



**Borough of Bellevue
Council Minutes
July 23, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Rosemary Heflin Council Chambers**

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Present were Councilpersons Hrynda, DiTullio, Fodi, Hause, Pennington, and Woshner. Mayor Marburger, DAS Borczyk, Police Chief Sentner, Solicitor Racunas and Treasurer Scioscia were also present. Councilpersons Saylor and Pikul were absent.

III. Public Contribution (5 minutes per person)

Samantha Post, T&M Hardware – 509 Lincoln Ave., presented a letter, signed by merchants, opposing street closures for Borough events.

Jenn Slavicek, 67 South Bryant, commented that street closures need to come to a stop.

Shannon Smith, 153 North Balph Ave., stated that more advanced notice should be given for street closures and better signage was needed. She stated that Wizardvue was a positive event for Bellevue and sees positive momentum.

Jillian Edmondson, 173 North Fremont Avenue, commented as a member of the Wizardvue Committee that it was an amazing event. She urged Council not to pick and choose who is charged fees for services.

Laura Pollanen, 132 Lincoln Ave., commented as a member of the Wizardvue Committee that the event was positive, and the level of criticism and scrutiny was baseless.

Alisa Mehlo, 114 Cedar Avenue, commented as a member of the Wizardvue Committee that the relentless attacks were unfair, and an abuse of power and all events should be treated equally.

Veronica Blair, 114 North Sprague Ave., commented as a 2-year resident of Bellevue that she was pleased by the sense of community. Infighting must stop, move forward with a sense of pride of community.

Lorynn Watt, 213 Spring Ave., enjoyed her experience of volunteering at Wizardvue.

Rob Bencel, 556 Dawson Ave., updated Council on Blight Committee meetings and activities. Suggested investment in QVCOG Program to measure blight (\$8,300.00). Supports Wizardvue.

Pauli Ann Williams, 460 Dawson Ave., spoke in favor of Wizardvue, Supports events to excite children.

Tom Stokes, Wizardvue Volunteer, heard positive comments, saw bashing on-line.

Councilperson Woshner thanked all for coming, stated that no one was against event, just, required funds to be approved by Council.

Mayor Emily Marburger informed Council that 33 pages of reports and plans were submitted for the event and asked the same scrutiny to be given to all Borough events.

IV. Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to Approve the following Minutes:

- i. May 14, 2019 Pre-Council
- ii. May 28, 2019 Council
- iii. June 4, 2019 Parks & Rec.
- iv. June 4, 2019 Public Works
- v. June 4, 2019 Public Safety
- vi. June 4, 2019 Finance

The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Hause and carried via unanimous voice vote.

V. Committee Chair Reports

- a. Finance - No Quorum
- b. Public Safety - Councilperson Pennington stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- c. Public Works:
 - i. MOTION: Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 4 to A. Folino Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$161,215.32. (\$124,871.38 for Columbia Gas.) (Budget Account No. 01.438.100.) The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson DiTullio and carried via unanimous roll call vote.
 - ii. MOTION: Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 1 to Insight Pipe

Construction, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$25,242.48. (Budget Account No. – 08.429.721.) The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Hause and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

iii. MOTION: Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to ratify approval for payment to Pittsburgh Lumberjack Tree Service, Inc. in the amount of \$5,300 for tree removal near 252 Dakota Avenue. (Budget Account No. 01.430.371.) The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Hause and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

d. Parks – Councilperson Hrynda reported that the last of the concrete had been poured for the Bayne Park Playground Equipment (DCNR). The checker table needs to be set.

VI. Resolutions:

i. MOTION: Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to approve Resolution No. 20-19 Refunds of Real Estate Taxes due as a result of changes in assessed values and/or payments. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Hause and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

ii. MOTION: Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to approve Resolution No. 22-19 electing participation in the QVCOG Municipal Appeals Board. Solicitor Racunas discussed the need for the Appeals Board. Councilperson Woshner suggested for criteria needed for members of the Board. Councilperson Hause questioned the types of issues that would come before the Board. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Fodi and carried via voice vote.

VII. Ordinances - None.

VIII. Old Business

Councilperson Pritchard discussed a glass blowing exhibit that was shut down during a recent event. He stated that this item was worthy of attention and a possible adjustment of our Ordinance was in order. Councilperson Pennington stated that no permission was granted by the Borough for this exhibit.

IX. New Business:

i. MOTION: After discussion, Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to approve Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Northgate School District. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Hause and carried via voice vote.

- ii. Councilperson Fodi informed Council that he was resigning due to intended relocation to another community. MOTION: Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to accept resignation of Councilperson Tom Fodi from his Council Seat, effective July 31, 2019. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson DiTullio and carried via voice vote.
- iii. Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to advertise the vacancy on the Borough Website with Letters of Interest due by August 23, 2019. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Hause and carried via voice vote.
- iv. DAS Borczyk discussed the current year Duquesne Light LED Street Light Conversion Program. Past programs had limited converted light applications to 20 per year. This year's application expanded the limit to 100. DAS Borczyk requested that Council make a formal motion to participate at the higher level. Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to participate in the current program at the revised level. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Pennington and carried via voice vote.
- v. It was instructed for the Fire Service Mediation Proposal to be placed on the meeting schedule for action during the August Meeting cycle.

Councilperson Woshner made a Motion for the Code Enforcement Officer to attend the August or September Blight Committee Meeting. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Hause and carried via voice vote.

Councilperson Woshner commented that she thinks the frame at the Bayne Library should come down and inquired as to the Council Chambers Audio System and Council should receive a Jr. Councilperson report.

X. Approval of Bill List

- i. MOTION: Councilperson Woshner made a Motion to approve payment of the July 23, 2019 Bill List with the addition of Solicitor Racunas invoice. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Fodi and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

XI. Public Contribution (2 minutes per person)

State Representative Adam Ravenstahl informed Council and the Public about a Senior Fare in Ross Township on October 18, 2019 and a Paper Shredding Event at Avalon Borough on October 19, 2019.

XII. Executive Session - None.

XIII. Adjournment

Councilperson Pennington made a Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Hause and carried via unanimous voice vote. The meeting was Adjourned.

Minutes approved by Bellevue Borough Council on October 22, 2019.

Minutes Certified by:



