

# Bellevue Borough Committee Meeting Minutes

## Committee: Finance

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| <b>Date:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | September 5, 2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Location:</b> Borough Building |
| <b>Chair:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Jodi Cerminara                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Time:</b> 7:51 pm              |
| <b>Note Taker:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Cindy Bahn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                   |
| <b>Members In Attendance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Jodi Cerminara, Council<br>Dan McKelvey, Council                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                   |
| <b>Members Absent:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Amanda Sloane, Council                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                   |
| <b>Others In Attendance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Cindy Bahn, DAS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Joe Scioscia, Treasurer           |
| <b>Public Contributions on Agenda Items (5 minutes):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jane Braunlich, 27 E. Roseridge Avenue: Had questions regarding the demolition of 31 E. Roseridge, including the grant expiration date, which the DAS noted is June 30, 2024.</li><li>Connie Rankin, 116 Arch Avenue: Asked about status of demolition of 40 Kendall Avenue and 211 N. Balph Avenue.</li></ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                   |
| <b>Agenda Items – Reports:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                   |
| 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Treasurer, Joe Scioscia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr. Scioscia noted that Borough funds are up \$560,000 over last year at this time, which he related is mostly in the sewer fund, but otherwise the Borough is close to where they were last year.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                   |
| 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>JPC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dameon Holmes, one of the Borough's representatives to the JPC, stated that he looked at Bellevue's requests for short term rentals. He recommends convening an advisory committee comprised of a Council member, short term rental owner, and a member of the JPC. He noted that the housing market is much different than when the current ordinance was adopted, and that evictions are skyrocketing. Ms. Cerminara responded that she likes having such a Committee within the JPC.</li></ul> |                                   |
| <b>Unfinished Business:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr. McKelvey requested an up-to-date copy of the budget vs. actual statement, and the DAS responded that an August 30, 2023 statement is not yet available but would be by the end of the week.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                   |
| <b>New Business:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                   |
| 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Proposed Budget Schedule.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms. Bahn provided a schedule for budget workshops and dates related to the advertisement and adoption of the 2024 budget. Ms. Cerminara requested that the first workshop be moved to 10.30.23 for preliminary discussion.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                   |
| 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Issuing an RFP for a New Borough Auditor.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms. Bahn noted that the Borough has had the same auditor for the last 10-12 years, and that best practice is to engage a new auditor/auditing firm every 3-5 years. She reported the challenges associated with the current auditor, especially around communication.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                             |                                   |

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| <b>3.</b> | <b>Status of Grant for Demolition of 31 E. Roseridge Avenue.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The DAS provided a history of the grant that is funding this demolition and stated again that the deadline for completion is June 30, 2024.</li></ul> |
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| <b>Public Contributions on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes): None.</b> |
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**Meeting Adjourned at:** 8:25 pm

**Next Meeting:** October 3, 2023