



**Borough of Bellevue
Council Minutes
April 28, 2015
7:00 P.M.
Rosemary Heflin Council Chambers**

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Councilperson Senvisky, Coder, Hefley, Helbling, Scisciani, Menosky, Lenard, Woshner, DAS Borczyk, Mayor Cusick, Solicitor Racunas as well as Treasurer Scioscia were present. Councilperson Camello was absent.

III. Executive Session: Mike Palumbo, Campbell, Durant, Beatty, Palumbo & Miller, P.C.

Executive Session began at 7:07 P.M. in regards to Mike Palumbo, Campbell, Durant, Beatty, Palumbo & Miller, P.C., and ended at 7:25 P.M.

IV. Public Contribution (5 minutes per person)

1. Scott Keener – Signage Ordinance

Scott Keener spoke about the Signage Ordinance. He discussed that there should be a need/want of Bellevue residents on the Committee. Mr. Keener thinks that there should be a Tri-Borough discussion to amend the Ordinance before the next meeting. The Signage Ordinance should have revisions to the Ordinance such as revisions to limit windows, implementing design guidelines as well as three documents reviewed and processed to pass change. Councilperson Woshner would like to be “pro business” and Councilperson Coder asked if Jack Manning could participate?

2. MOTION: Colleen Deer – Act 205 Compliance Reporting.

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to approve the hiring of Colleen Deer; Vice President of Mockenhaupt Benefits Group concerning bid for Act 205 Compliance Reporting. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani and carried via a tie vote of 4 yes 4 no; which came down to Mayor Cusick being the deciding vote in which the vote was dismissed. Councilperson Hefley asked “why are we asking?” Councilperson Woshner made the comment that we must pay from the General Fund, as Ms. Deer made the remark that using the General Fund is allowable under the Pension Fund. Councilperson Woshner also is in need of a more objective report. Councilperson Coder asked to clarify the actuary cost contained in fee. Ms. Deer replied that state aid could go up to adjust to additional fees, after vote, Councilperson Woshner voiced that there’s a problem with the plan and it is a disservice to the Pension Plan.

V. MOTION: Review of Prior Meeting Minutes

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to approve the review of the prior Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2015 Council; March 3, 2015 DPW; March 3, 2015 Finance, March 3, 2015 Parks and Recreation; March 10, 2015 Pre-Council; April 7, 2015 DPW; April, 7 2015 Public Safety; April 7, 2015 Parks and Recreation and the April 7, 2015 Finance. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani and carried via unanimous voice vote.

1. Susan Schaeffer spoke about the BIGr House Tour Saturday May 9, 2015 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. The tour begins at Bellevue United Presbyterian Church 457 Lincoln Avenue, Bellevue, PA 15202. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the tour or you may purchase tickets online at www.showclix.com or at these locations: Bayne Library, Bellevue Business Center, Muddy Cup and/or Good L'Oven. Ms. Schaeffer said there is a volunteer vacancy, bridge gaps between the CDC & Council. Susan would like to have Council meet with BIGr and move forward together.
2. Mayor Cusick is going to be interviewed by the Tribune Review May 2, 2015, they will be writing an article on the Mayor.
3. Councilperson asked if Council could get the Meeting Minutes.
4. Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG Engineers, Inc.) Asked the question of “why are there discrepancies in the invoices?”

VI. Report

1. March Garbage and Sewage reports

Councilperson Woshner would like to see the details for the credits from Jordan Tax Service Collector for the Garbage and Sewer reports of the month of March and prior to. \$553,000.00

2. Comcast Cable Franchise Report

Council observed the first quarter of 2015 Comcast Cable Franchise report. Council asked if Verizon pays the Borough Franchise Fee's and what they would be. A report will be prepared and sent to Council.

3. Sewage Report

Finance Clerk, Ann Moss, gave a detailed report of shut offs notices for delinquent sewage.

VII. Committee Chair Reports

1. Finance

a. AIM Loan Ordinance and Local Unit Debt Act.

Solicitor Racunas reviewed the AIM Loan Ordinance and Local Unit Debt Act.

b. Turnkey Taxes Project update.

Councilperson Coder asked to get detail about Tudi \$5,500.

2. Parks and Recreation

a. MOTION: Bayne Bark Tree Planting

Councilperson Heffley made a Motion to ratify tree planting at Bayne Park as described and illustrated by Larry Miller, a Bellevue Resident. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Woshner and carried via unanimous voice vote.

b. MOTION: North Boroughs YMCA 8th Annual 5K Race on July 18, 2015.

Councilperson Heffley made a Motion to approve the North Boroughs YMCA request to host the 8th Annual 5K Race on July 18, 2015. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Scisciani and carried via unanimous voice vote.

c. Ross Township 5K Race – CANCELLED.

Ross Township will no longer have a use for a 5K Race at Memorial Park as it was cancelled and now located with another vendor.

3. Public Works

a. Update – 2015 Paving Plan

Councilperson Coder disagreed with the paving of Quail. There will be a meeting on Friday.

VIII. Committee Chair Reports continued:

4. Public Safety

a. MOTION: Bunker gear for Lieutenant Bill Hartman

Councilperson Scisciani made a Motion to approve the purchase of Bunker Gear for Lieutenant Bill Hartman as per the Fire Department Budget (Line Item Number 01.411.242) The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Woshner and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

b. MOTION: Lieutenant Davin Attends Fire Safety Course.

Councilperson Scisciani made a Motion to approve the attendance of Lieutenant Davin to a Fire Safety Course, not to exceed the amount of \$1,000. (Line Item Number 01.411.461) The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Woshner and was carried via unanimous roll call vote.

c. MOTION: Meter Feeder in Bellevue Business District.

Councilperson Scisciani made a Motion to move to approve the use of Meter Feeder for parking in the Bellevue Business District. Solicitor Racunas asked for this Motion to be placed on the Agenda for the Pre-Council Meeting.

d. MOTION: Amendment to Ordinance No. 10-10

Councilperson Scisciani made a Motion to approve preparation of Amendment to Ordinance No. 10-10 to reflect the increase in fines for parking violations as recommended by Chief Sentner. Councilperson Woshner wants the before and after reports. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Menosky and carried via unanimous voice vote.

e. Bellevue Borough Safety Day

The Borough of Bellevue is having Safety Day at The Andrew Bayne Memorial Library & Bayne Park 34 North Balph Avenue Bellevue PA 15202 on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. Noon until 3:00 p.m.

f. Rental Inspection Costs

The Rental Inspection Costs will be put on the Agenda for the Pre-Council Meeting.

Councilperson Coder would like it to be no less than \$50. Council had a discussion about the fees. Finance would like to know the average going rate.

g. Mayor- Executive Session SRO

h. Councilperson Scisciani

Councilperson Scisciani was volunteering his time at the Assumption Church as he passed out in a back pew, unresponsive. Mr. Scisciani would like to thank Bellevue Borough Police Officers Mulkerin and Dold for the way they handled the situation in such a quick response. These Officers ran from the Police station over to Assumption Church on foot to take care of Councilperson Scisciani.

IX. Resolutions

a. MOTION: Resolution No. 09-15 Hiring Part-Time Pool Staff

Councilperson Heffley made a Motion to approve Resolution No. 09-15 authorizing and directing the hiring of the part time pool staff. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Woshner and carried via unanimous voice vote.

X. Ordinances

a. MOTION: Ordinance No. 15-02, the revised Open Burning Permit Ordinance

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to take from the table, for the third reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 15-02, the revised Open Burning Permit Ordinance as drafted by the Borough Solicitor. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Heffley and was carried via unanimous voice vote.

1. Ordinance No. 15-03 No Smoking Ban in All Borough Parks

Ordinance No. 15-03 will be moved to the Pre-Council Meeting and added to the Agenda.

XI. Old Business

Councilperson Coder attended the School Board Meeting regarding SRO. Ms. Coder said this issue should have been brought up at the Intergovernmental Committee, and scheduled by the school.

Councilperson Woshner spoke regarding the Pension split 1-2012 within three years.

XII. New Business

a. MOTION: April Bill List Approved

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to approve the payment of the April bill list. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Heffley and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

1. Town Hall Meeting

There will be a Town Hall Meeting on May 7, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. about the alcohol referendum. An LCB Representative will be attending.

XIII. Public Contribution (2 minutes per person)

Grant Saylor asked about the status of the streetscape.

Tom Fodi asked “what are parking fines?”

XIV. Executive Session

XV. Adjournment

Councilperson Senvisky made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 P.M., the Motion was seconded by Councilperson Heffley and the meeting was adjourned.