



Borough of Bellevue

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Borough Pre-Council Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2024 7:00 pm

Municipal Building

2nd Floor Council Chambers

Call to Order

President Cerminara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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 Ms. Mule, Ms. Templeton, Mr. Ellis, Ms. Denton, Mr. McKelvey, Mr. Hrynda and President Cerminara. A quorum was established.

Also, in attendance were Mayor Val Pennington, Solicitor Matt Racunas, DAS Jim Kelly, Treasure Joe Scioscia, HRG Engineer Dan Barna, Junior Councilman Mr. Bekis.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 21-24, Authorizing the hiring of Alex Edwards to the position of fulltime Police Officer in the Borough of Bellevue Police Department

Moved: President Cerminara

Second: Mr. Hrynda

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Alexander Edwards was sworn in by Mayor Val Pennington following Vote.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- Nothing to record.

Reports

Mayor's Report (written report provided to Council)

- Mayor pennington had nothing to add to the written report. There were no questions.

Treasurer's Report (written report provided to Council)

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

Financial Reports (written report provided to Council)

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

DAS Report (written report provided to Council)

- Mr. Kelly reported meeting with Rep Kincaid to discuss grant opportunities in the Borough and to let her know if her office can help in any way.

Library Report (written report provided to Council)

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

Public Works Report (written report provided to with Council)

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

Code Enforcement Report (written report provided to Council)

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

Fire Department (written report provided to Council)

- Chief Hartman reported QRS is in service and have successfully completed their first call.

Police Chief Report

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

Northwest EMS Report (written report provided to Council)

- No representative was in attendance.

Engineer's Report (written report provided to Council)

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

Joint Planning Commission (minutes provided to Council)

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

Shade Tree Commission

- Mr. Bekis advised they will have a booth with some activities at the Farmers Market.

Quaker Valley Council of Governments Report (Executive Director's written report provided to Council)

- QVCOG received \$27, 000, and we should receive a portion of that soon. RT 65 committee is working on an agreement for the communities to sign and agree to work together.

Committee Reports**Finance Committee; Jodi Cerminara, Chair**

1. Motion to Approve Payment of the June 11, 2024, Bill List.
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Mr. Hrynda
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
2. Motion to Adopt Resolution 20-24, Providing for the refund of Real Estate Taxes as a Result of Changes in Assessed Values and/or Overpayments.
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Mr. Hrynda
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
3. Discussion: Amending the Borough Fee Schedule.

Mr. Kelly advised he needs to confirm parking rates with the chief and will have schedule completed For the council meeting.

Parks and Recreation Committee; Jennie Denton, Chair

1. Motion to Adopt Resolution 22-24 Authorizing the Borough to be a registered Bird Town With the Audubon society.

Mr. McKelvey confirming this will approve us to move forward with the registration as a Bird Town, Ms. Denton confirmed she will move forward with the registration and a committee.

Ms. Templeton asked if we would be able to get the free registration for moving quickly. Ms. Denton believes we will be able to she will try to get the free registration. Mr. Kelly advised he believes registration is only \$100.00 if needed.

Moved: Ms. Denton Second: Ms. Templeton
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

2. Discussion: Independence Day celebration at Memorial Pool.

Discussion was had about how many to provide for and to make sure we provide for anyone not able to eat hot dogs. It was agreed we would offer hot dogs and potato chips. The concession vender will provide the items and bill the Borough for his costs.

Mr. Hrynda stated we would usually go through approx. 300 hot dogs
Mr. McKelvey offered to cook if needed

3. Discussion: The Friends of the Library would like to place a Little Free Library near the playground equipment at Memorial Park.

Ms. Goodman explained the desire and the ability with a little help from DPW to do the installation and assist with location. Being as there will be no expense to the Borough Ms. Goodman was told she could advise the friends to move forward with the project.

4. Discussion: The Friends of the Library would like to host a Psychic Fair on Saturday September 14th and to be authorized to close the library early for the event.

Ms. Goodman explained the event to council
Event will be moved to Council for approval of closing the library early to hold the event.

5. Discussion: Tennis court resurfacing.

Mr. Kelly Advised Tennis court repair is complete and will be opening on June 21st

6. Motion to Ratify email vote of Resolution 19-24 Hiring of Pool Staff. Motion was made via email on 5-31-2024 by Ms. Denton Second by Mr. McKelvey 5 member voted in favor motion passed.

Moved: Ms. Denton

Second: Mr. McKelvey

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

7. Motion to Adopt Resolution 23-24 Hiring of additional Pool staff.

Moved: Ms. Denton

Second: Mr. McKelvey

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Public Safety Committee; Amanda Sloane, Chair

1. Discussion: Ordinance 24-13 Amendment to the 2015 IPMC

Mr. Kelly advised after discussing with the Solicitor changing the IPMC is the best way to address the opportunity to issue tickets for ordinance violations.

Ms. Templeton asked for the complete copy of the IPMC Mr. Kelly informed the changes are included in the council packet.

Mr. Racunas explained why we use the 2015 IPMC.

Ms. Cerninara explained we will only be changing a small part of the 2015 IPMC.

2. Discussion: Place of Stop Signs and NO Parking areas.

Chief Sentner asked to leave this in committee to get more feedback on all areas that need to be looked at.

Ms. Denton asked us to revisit the idea for a stop sign at Forrest and N.Balph.

3. Discussion: Ordinance 24-07 Fire Department cost recovery.

Mr. Hrynda would like to see this move forward so we can take advantage of its benefits.

Ms. Cerninara expressed she would like to leave the wording as first reviewed.

Ms. Templeton is concerned there will be double billing. Can we limit who is billed.

Mr. Hartman advised he has full discretion on who gets billed and is looking to invoice the insurance company only.

Mr. McKelvey likes the idea the Chief has the discretion as to who is invoiced.

Mr. Raccunas stated an Ordinance is the proper procedure for the ability to invoice.

Mr. Ellis would like to see the original wording.

4. Motion: To Approve Block party closing S. Bryant Avenue on August 3, 2024.

Moved: Mr. Hrynda

Second: Mr. McKelvey

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Public Works Committee; Dan McKelvey, Chair

1. Discussion: Streetscapes.

Mr. Kelly advised Streetscapes project will be going out to bid and bids will be opened July 8th a report and recommendation should be available from HRG to council on the 9th.

Unfinished Business:

- Mr. Racunas reminded everyone the PLCB will be holding a public hearing Wednesday the 12th of June at 1pm in council chambers on the Borough's petition for exemption from PLCB noise ordinance.

New Business:

- Nothing mentioned.

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

- Connie Rankin 116 Arch Ave, the cost recovery Ordinance should not be mixed up with the Borough having a large-scale incident. She stated Pa is an anti-recovery state and we have communities in central Pa that have not been able to due to Municipal cost recovery laws. We should just write in exactly what we are going to address.
- Jane Braunlich 27 E. Roseridge, concerned they will come after the resident personally if the Insurance does not pay. Ms. Cerminara advised if insurance does not pay no other billing will be conducted. Thank you for bringing back some of the 4th of July celebrations
- Joe Scioscia 260 Lincon Ave. Please do not put a stop sign at N.Balph and Forest, We should not pass laws that can be abused and we should not pass the cost recovery ordinance.

Executive Session:

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

ATTEST


James Kelly, Director of Administrative Services


Jodi Cerminara, Council President