



Borough of Bellevue

Borough Pre-Council Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2021, 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. Stuncard, Ms. Slone, Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Hause, Ms. Cerminara, Mr. Pritchard, Mr. DiTullio, and President Pennington. Mrs. Pikul was absent. A quorum was established.

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

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- John Skovran, 511 Teece Avenue: Would like to rename Gillott Field in honor of Bob Locke.
- Linda Woshner, 137 S. Euclid Avenue: Stated her belief that Bellevue is damaging their relationship with Avalon; wants Council to budget \$3500 for 2022 Community Day; and suggested that if restaurants can use the sidewalks, other businesses should be able to as well.
- Connie Rankin, 116 Arch Avenue: Noted that Mr. Gillott was head of Bellevue's Public Works Department for many years, and was later elected to serve on Council and as Mayor.

Reports

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

- The Mayor noted that she met with representatives from Representative Conor Lamb's office in regard to the Bellevue Post Office. His office is helping to identify another location, which will require access for a 24-foot truck.

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

- Mr. Scioscia had nothing to add to his written report.

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

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

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

- Mr. Wissner noted a correction to his report: while it stated that there are 3 ZHB hearings in July, the application for the Popeye's restaurant was not timely and will be held in August.

Library Report (written report was included with Council packet)

- Ms. Goodman had nothing to add to her written report.

Public Works Report (written report was included with Council packet)

- Mr. Kelly had nothing to add to his written report.

Director of Administrative Services Report

- DAS Bahn noted that she will be meeting with Tim Frenz from Janney Montgomery Scott regarding a 2017 Bond refinancing.

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

- Mr. Churilla highlighted the 2021 proposed paving; the costs of work on Kendall Avenue will be shared by the Borough and Columbia Gas.

Joint Planning Commission

- No report was provided.

Northwest EMS Report (written report provided to Council)

- No comments were made.

Quaker Valley Council of Governments Report

- Mr. DiTullio reported that at the July board meeting, discussion included ArcGIS, Streetscape, and the Route 65 corridor project.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee; Jodi Hause, Chair

1. Motion to Approve Payment of the July 13, 2021, Bill List.
Moved: Ms. Hause Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
2. Discussion: Event and Gathering Ordinance.
After much discussion, Council planned to authorize advertisement of the Ordinance to the July Council meeting,

Parks and Recreation Committee; Val Pennington, Chair

No items required Council discussion or action.

Public Safety Committee; Jodi Cerminara, Chair Pro Tem

1. Motion to Authorize the Advertisement, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$250, the Advertisement of a Public Hearing to Solicit Comments on the West Penn Allegheny Health System Application for a Conditional Use (01.406.341).
Moved: Ms. Cerminara Second: Ms. Edmondson

Public Works Committee; Jillian Edmondson, Chair

1. Discussion: Purchase of a Steam Pressure Washer for Use by DPW
Mr. Kelly reiterated the Department's need for a new steam pressure washer after the failure of the old equipment. This will be added to the July Council meeting agenda for a vote.
2. Discussion: Dawson Avenue Sinkhole Repair
Mr. Kelly reported that the trunk line was scoped in 2018, but was not lined. The pipe is partly terra cotta and partly plastic. Insight Plumbing charges \$375/hour with a minimum 4 hours. Mr., Kelly suggests that the Borough authorize Insight to camera Dawson Avenue to the owner's lateral, and if time remains, to also camera Teece Avenue. Council will consider a motion to authorize this expense at the July Council meeting.
3. Discussion: Paving Approximately 300 Feet of Orchard Avenue
Mr. Kelly noted that a section of Orchard Avenue (700 block to Union Avenue) where Team Fischel put in a new gas line requires restoration and Team Fischel has offered to assist with this. They observed

an issue when they scoped the line, but did not report the issue to the Borough. A 10 foot by 35-foot area that is currently brick would be paved with asphalt. Several Council members remarked that the brick serves to naturally traffic calm. Mr. Kelly stated that the best restoration option is to take up the brick, evaluate the condition of the road base; repair the underlayment if necessary, and then replace the bricks.

4. Discussion: Hiring

Mr. Kelly reported that he has 2 candidates, and he would like to hire both of them, as they are equally qualified. He noted that under the previous DPW superintendent, there were 8 fulltime and 4 seasonal laborers; currently there are 7 laborers and 1 summer seasonal laborer. However, 1 laborer left for another job, and 2 are currently on medical leave with no return date, leaving him with 4 laborers, 1 of whom is assigned to the pool and 1 to the street sweeper. Two days each week, Mr. Kelly, a fulltime laborer, and the seasonal laborer are available to do all the work that needs to be done; three days each week, 2 of the laborers are cutting grass throughout the Borough. This will be added to agenda for action at the July Council meeting.

5. Comments

Mr. Pritchard requested that DPW look into the streets where there are no catch basins and water is not draining properly, especially stormwater flowing onto Lincoln Avenue.

Unfinished Business

▪ Discussion: 2021 Paving

The Borough Engineer requested Council approval for the 2021 Paving Plan. Kendall Avenue and 3 Alleys (Baker, Chief, Linden Way) are scheduled. The estimated cost is \$335,000 for Kendall Avenue and \$12,000 - \$13,000 for each of the alleys with Columbia Gas reimbursing the Borough for \$115,000 of the work.

Motion: Authorize the Advertisement of the 2021 Paving Project at a Cost Not to Exceed \$250 (01.406.341).

Moved: Mr. Pritchard

Second: Ms. Edmondson

Discussion: Because this item did not appear on the agenda for Council action, the public was invited to comment. No comments were made.

Aye: Ms. Sloane, Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Cerminara, Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Hause, Mr. Pritchard, President Pennington

Nay: Mr. DiTullio

Motion Carried, 7-1 with no abstentions

New Business

- Ms. Bahn introduced Linda Ryan, who is recommended to fill the Administrative Clerk Secretary vacancy. Ms. Ryan spoke of her experience as a Bellevue resident, and her desire to engage in community building. Her hire will be on the July Council meeting agenda.
- Presentation: Ordinance Banning Coal Tar Sealants and PAHs, Mandy Steele, Member of Council, Fox Chapel Borough

Ms. Steele noted that Fox Chapel was the first Borough in Pennsylvania to enact an ordinance banning asphalt sealants containing coal tar and PAHs. Coal tar sealant and PAHs are a Tier I carcinogen and create both water and air pollution. The sealant flakes into microscopic pieces and can be tracked into homes. If the microscopic pieces are ingested, they cause damage to the liver and other large organs. While 13 states ban its use, Pennsylvania does not. Ms. Steele has presented at a number of municipalities, and 14 have taken action to ban the use of coal tar sealants and PAHs.

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

- There was not public contribution at this time.

Executive Session

Council adjourned to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters related to the Public Works Department at 8:28 pm and returned to the Council Meeting at 9:00 pm. No legislative action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Pennington adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

ATTEST

Cindy L. Bahn, Director of Administrative Services/Secretary

Val Pennington, Council President

Minutes approved by Bellevue Borough Council on August 24, 2021.