



Borough of Bellevue

Incorporated 1867

Borough Pre-Council Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2025, 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

Present at the time roll was taken: Ms. Mule, Mr. Hrynda, Mr. McKelvey, Ms. Denton, Mr. Ellis, Ms. Dingler, Mr. Rogers and President Cerminara. A quorum was established.

Absent at the time roll was taken: Mr. Disney

Borough Representatives in attendance were Mayor Val Pennington, DAS Kelly, Solicitor Reis, ADAS Contes, Police Chief Matthew Sentner, Fire Chief Bill Hartman, Engineer Dan Barna, DPW Superintendent Joe Wright, and Library Director Ellen Goodman.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- Susan Stabnau, 264 Summitt Avenue, presented as the Chair of Bona Fide Bellevue, and will be available if Council has any questions regarding street closures.
- Erin Gratner, 428 Hallett Place, Chair representing the Cross-Country Boosters and the 5K run, will be available if Council has any questions regarding street closures.

Reports

Mayor's Report (written report provided to Council)

Treasurer's Report (written report provided to Council)

Financial Reports (written report provided to Council)

- Mr. McKelvey asked Chief Sentner to clarify the cost of the Racial Profile Module, and he explained it is a reporting system shared with Ross Township.

DAS Report (written report provided to Council)

- Mr. Kelly reported the Bellevue Dog Woods report is attached to the packet again for review.

Library Report (written report provided to Council)

Public Works Report (written report provided to Council)

Code Enforcement Report (written report provided to Council)

Fire Department (written report provided to Council)

- Mr. McKelvey asked for clarification on false alarms calls and asked for ideas to hold the businesses responsible for multiple false alarms. Discussion followed.

Police Chief Report (written report provided to Council)

- Assured everyone that the current issue at the High School was handled swiftly and professionally.

Northwest EMS Report (written report provided to Council)

Engineer's Report (written report provided to Council)

Joint Planning Commission (written report provided to Council)

- Two meetings this month, February 20th 7:00pm MAP Grant meeting at Bellevue Borough Council Chambers with all the communities February 24th 7:00pm monthly JPC meeting at Avalon Municipal Building.

Shade Tree Commission

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

- Mr. McKelvey reported all 15 communities have signed on to the Route 65 Improvement Plan.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee; Jodi Cerminara, Chair

1. Motion to Approve Payment of February 11, 2025, Bill List.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 8-0.
2. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2-25, Allowing for MAP funding application.
 - Motion withdrawn by President Cerminara. Mr Kelly to verify the wording of the resolution for the Council meeting.

Parks and Recreation Committee; Jennie Denton, Chair

1. Discussion - About repair of electrical connection to pool filtration system.
 - Ms. Denton asked for this to be moved to Council for a vote.
2. Motion to Ratify the email vote authorizing the emergency repair of the Memorial Park Flagpole at a cost of \$5,575.00 from account 01.451.530. Below in italics is the result of the email vote.
Moved: Dan McKelvey
Second : Joanne Mule
No Response: Three (3)
Motion passed.

Moved: Ms. Denton
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 8-0.
3. Discussion – Soccer Shots use of the Bayne Park grass area.
 - Discussion was had and Council would like to see a written agreement with Soccer Shots and ask them to offer a free program to the library, in exchange for use of the field.

Public Safety Committee; Tom Hrynda, Chair

1. Discussion - Lincoln Brewery street closure requests.
 - Mr. Hrynda asked for this to be moved to Council for a vote.
2. Discussion - North Boroughs 5K street closure request.
 - Mr. Hrynda asked for this to be moved to Council for a vote.
3. Discussion - Bona Fide Bellevue street closure requests.
 - President Cerminara stated a concern with the nonstop events and the inconvenience to residents. Discussion followed.

4. Discussion – Bona Fide Bellevue street banner requests.
 - Mr. Hrynda asked for this to be moved to Council for a vote.
5. Discussion – Bellevue Pride street closure request.
 - Mr. Hrynda asked for this to be moved to Council for a vote.
6. Discussion – Bellevue Pride street banner request.
 - Mr. Hrynda asked for this to be moved to Council for a vote.

Public Works Committee; Dan McKelvey, Chair

1. Discussion – Transfer of closed street to residents. Street from N. Balph Avenue uphill to before the cemetery.
 - Eli Zlokar, 287 N. Balph Avenue, spoke to his support of the property transfer.
 - Discussion followed, Mr. Kelly to verify the exact area and measurements of roadway to be transferred.
2. Discussion – To advertise for summer help.
 - Mr. McKelvey asked the age of summer help, would Council be okay with starting at 15 if a work permit is provided and all requirements are followed.
3. Discussion – To amend 2025 Salary ordinance to include budgeted summer DPW employees.
 - Mr. McKelvey asked we move this back to committee to verify employees.
4. Motion to Authorize HRG to administer bid and construction process for 2025 paving at a cost of \$ 38,475.00 from account 01.438.100.
Moved: Mr. McKelvey
Second: Ms. Denton
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 8-0.
5. Motion to Authorize HRG to administer bid and construction process for 2025 Sewer Lining Project at a cost of \$49,975.00 from account 08.429.721.
Moved: Mr. McKelvey
Second: Ms. Denton
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 8-0.

Unfinished Business:

1. Settlement with Green Construction.
 - Mr. Reis advised an agreement was made with Green Construction to pay the agreed upon \$2,000.00 for repairs to the damaged roadway.
2. Discussion changes to the Home Rule Charter.
 - Discussion was had with the possibility to offer a questionnaire to gauge the community interest.

New Business:

- There was no new business.

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

- There was no Public Contribution.

Executive Session:

- There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

ATTEST


James Kelly, Director of Administrative Services
Jodi Cerminara, Council President