize and expense of \$ 1500.00 for the Independence Day celebration. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman (S) Viscusi and carried by a unanimous roll call vote (7-0).

ii. Pool

Councilwoman Braunlich moved to approve Payment Application No. 1 and Final for the Memorial Park Pool Bath House Roof Replacement contract in the amount of \$46,178.00 from budget line item 452.252. The motion was seconded by Councilman (J) Viscusi. The motion carried without discussion by a unanimous roll call vote (7-0).

c. Public Works

Councilman (J) Viscusi moved to approve the purchase of a Cub Cadet Mower and Bagger from Home Depot in the amount of \$2,547.00 from budget line item 430.740. The motion was seconded by Councilman Camello. Mayor Doscher cautioned Council about the purchase of a consumer grade piece of equipment and was concerned that it would not hold up for the use intended. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote (7-0).

d. Public Safety

Councilwoman Braunlich moved to approve the closure of Lincoln Avenue between North Fremont Avenue and North Star Avenue, Florence Avenue, Shade Avenue, North Jackson Avenue between Shade Avenue and Lincoln Avenue, North Balph Avenue between Forest Avenue and Lincoln Avenue, North Fremont Avenue between Forest Avenue and Lincoln Avenue, on Saturday July 20, 2013 beginning at 7:15 AM until approximately 9:15 AM for the Sixth Annual North Boroughs YMCA 5k Race. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Heffley. The motion carried without discussion by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilwoman Braunlich moved to approve the Engineering Services Proposal from HRG in the lump sum amount of \$2,000.00 for the preparation of bid documents for CD 39-3.11.4 Housing Demolition Project. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Heffley. The motion carried without discussion by a unanimous roll call vote (7-0).

VIII. Resolutions

a. Tax Refunds

Councilwoman Braunlich moved to approve Resolution No. 09-13, authorizing the Real Estate Tax refunds for specific properties as provided by the Real Estate Tax Collector. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman (S) Viscusi. The motion carried without discussion by a unanimous roll call vote (7-0).

b. Bicycle Donation

Councilwoman Braunlich moved to approve Resolution No. 10-13, authorizing the donation of unclaimed bicycles to the Allegheny Center Alliance Church. The motion was seconded by Councilman (J) Viscusi. The motion carried without discussion by a unanimous voice vote.

c. DAS Hiring Resolution

After discussion by Mayor Doscher of an email by Councilwoman Coder concerning the need for approval of a Public Officials Bond and discussion with the Solicitor, Councilwoman Braunlich moved to approve \$ 3,750.00 for a Public Officials, Surety Bond through Dinnin and Parkins, to be charged to budget line item 400.353. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman (S) Viscusi. The motion carried without further discussion by a unanimous roll call vote (7-0).

Councilwoman (S) Viscusi moved to approve Resolution No. 11-13, authorizing and the directing the hiring of Ron Borczyk as the Director of Administrative Services. The motion was seconded by Councilman (J) Viscusi. The motion carried without further discussion by a unanimous roll call vote (7-0).

IX. Ordinances

a. Dumpster Ordinance—First Reading

Councilman Scisciani moved to introduce an Ordinance which shall adopt regulations concerning the screening of dumpsters.

b. Metered Parking Ordinance Amendment—Third Reading

Councilman Scisciani moved to take from the table, for third reading and further discussion, an Ordinance which shall amend Ordinance 93-20, Section X (B) to reduce the penalty for a violation of Section V to a fine of \$25.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman (J) Viscusi.

Councilwoman Braunlich moved to approve an Ordinance which shall amend Ordinance 93-20, Section X (B) to reduce the penalty for a violation of Section V to a fine of \$ 25.00. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Heffley. The motion carried without further discussion by a unanimous roll call vote (7-0).

Councilwoman Braunlich moved to take from the table, the Pawn Shop Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman (S) Viscusi.

Councilwoman Braunlich moved to adopt the Pawn Shop Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman (S) Viscusi. The motion carried without further discussion by a unanimous roll call vote.

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

A letter was read by President Woshner as written by former intern David Street. Mr. Street thanked the Borough for his experience during his internship.

XII. Public Contribution (2 minutes per person)

Paul Cusick, Chamber of Commerce, expressed his dissatisfaction with the Pawn Shop Ordinance, feeling that it was doing harm to the businesses of Bellevue.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Approved 9/10/2013