



**Borough of Bellevue
Council Minutes
July 22, 2014
7:05 P.M.
Rosemary Heflin Council Chambers**

I. Call to Order

At 7:05 P.M., President Helbling called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

II. Roll Call

Councilpersons Camello, Coder, Heffley, Helbling, Lenard, Menosky, Scisciani, Senvisky, Woshner, Mayor Cusick, Solicitor Racunas and DAS Borczyk were present.

III. Public Contribution (5 minutes per person)

Ken Varhola and Dave Dafide, Duquesne Light, addressed Council about the upcoming program of installing “smart” electric meters in the Borough of Bellevue. The program will start in the fall. Communication to the office and residents was discussed. Councilperson Coder asked about the removal of light poles on Lincoln Avenue and was told that they would pass on the request to the appropriate department.

IV. Review of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Councilperson Woshner made a motion to accept the May 27, 2014 and the June 10, 2014 Pre-Council Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Heffley and carried via unanimous voice vote. DAS Borczyk submitted copies of minutes of the June 3, 2014 Finance Committee and DPW Committee and July 1, 2014 Public Safety Committee for review and approval in August, 2014.

V. Motion to Approve Payment of the July bill list

Councilperson Scisciani made a motion to approve the May bill list. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Woshner and carried via roll call vote.

VI. Reports

a. Administration

DAS Borczyk reported that representatives of the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development conducted a walk-through of the Phase I (finished) and Phase II (under construction) Streetscape Project. They spoke of the County plan for indexing of Streetscape Projects. One representative also toured the Skatepark Project. All were pleased with the progress/results.

DAS Borczyk reported that the Bellevue Pool and Concession Area both passed an inspection by the Allegheny County Health Department.

DAS Borczyk submitted that Engineer John Rusnak, HRG Engineers, requested permission to advertise the 2014 Paving Plan. Projected bid opening is scheduled for 11 A.M. on August 12, 2014, with the hope of awarding the contract at that evening's Pre-Council meeting. Councilperson Woshner made a motion to permit HRG Engineers to advertise the 2014 Bellevue Borough Paving Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Heffley and passed via unanimous roll call vote.

DAS Borczyk also reported that Duquesne Light was holding a Municipal Leaders Informational Seminar on August 11, 2014 from 10-11:45 A.M. at their Woods Run Facility. All Elected Officials and Department Heads are encouraged to attend.

DAS Borczyk submitted the schedule for the 42nd Annual Joint Fall Conference of the Allegheny League of Municipalities at Seven Springs from September 25-28, 2014. Anyone interested in attending can get details and programs directly from him.

VIII. Committee Chair Reports

a. Finance

Solicitor Racunas stated that the Bellevue Borough Social Media Policy would necessitate an Ordinance and Public Hearing, as necessitated by a change in the Administrative Code through our Home Rule Charter. He would coordinate the process with DAS Borczyk.

b. Parks and Recreation

Council recessed to Executive Session at 7:30 P.M. and returned at 7:41 P.M. Subject was Cultural and Library Director Personnel issue.

Councilperson Heffley made a motion to approve use of Bellevue Memorial Pool on Labor Day from 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm for benefitting annual Bellevue Dog Woods Park Swim. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Lenard and carried via unanimous voice vote.

c. Public Works

Councilperson Woshner made a motion to approve Payment No. 3 for 2013 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$53,677.04. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Menosky and carried via unanimous roll call vote. (Budget Line Item 08.429.721)

d. Public Safety

Councilperson Scisciani made a motion to approve attendance of Jeff Wissner at training courses at a cost of \$1335.53 as attached. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Senvisky and carried via unanimous roll call vote. (Budget line item 01.411.461).

A National Night Out update was given. The event is scheduled for August 5, 2014 from 4-8 P.M. All events have been planned and coordinated. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Cindy Phelps in the Police Office. DAS Borczyk noted that the August Council Committee Meetings have already been advertised and scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, 2014.

Councilperson Scisciani made a motion to increase the salary of Cindy Phelps to \$ 18.00 per hour. Councilperson Woshner stated that she was not in favor of this adjustment. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Senvisky and passed via roll call vote of eight (8) Yes and one (1) No (Woshner).

IX. Resolutions

Councilperson Woshner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-14 authorizing the Real Estate Tax refunds for specific properties as provided by the Real Estate Tax Collector. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

Councilperson Woshner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-14 authorizing sewage refunds for Jordan Tax Service. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

X. Ordinances

Councilperson Woshner made a motion to take from the table, for third reading of Ordinance No. 16-14 regulating street openings and sidewalk excavations. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani.

Councilperson Woshner made a motion to take from the table, for first reading of Ordinance No. 17-14 establishing rules and regulations to maintain and preserve shade trees and/or other plants, trees and shrubs within the borough.

XI. Old Business

Councilperson Lenard voiced concern about the maintenance of the Streetscape plants. He suggested that the Borough contact a landscape professional.

XII. New Business

Councilperson Coder asked if our Code Enforcement could research the participation in a Land Bank by the Borough. She suggested that we contact An Lewis of the Steel Valley COG.

XIII. Public Contribution (2 minutes per person)

Jane Braunlich, Roseridge Ave., questioned the payment of \$ 18 per hour to an employee. Ms. Braunlich also stated that she was unhappy with Streetscape, Phase II and asked which streets were included in the 20014 Paving Plan (informed by DAS Borczyk – S. Jackson, Spring and Bellevue Ave.). Upon inquiring about the appointment for the JPC Committee, she was informed that the decision was being sent to the Public Safety Committee.

Tom Hyrnda asked about the progress of the Intergovernmental Agreement and was briefed by Solicitor Racunas. He also committed that Scott Keener would submit a JPC update to Council ASAP.

XIV. Executive Session

Council went into a brief Executive Session at 7:49 (returned at 7:57) to discuss Collective Bargaining Personnel Issues.

XV. Adjournment

Councilperson Scisciani made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Woshner and carried via unanimous voice vote.