



**Borough of Bellevue
Council Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2013
7:00 P.M.
Rosemary Heflin Council Chambers**

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Councilpersons Coder, Hefley (7:30 arrival), Helbling, Scisciani, (J) Viscusi, Woshner, Mayor Doscher, DAS Borczyk, Engineer Rusnak and Solicitor Racunas were present. Councilpersons Braunlich, Camello and (S) Viscusi were absent.

III. Public Contribution (5 minutes per person)

Stanley Han, Allegheny County, spoke about the programs that the County offers for elimination of blight, including the Vacant Property Program.

IV. Review of Prior Meeting Minutes: None

V. Motion to Approve Payment of the November Bill List

Councilperson Scisciani made a motion to approve the November Bill List as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Helbling and passed via unanimous roll call vote.

VI. Reports

- a. **Mayor** – written report submitted.
- b. **Treasurer** –written report submitted
- c. **Tax Collector's Report** – None.
- d. **Administration**

DAS Borczyk reviewed the schedule for 2014 Budget Meetings with Council.

DAS Borczyk informed Council that he had run an ad to recruit members for the B.D.A.C. Committee, which needs to be active per the request of Jack Manning of Allegheny Places.

The Quaker Valley COG inquired as to whether Bellevue wished to host a Recycling Day in the Spring of 2014. DAS Borczyk informed Council that, due to the success of past events, the COG is expanding their recycling days to two (2) per year and desired to have one in each geographical area of the COG Communities. With the Fall, 2013 event very successfully hosted by Sewickley and last Spring's event hosted by Avalon, it would be a cycle where Bellevue could logically host. Council was supportive of the idea.

DAS Borczyk informed Council that flags had been purchased for the Business District in time for display on Veteran's Day.

e. Engineer – written report reviewed by Engineer Rusnak.

f. Library

Councilperson Coder discussed the need for a plan for improvements to the library.

f. Council

Coder Councilperson Coder informed Council that, due to resident income level, Bellevue Borough qualified for a 50% discount to those choosing to take the LGA Newly Elected Officials Course. Councilwoman encouraged all to consider this offer as the course was very effective at covering the issues facing a Borough official.

g. Code Enforcement

Possible participation in the Allegheny County Vacant Property Program was referred to Committee. The Solicitor was instructed to review the Resolution required for participation through the Allegheny County DCED.

VII. Committee Chair Reports

a. Finance

Councilperson Scisciani made a motion to approve AIM loan request for Bayne Library renovations. The motion was seconded by Councilperson (J) Viscusi and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

b. Parks and Recreation

Councilperson Scisciani commented on the nice Veteran's Day Program that was presented at the Library grounds on November 9, 2013.

Councilperson Scisciani also commented on the need for painting in the interior of the Library. Discussion suggested that Bellevue DPW could paint during a slow time. Further discussion was deferred to the Public Works Committee.

c. Public Safety

Councilperson Heffley made a motion to accept the resignation of Aaron Barnes as firefighter with the Bellevue Borough Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilperson (J) Viscusi and carried via unanimous voice vote.

d. Special Committee Report

Councilperson Woshner mentioned that the Quaker Valley Council of Governments Board Meeting was scheduled for November 20, 2013 and stressed the importance of Bellevue representation at the meeting.

VIII. Resolutions

Councilperson Heffley made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-13 for Refunds of Real Estate Taxes due as a result of changes in assessed value. The motion was seconded by Councilperson (J) Viscusi and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

IX. Ordinances

Council discussed the Draft Street and Sidewalk Opening Ordinance. DAS Borczyk was instructed to provide a copy of the ordinance to Code Officer, Jim DelCroix and Engineer Rusnak for discussion at the next DPW Committee Meeting.

Council Discussed the Draft Shade Tree Ordinance, which is necessary for participation in the Tree Vitalize Program. It was suggested that this be discussed at the DPW Committee Meeting.

XI. Old Business

XII. New Business

Mayor Doscher decreed free parking in Bellevue for the Christmas Season. The free parking would begin after 10 A.M. on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2013 and continue until the end of the day, January 1, 2014. There was questions as to whether a banner existed announcing the program. DAS Borczyk would inquire as to the status of the banner with the DPW.

Council President Woshner asked if letters had been sent to those affected by the Vacant Building Ordinance. DAS Borczyk stated that he would inquire of the Code Enforcement Department and get them going if they were not yet sent. It was stated that, based on the Ordinance, the business owner must be given thirty (30) days to respond, so, time is of the essence.

Paul Cusick, as a member of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that "Light-up" Night would be held on Friday, December 6, 2013. He was coordinating the holiday tree erection with the Bellevue DPW and the delivery company. There was also discussion about Christmas Murals.

XIII. Public Contribution (2 minutes per person) - None

X. Adjournment

Councilperson (J) Scisciani made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Heffley and carried via unanimous voice vote.