



Borough of Bellevue

Borough Council Meeting Minutes

October 27, 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 Mr. DiTullio, Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Edmondson, Mr. Pritchard, Ms. Sloane, Mrs. Pikul, Ms. Hause, Ms. Cerminara, and President Pennington. A quorum was established.

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

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- Joe Scioscia, 357 Lincoln Avenue: Noted that there is sinkhole on Lincoln and recommended that the Borough hold the contractor's bond.
- Linda Woshner, 137 S. Euclid Avenue: Suggested that the Borough would pay about \$12,000 more for sewer collections under the Legal Tax Service proposal. Ms. Hause expressed her disappointment that Ms. Woshner was not at the Finance Committee meeting when Legal Tax Service was available to answer questions, and stated that she was pulling the 2 resolutions related to tax collections.
- Dan Hoffman, 33 N. Balph Avenue: Spoke on behalf of Bellevue Speed Wash regarding cars illegally parked in the business lot, sidewalk, and alley.
- Mavis Rainey, 47 Kendall Avenue: Asked about the timing of Borough decisions about blighted properties and Sheriff sales.
- Sue Benaquista, 166 Davis Avenue: Had concerns around the work that Columbia Gas is doing on brick streets.
- Catherine Tulley, 5 South Bryant Avenue: Asked to speak to Council at a Pre-Council or Council meeting regarding the Joint Planning Commission; asked if the Borough was interested in acquiring the YMCA property.
- Dave Gillingham, 154 Riverview Avenue: Commented that he reached out to local representative regarding the YMCA and was told that the YMCA never reached out to them.
- Sabreena Miller, 89 Sumner Avenue: Stated that she hopes Council continues to answer questions during Public Contribution; interested in blight and a neighborhood watch.
- Connie Rankin, 116 Arch Avenue: Provided historical information on the YMCA property and recommended that the Borough acquire the property.

Consent Agenda

Items of business and matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and noncontroversial and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired by Council Members, that item is to be identified and removed from the Consent Agenda, and will be considered separately at the appropriate place on the Agenda.

- a. Motion to Accept Minutes of the June 9, 2020 Pre-Council Meeting.
- b. Motion to Accept Minutes of the June 23, 2020 Council Meeting
- c. Motion to Accept Minutes of the September 1, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting.
- d. Motion to Accept Minutes of the September 1, 2020 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.
- e. Motion to Accept Minutes of the September 1, 2020 Public Safety Committee Meeting.
- f. Motion to Accept Minutes of the September 1, 2020 Public Works Committee Meeting.

- g. Motion to Accept Minutes of the September 8, 2020 Pre-Council Meeting.
- h. Motion to Accept Minutes of the September 22, 2020 Council Meeting.

Moved: President Pennington Second: Ms. Sloane
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, -0.

Agenda Items

Finance Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve Payment of the October 27, 2020 Bill List.
Moved: Ms. Hause Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.
- b. Motion to Approve Payment of \$1,272.00 to Kapp Communications (01.406.321) and \$1,180.00 to Gaitens, Tucceri & Nicholas, LLC (01.404.309).
Moved: Ms. Hause Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.
- c. Adopting Resolution 18-20, Appointing Legal Tax Service, Inc. as the Collector for Borough Sewage Fees, Solid Waste Fees, Business Privilege Taxes and Mercantile Taxes.
Ms. Hause withdrew this motion.
- d. Adopting Resolution 19-20, Appointing Maiello Brungo and Maiello as the Collector for Borough Delinquent Sewage Fees, Solid Waste Fees, Business Privilege Taxes, Mercantile Taxes and Real Estate Taxes.
Ms. Hause withdrew this motion.
- e. Adopting Resolution 21-20, Setting the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Plan, Firefighter Pension Plan, Non-Uniformed Pension Plan, and the Defined Contribution Benefit Plan.
Moved: Ms. Hause Second: Mr. Stuncard
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

Public Safety Committee:

- a. Motion to Adopt Resolution 23-20 Requesting a Multimodal Transportation Grant in the Amount of \$292,541 from PennDOT.
Moved: Mrs. Pikul Second: Ms. Cerminara
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.
- b. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 20-03 Amending Chapter 30, §30-8, Part D Section (2) of the Borough Personnel System.
Moved: Mrs. Pikul Second: Ms. Cerminara
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.
- c. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 20-04 Amending the Borough of Bellevue Police Pension Plan to Provide an Early Retirement Window Effective September 15, 2020 through November 30, 2020.
Moved: Mrs. Pikul Second: Ms. Cerminara
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.
- d. Motion to Authorize the Purchase of a Bunker Suit by the Bellevue Fire Department at a Cost Not to Exceed \$5,000.
Moved: Mrs. Pikul Second: Ms. Cerminara
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.
- e. Motion to Approve the Separation Agreement with Officer Donald Mason.

Motion: Mrs. Pikul Second: Ms. Cerminara
Public Comment: None
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.

Public Works Committee:

- a. Motion to Accept the Bid from M. O'Herron Company in the amount of \$143,326.00 for the 2020 Sewer Manhole Project.

Moved: Ms. Edmondson

Second: Ms. Hause

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.

Ethics Committee (Ad Hoc):

Ms. Sloane reported that the Solicitor is making revisions.

Unfinished Business

- a. Discussion: Bucket Truck for DPW

Mr. Kelly explained that he has an opportunity to purchase a bucket truck from the vendor who purchased one of the Borough's retired dump trucks. The bucket truck is priced at \$36,800 and the dump truck was sold for \$17,800, leaving a difference of \$19,000, which is less than the amount Council authorized Mr. Kelly to spend on a bucket truck. The bucket truck is based on a 2005 Ford F550 chassis, has 46,000 miles, and comes from a city where it had uses similar to those of Bellevue's.

Motion to Authorize the Purchase of a 2005 Ford F550 Bucket Truck at a Cost of \$36,800 with a Credit of \$17,800 for the Trade In of the Borough's Retired Dump Truck.

Moved: Mrs. Pikul

Second: Mr. Stuncard

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.

- b. Motion to Adopt Resolution 24-20, Requesting that the Pennsylvania State Librarian Waive the 2020 Reporting Standards for the Andrew Bayne Memorial Library.

Moved: President Pennington

Second: Ms. Cerminara

Public Comment: None

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.

New Business

- a. Discussion: BCO Position

Mrs. Pikul noted that there are some additional details that need to be hammered out and would like to discuss further at the November Pre-Council meeting.

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items

- Dave Gillingham, 154 Riverview Avenue: Asked about status of police department in light of the recent retirement.
- Linda Woshner, 137 S. Euclid Avenue: Remarked on updating Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Executive Session

President Pennington noted that a session was held immediately prior to the Council meeting to discuss a personnel matter and no action was taken as a result of that meeting.

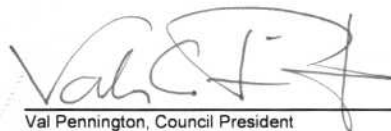
Adjournment

There being no further business, President Pennington adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

ATTEST



Cindy L. Bahn, Director of Administrative Services/Secretary



Val Pennington, Council President