



**Borough of Bellevue  
Council Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 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 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

**II. Roll Call**

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

**III. Public Contribution**

Beth Kloss, 677 Shade Avenue, spoke to Council regarding her written correspondence last week in relation to the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC). Ms. Kloss encouraged Council to consider a process for entry of properties in the Borough. Solicitor Racunas explained the current process per the 2009 IPMC and the process has not changed.

Sarah Perry, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, spoke to Council regarding Bellevue Borough Infrastructure Updates. The streets for pipeline replacement include Union, Means, North, Glosser, Forrest, Thomas, and Jackson Avenue. Ms. Perry reminded Council that Columbia Gas will restore the roads to the same or better condition than they are found and will replace sidewalks for residents. Work is being coordinated with the Borough Engineer.

Tom Kelly, 24 South Bryant Avenue, spoke to Council regarding the condition of Route 65 and stated it needs beautification. Mr. Kelly spoke additionally regarding compliments to the department, issues with collective bargaining, and the resignation of the Public Works Superintendent. President Woshner stated that Council could not comment on contract negotiations or the personnel resignation.

**IV. Review of Prior Meeting Minutes: April 9, 2013 Council Meeting, April 23, 2013 Public Safety Committee Meeting, April 23, 2013 Finance Committee Meeting, April 23, 2013 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, April 23, 2013 DPW Committee Meeting, and May 7, 2013 Pre-Council Meeting (for action 5/14/2013).**

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 May Bill List and Addendum (for action 5/14/2013).**

Ms. Braunlich moved to approve the May 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 (9-0).

## **VI. Reports**

### **a. Treasurer**

Treasurer Cusiak provided a written report to Council for review. Mr. Cusiak stated the funds are in line for this part of the year.

### **b. Administration**

None.

### **c. Engineer**

Borough Engineer John Rusnak provided a report regarding the storm sewer collapse near Bellevue Station and suggested an emergency expenditure be approved by Council.

### **d. Council**

None.

### **e. Mayor**

Mayor Doscher provided a written and oral report to Council.

## **VII. Committee Chair Reports**

### **a. Finance**

Councilwoman Viscusi moved to recommend payment to the Quaker Valley Council of Governments for the Business District Streetscape Design Project in the amount of \$8,021.00 for CD 37-2.2.5. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Braunlich. The motion carried without discussion by a unanimous roll call vote.

Councilwoman Viscusi moved to approve Change Order #1 to Civil and Environmental Consultants for the Business District Streetscape Design Project in the amount of \$975.00 for CD 37-2.2.5. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Braunlich. The motion carried without discussion by a unanimous roll call vote.

### **b. Parks and Recreation**

#### **i. Library**

Councilwoman Braunlich moved to approve the installation of a water fountain at the library by George Bauer Plumbing at a cost not to exceed \$1,270.00 from budget line item 409.373. The motion was seconded by Councilman Helbling. The motion carried without discussion by a roll call vote with Councilman Scisciani abstaining.

#### **ii. Bayne Park**

Councilwoman Braunlich moved to approve the replacement of trees at Bayne Park by Larry Miller at no cost to the Borough. The motion was seconded by Councilman Helbling. After discussion regarding the type of tree and placement, the vote carried by a voice vote.

#### **iii. Fireworks**

Councilwoman Braunlich moved to approve the purchase of fireworks for the North Borough's Independence Day celebration at a cost not to exceed \$2,500 from budget line item 451.268. The motion was seconded by Councilman Helbling. The motion carried without discussion by a unanimous roll call vote.

### **c. Public Works**

Councilman Viscusi moved to approve the Base Bid and Alternate 1 and Alternate 2 to Victor Paving and Construction in the amount of \$113,312.95 for the 2013 Road Paving Program. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Braunlich. The motion carried without discussion by a unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Viscusi moved to accept the bid withdraw from Layne Inliner Incorporated for the 2013 Sanitary Sewer Repair Program. Councilwoman Braunlich seconded the motion. The motion carried without discussion by voice vote.

Councilman Viscusi moved to approve the bid from Independent Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$230,105.00 for the 2013 Sanitary Sewer Repair Program. Councilwoman Braunlich seconded the motion. The motion carried without discussion by a unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Viscusi moved to approve the purchase of a lawn tractor, bagger, and snow blade from Critchlow Enterprises at a cost not to exceed \$5,869.60 from budget line item 430.470. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Braunlich. The motion carried without discussion by a unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Viscusi moved to approve the repair of the current lawn tractor with parts from Critchlow Enterprises at a cost not to exceed \$2,633.26 from budget line item 430.374. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scisciani. Mr. Scisciani discussed the possibility of purchasing another new tractor instead of repairing the current lawn tractor. Ms. Braunlich stated there is not enough money in the budget for two new tractors. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 5-2 with Councilmen Scisciani and Camello dissenting.

Councilwoman Braunlich moved to approve the cost of rental equipment for the storm sewer pipe collapse at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00 from budget line item 436.220. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scisciani. Ms. Braunlich discussed whether this was sufficient funds for the emergency repairs. Borough Engineer John Rusnak stated it would be enough to temporarily fix the area and clean debris. Mr. Rusnak further advised for a long term solution. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

#### **VIII. Special Committee Reports**

None.

#### **IX. Resolutions**

##### **a. Pool Staff**

Councilwoman Braunlich moved to approve Resolution No. 06-13, authorizing and directing the hiring of part-time pool staff. Councilman Scisciani seconded the motion. The motion carried without discussion by a unanimous roll call vote.

##### **b. DPW Staff**

Councilwoman Braunlich moved approve Resolution No. 07-13, authorizing and directing the hiring of part-time public works staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scisciani. The motion carried without discussion by a unanimous roll call vote.

##### **c. Tax Refund**

Councilwoman Braunlich moved to approve Resolution No. 08-13, authorizing and directing the refund of property tax to Franklin Square LP for 160-F-00192. Councilwoman Viscusi seconded the motion. The motion carried without discussion by a unanimous roll call vote.

#### **X. Ordinances**

##### **a. Large Vehicle Ordinance—Third Reading**

Councilwoman Braunlich moved to take from the table, for final reading and adoption, an Ordinance which shall establish regulations and restrictions on the operations and parking of large motor vehicles and provide fines and penalties for violations thereof. The motion was seconded by Councilman Camello. The motion carried without discussion by a unanimous roll call vote.

##### **b. International Property Maintenance Code—Third Reading**

Councilwoman Braunlich moved to take from the table, for final reading and adoption, an Ordinance which shall establish and enact the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code and provide fines and penalties for violations thereof. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Viscusi. The motion carried without discussion by a roll call vote of 6-1 with Councilman Camello casting the dissenting vote.

**c. Wage Ordinance—Third Reading**

The motion died due to lack of movement.

**d. International Fire Code—Third Reading**

Councilwoman Braunlich moved to take from the table, for final reading and adoption, an Ordinance which shall establish and enact the 2012 International Fire Code and provide fines and penalties for violations thereof. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scisciani. The motion carried without discussion by a unanimous roll call vote.

**e. Metered Parking Ordinance Amendment—Second Reading**

Councilwoman Braunlich moved to take from the table, for second 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 Viscusi. The motion carried without discussion by voice vote.

**XI. Old Business**

None.

**XII. New Business**

None.

**XIII. Public Contribution (2 minutes per person)**

Amy Robinson notified Council of a Car Wash for the high school scheduled for the weekend at Eat N Park.

**XIV. Adjournment**

Council convened an executive session at 8:19 PM. Council returned from executive session at 9:08 PM.

Councilman Mark Helbling moved to take from the table, for final reading and adoption, an Ordinance which shall amend the contribution levels of non-union employees for healthcare from 7% to 5%. Councilman Scisciani seconded the motion. The motion failed with no discussion by a voice vote with Councilpersons Braunlich, Sue Viscusi, James Viscusi, and President Woshner casting dissenting votes.

Council continued the meeting at 9:11 PM to reconvene on May 16, 2013 at 8:15 PM.