



Borough of Bellebue

Borough Pre-Council Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2020, 7:00 pm

Via Zoom Teleconference

Call to Order

President Pennington called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll Call

The roll was called to establish a quorum. Present were Ms. Sloane, Mr. Pritchard, Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Cerminara, Mr. DiTullio, Mrs. Pikul, Ms. Hause and President Pennington. Mr. Stuncard was absent. A quorum was established.

Also in attendance were Mayor Emily Marburger; Treasurer Joe Scioscia, Director of Administrative Services Cindy Bahn; Financial Services Administrator Andrea Contes; Engineer Bryan Churilla; and Solicitor Matt Racunas.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- There was no public contribution on agenda items.

Review of Minutes

- There were no corrections or changes to the minutes of the August 11, 2020 Pre-Council Meeting or the August 25, 2020 Council Meeting.

Reports

Mayor's Report (written report was included with Council packet)

- Mayor Marburger noted that she had nothing to add to her written report, but noted that her email had been hacked.

Treasurer's Report (written report was included with Council packet)

- The Treasurer reported that the Borough is down \$250,000 from this time last year, and that the Borough has spent more over the same time period.

Financial Report (Budget, Tax and Services reports were included with Council packet)

- No comments were made.

Code Enforcement Report (written report was included with Council packet)

- No comments were made.

Library Report (written report was included with Council packet)

Public Safety Committee; Anya Pikul, Chair

1. Discussion: Bruce & Merilees Quote for Repairs to the Traffic Signal at Starr and Lincoln Avenues.

After discussion related to the inclusion of the lights at this intersection in the MultiModal Transportation grant application, and a potential maintenance agreement, this item will be added to the September Council meeting agenda.

Public Works Committee; Jillian Edmondson, Chair

1. Motion to Adopt Resolution 16-20 Authorizing DAS Bahn and President Pennington to Execute Documents Related to the PA Small Water and Sewer Grant for West Bellevue Station.

Moved: Ms. Edmondson

Second: Ms. Edmondson Cerminara

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.

2. Discussion: Public Works Bucket Truck

Mr. Kelly stated that he is finding more of a need for a bucket truck, and requested that Council pre-approve a purchase cap so that he can move quickly to acquire a used vehicle, which do not stay on the market long. He is seeing serviceable models in the \$18,000 to \$28,000 range, and suggested a purchase cap of \$25,000. President Pennington requested that this be added to the September Council Meeting agenda for action.

3. Discussion: Removal of Arborvitae Trees in Front of Borough Building

Mr. Kelly noted that he provided photos of the trees, which are starting to grow into the foundation. He also provided a written opinion from Davey Tree Company indicating that the trees should be removed because of the damage they are causing. This item will be added to the agenda for the September Council Meeting.

Unfinished Business

1. Discussion: Returning to In-Person Meetings

Mr. Pritchard would like to discuss hybrid meetings, where some attendees participate in person and some virtually. President Pennington noted that there could be First Amendment Issues. This item will remain on the Pre-Council Meeting agendas for the foreseeable future.

2. Discussion: 622 Tingley Avenue Basement Flooding

Several people noted that the house location makes it conducive to flooding, and questioned whether the submitted quotes for repairs were more than the damage that was done. Ms. Bahn was asked to reach out to Mr. Barton for additional clarification on the quotes that he provided.

New Business

1. Mrs. Pikul reported that she attended the Allegheny County Boroughs Association Board of Directors meeting, where the main topic was the "drastic hole in the PA budget". She also reported that there are efforts to start a Western PA Council and Mayor's Association with an upcoming meeting, which will be in person. After questions from Ms. Edmondson regarding the state limit on attendance at in-person meetings, Mrs. Pikul stated that the meeting will be outside.

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items (limit of 2 minutes)

1. Linda Woshner, 137 S. Euclid Avenue: Had comments related to the property at 622 Tingley, and the selection of a current and delinquent taxes and fees collector.

Executive Session

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:32 pm and reconvened the business meeting at 9:02 pm, with no action being taken.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Pennington adjourned the meeting at 9:03 pm.

ATTEST



Cindy L. Bahn, Director of Administrative Services/Secretary



Val Pennington, Council President

