

- c. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 21-10, Setting the 2022 Rate for Collection of Solid Waste, Recycling, and Hazardous Household Waste.
Moved: Ms. Hause Second: Ms. Edmondson
Aye: Mr. Pritchard, Ms. Hause, Ms. Edmondson, Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Cerminara, Mrs. Pikul, President Pennington.
Nay: Mr. DiTullio
Motion carried, 7-1, with no abstentions.
- d. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 21-11, Establishing the 2022 Borough Sanitary Sewer User Rate.
Moved: Ms. Hause Second: Ms. Edmondson
Aye: Ms. Edmondson, Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Cerminara, Mr. Pritchard, Mrs. Pikul, Ms. Hause, President Pennington.
Nay: Mr. DiTullio
Motion carried, 7-1, with no abstentions.
- e. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 21-12, Setting the 2022 Borough Millage Rate at 4.89 Mills.
Moved: Ms. Hause Second: Ms. Edmondson
Discussion: Ms. Hause noted that this does not represent an increase and implored the new Council not to raise taxes in 2023. Mrs. Pikul agreed, saying that it's imperative to make Bellevue affordable.
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
- f. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 21-13, Adopting the 2022 Borough Budget.
Moved: Ms. Hause Second: Ms. Edmondson
Discussion: Mr. Pritchard stated that there were issues starting with the one-time receipts of \$800,000 and police overtime. Ms. Sloane noted that this issue has been discussed multiple times, and asked if Chief Sentner had provided the requested information relating to overtime. Ms. Sloane noted that it's disingenuous to raise this now. Mr. DiTullio stated that all but 2 budget meetings were cancelled, and that the budget has holes.
Aye: Ms. Cerminara, Mr. Stuncard, President Pennington
Nay: Ms. Hause, Mrs. Pikul, Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Sloane, Mr. Pritchard, Mr. DiTullio
Motion failed, 3-6, with no abstentions.

The Solicitor noted that Council is required to adopt a budget before the end of the year, and that there is not sufficient time to advertise a special meeting before then. He stated that the budget can be re-opened in the new year, and that it can be amended by Ordinance under the Home Rule Charter. Discussion ensued about police overtime, and increasing wages for pool staff. President Pennington noted the incongruity of expressing concern for employee wages while proposing that the budget not be adopt, resulting in employees not being paid at all. The Solicitor recommended that the Budget be adopted.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 21-13, Adopting the 2022 Borough Budget.
Moved: Ms. Cerminara Second: Ms. Edmondson
Aye: Ms. Sloane, Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Hause, Mrs. Pikul, Ms. Cerminara, President Pennington
Nay: Mr. Pritchard, Mr. DiTullio
Motion carried, 7-2, with no abstentions.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

- There were no agenda items for discussion.

Public Safety Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local No. 26, and Covering the Borough of Bellevue Crossing Guards Retroactive to July 1, 2020 and Extending Through July 1, 2023.

Moved: Mrs. Pikul

Second: Ms. Hause

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

Public Works Committee:

- There were no agenda items for discussion.

Ethics Committee (Ad Hoc):

- Code of Conduct: Ms. Sloane had nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

- Mr. Pritchard inquired as to the status of hybrid meetings. President Pennington wondered about the possibility of a demo using 2 Meeting Owls before making an expenditure.
- Ms. Hause asked about the contractor who caused damage on Orchard Avenue, and the DPW Superintendent responded that Team Fischel, the contractor is working out what they will offer as recompense.
- President Pennington noted that the developer of the 51 Lincoln project has torn up Margareta Street.

New Business

- Mr. Pritchard suggested that the Council packets be shared with the public.
- Ms. Cerminara noted that she has enjoyed working with everyone, that it has been an honor, and thanked those Council members who are going off.
- Mr. DiTullio recommended that the Borough reinstate the sidewalk ordinance; the DAS will check for the end date put in place when permitting more sidewalk tables.

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items

- Dan McKelvey, 640 Orchard Avenue: Stated that as an incoming Council member, he is concerned with hybrid meetings. He uses a small video camera to stream swim meets and suggested that might work for Council meetings as the sound quality is adequate.

Executive Session

- Council adjourned to Executive Session to discuss possible discipline of a Borough employee at 8:23 pm and returned to the Council Meeting at 9:25 pm.
- Motion to Amend the Agenda to Consider a 30-Day Suspension of Employee 7484 Effective December 29, 2021.
Moved: President Pennington Second: Mrs. Pikul
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 6-0. (Mr. DiTullio, Ms. Sloane, & Mr. Stuncard were no longer in attendance)
- Motion to Issue a 30-Day Disciplinary Suspension to Employee 7484 Effective December 29, 2021.
Moved: President Pennington Second: Mrs. Pikul
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 6-0. (Mr. DiTullio, Ms. Sloane, & Mr. Stuncard were no longer in attendance)

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Pennington adjourned the meeting at 9:31 pm.

ATTEST


Cindy L. Bahn, Director of Administrative Services/Secretary




Val Pennington, Council President