

Bellevue Borough Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee: Finance

Date:	January 5, 2021	Location: Zoom Teleconference
Chair:	Jodi Hause	Time: 7:30 pm
Note Taker:	Cindy Bahn	
Members In Attendance:	Jillian Edmondson, Council Jodi House, Council	
Members Absent:	Jeff Stuncard, Council	
Others In Attendance:	Joe Scioscia, Treasurer	Cindy Bahn, DAS
Public Contributions on Agenda Items (5 minutes): There was no public contribution.		
Agenda Items – Reports:		
1	Treasurer, Joe Scioscia Mr. Scioscia reported that the Borough is about \$300,000 ahead of where we were in 2018 and stated that he did not compare with 2019 because he did not have confidence in the accuracy of the data. He expressed his concern about the Borough not wasting money unnecessarily.	
Unfinished Business:		
1	Third Party Tax Collection Proposals – Bill Linnert & Jerry Pasquinelli, Jordan Tax Service - Ms. Hause expressed concerns about how past due payments are applied. - Mr. Pasquinelli noted that information is not posted online because of Act 32 privacy concerns. He reported that taxpayers set up an online account with Jordan, and try to pay everything – sewage, taxes, trash – without distinguishing which account the payment should be applied to. He further stated that payments on delinquent accounts are applied to the oldest arrearage first. - Ms. Hause asked if this information could be made more clear on statements. - Mr. Pasquinelli responded that 27% of their customers have signed up for ebilling, and every statement has a code on it indicating where it should be applied (taxes, sewage, trash). Residents are able to request a copy of their payment history via phone call or email. - Ms. Hause related how she move to Bellevue and thought she had paid her sewage bill, but had not. Ultimately, her house was liened. She stated that other residents have had similar experiences. Mr. Pasquinelli stated that whatever bills remain unpaid at the end of the calendar year are closed out and sent to the delinquent tax collector; the resident is notified of the lien at that time. - Mr. Pasquinelli reviewed Jordan Tax Services fee structure. He also reported that because Jordan Tax Service also handles delinquent collections for Allegheny County, they are often able to “piggyback” the Borough’s liens with the County’s, so only 1 attorney is required; a joint lawsuit is filed, or both are filed under the County, and the County bears the attorneys’ fees.	
2	Event/Gathering Ordinance Ms. Edmondson would like to start talking about this because as the vaccine is rolled out,	

	gatherings may begin happening in the fall. She has completed some research on other ordinances and permit applications, and will bring to the February Committee meeting. She would like Council to vote on something in May.
New Business: ▪ 5G Cell Tower Installations: Ms. Hause asked that this be put on the February Committee agenda and the solicitor be consulted.	
Public Contributions on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes): None ▪ None	

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:00 pm

Next Meeting: February 2, 2021, 7:30 pm