



Borough of Bellevue  
Pre-Council Minutes  
November 9, 2016  
7:00 p.m.  
Rosemary Heflin Council Chambers

I. Call to Order

At 7:15 P.M., President Heffley called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of Silence.

II. Roll Call

Councilpersons Heffley, Fodi, Coder, Hrynda, Lenard, Saylor, Woshner, Mayor Cusick, DAS Borczyk, Solicitor Racunas and Treasurer Scioscia were present. Councilperson Menosky was absent.

III. Public Contribution (5 minutes per person) - None.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

DAS Borczyk informed Council that several meeting minutes would be ready for the November Council Meeting.

V. Reports:

- i. Mayor's Report-Written reports were included in the Council packet.  
Mayor Cusick reviewed his report and discussed the SRO Grant.
- ii. Treasurer's Report-Treasurer Scioscia reviewed his report with Council.
- iii. Tax Collector's Reports – Written reports were included in the Council packet.
- iv. Jordan Tax Service Collection Reports – Written reports were included in the Council packet.
- v. Administration/DAS Report – DAS Borczyk reviewed his report with Council and reminded them that the Administrative Offices were closed on Friday, November 11, 2016, in observance of Veterans' Day. Council President Heffley asked that DAS Borczyk implement a shared electronic calendar.
- vi. Bayne Library Report – Written reports were included in the Council packet.
- vii. Engineer's Report-HRG Engineer Gilberti reviewed his report with Council.

- viii. Code Enforcement Reports – Written reports were included in the Council packet. Councilperson Saylor asked that incorrect transactions in his name be corrected and revised reports be distributed.

Councilperson Heffley informed Council that she and Councilperson Woshner attended the most recent Intergovernmental Committee Meeting. Subjects covered included the Jr. Councilperson Program, Activities, Blight, Tax Collectors, Abatement and an Opioid Program. Details will be included in upcoming minutes.

VI. Committee Chair Reports

a. Finance:

i. Update – Job Descriptions

Councilperson Woshner informed Council that the Administrative Job Descriptions were in the process of final “tweaking.”

ii. Cost of Collections Ordinance

The Committee was reviewing the requirement and looking for Ordinances from other communities. It was noted that Bellevue Borough had received \$ 150,000 from TurnKey on Business Privilege collections.

b. Parks and Recreation:

i. Update – DCNR Handicapped Access – Construction Update

HRG Engineer Gilberti discussed the progress of the DCNR Handicapped Access – construction in progress, during his report.

ii. Discussion – Request by North Borough’s Fireworks Committee for additional \$500.00 toward next year’s display. (2016 - \$2500.00).

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to approve the request by north Borough’s Fireworks Committee for additional \$500.00 toward next year’s display (2016 - \$2,500.00). Councilperson Woshner informed Council that she knew this would be an issue and feels it is important to approve the additional funding. Councilperson Coder asked who else was increasing funding. It was answered that Avalon Borough had approved an additional \$ 500.00. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Senvisky and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

Councilperson Heffley reminded Council that the Veteran’s Day Observance would be at Bellevue Elementary at 9 A.M. on November 11, 2016.

Councilperson Coder asked if the Contractor would clean up the Bayne Park area after the project. Engineer Gilberti answered ‘yes.’ Councilperson Coder also asked that DPW.

c. DPW

iii. MOTION: Motion to approve application for Payment #2 for Protech Asphalt in the amount of \$15,347.46 for the 2016 Paving Plan. (Budget Account No. 01-438-100.)

Councilperson Lenard made a Motion to approve application for Payment #2 for Protech Asphalt in the amount of \$15,347.46 for the 2016 Paving Plan. (Budget Account No. 01-438-100.) The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Woshner and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

iv. Discussion – Dumpster at Bayne Library.

Discussion of the Dumpster at Bayne Library to be on the Agenda for the November 22, 2016 Council Meeting.

v. Motion to approve proposal to survey East Bellevue Station.

Councilperson Lenard made a Motion to approve proposal to survey East Bellevue Station. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Woshner and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

Councilperson Fodi asked about the progress on the repair of Straw Avenue. DAS Borczyk informed Council that West View Water requires Bellevue to submit an estimate for the repair of the streets, as damaged by the water line break, for them to submit a claim for insurance.

Solicitor Racunas informed Council that the Borough could not issue the requested order to stop work on Streetscape by November 18. Project Engineer Hazelwood (CEC) discussed alternatives and informed Council that it was highly unlikely that any work would begin on the southern side of the street before Spring.

Councilperson Woshner asked if there was a year-round need for a dumpster at Memorial Park. DAS Borczyk informed Council that he would consult with DPW Supervisor Olczak on the matter.

d. Public Safety:

a. Discussion – North Avenue Traffic Patterns/Flow.

Discussion of the North Avenue Traffic Patterns/Flow will be on the Agenda for the January Public Safety Meeting.

b. Discussion – Airbnb.

Solicitor Racunas is working on an Airbnb working draft ordinance.

c. Discussion – Structure Fire Department for effective management.

Discussion of the Structure Fire Department for effective management will an initial project for the newly-formed Fire Safety Committee.

d. Discussion – Police Overtime.

Mayor Cusick informed Council that police overtime would be at a high level for the remainder of the year due to some health issues with officers. Solicitor Racunas is acting on use of part-time labor on the police force.

VII. Resolutions:

MOTION: Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to approve concurring resolutions authorizing requested CDBG Funds of \$49,738.00 for Bayne Park Playground Equipment and \$300,000 for Lincoln Avenue Streetscape - Phase V and designating Susan Hockenberry to perform the required duties between Bellevue Borough and the Allegheny County Economic Development. Mayor Cusick asked if the new fees would increase the costs of these grants. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Saylor and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

VIII. Ordinances:

- i. MOTION: Motion to take from the table for third and final reading and adoption Ordinance No. 16-05, Adoption of the Saturday Parking Ordinance will be on the Agenda for the November 22, 2016 Council Meeting.

IX. Old Business - None.

X. New Business

Councilperson Woshner informed Council that she was disappointed that additional fees are being instituted by the Quaker Valley COG and this was unacceptable.

Councilperson Saylor discussed that the fees seemed reasonable versus paying \$ 6,000 for our Engineers to write a grant application.

Councilperson Heffley suggested that the Borough advertise for applicants to the Zoning Hearing Board on the Borough website. Solicitor Racunas suggested that the Board be formed ASAP. Councilperson Lenard desired to meet the candidates before appointment. Mayor Cusick asked if there were any qualifications – answered “none” by Solicitor Racunas. DAS Borczyk was instructed to post a website advertisement with a deadline of November 21, 2016.

Councilperson Coder asked about improvements to the Library. Councilperson Heffley suggested it be addressed at the January Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. Mayor Cusick asked if expansion of the facility was feasible.

Councilperson Heffley commented on social media posts in criticism of her Presidency including lack of vision, her resistance to Town Center Associates and being against the taxpayers. She asked if these things could be discussed personally rather than posted in public.

XI. Motion to Approve Payment of the 11.09.16 Bill List. (For approval on 11.09.16.)

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to Approve Payment of the 11.09.16 Bill List. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Fodi and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

XII. Public Contribution (2 minutes per person)

Brad Hazelwood discussed the formation of a Main Street Committee.

XIII. Executive Session - None.

XIV. Adjournment

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to Adjourn at 8:48 P.M. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Fodi and the meeting was Adjourned.

Minutes approved by Bellevue Borough Council on December 27, 2016