



Borough of Bellevue

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Borough Pre-Council Meeting Minutes

March 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. Dingler, Mr. Rogers Ms. Mule, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Hrynda, Ms. Denton and President Cerminara. A quorum was established.

Absent at the time roll was taken: Mr. Disney and Mr. McKelvey

Borough Representatives in attendance were Mayor Val Pennington, DAS Kelly, Solicitor Reis, ADAS Contes, Fire Chief Bill Hartman, Engineer Dan Barna, DPW Superintendent Joe Wright, BCO, Zoning Officer Jacobs, Library Director Ellen Goodman, JPC Rep Bri Erskine and Junior Councilperson Pennington

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- 15 individuals spoke in favor of Bellevue Forward events, both the Putt & Pour and the Night Market (see attached list of attendees that spoke).
- Bri Erskine 75 S Euclid Avenue also stated she was in favor of the Home Rule Charter changes and is looking forward to seeing more people have opportunity to serve.

Presentation and Q & A with Connect Re: Solar Panel Program

- Eric Raabe gave an update on the solar panel project (Get Solar Connect) planned for the Public Works Building. The Borough will be looking at approximately a \$150,000 savings over the life of the project. President Cerminara also confirmed no cost to the Borough. Council also verified maintenance, and installation is at no cost to the Borough. Mr. Raabe is hopeful to begin construction before the end of the year.

Reports

Mayor's Report (written report provided to Council)

Treasurer's Report (written report provided to Council)

Financial Reports (written report provided to Council)

DAS Report (written report provided to Council)

- Mr. Kelly advised Mayor of Kingston will be filming again on March 17th at AHN with some minor road closures and detours from 7 am to 4 pm.

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)

Police Chief Report (written report provided to Council)

Northwest EMS Report (written report provided to Council)

Engineer's Report (written report provided to Council)

- Mr. Barna stated 2025 paving and sewer lining bids have gone out, we will look to open bids prior to April Council.

Joint Planning Commission (written report provided to Council)

- Ms. Erskine reported that JPC is working on the Short Term Rental Ordinance.
- Ms. Dingler stated a short list of consultants has been established for the Comprehensive Plan, public interview will be March 26th 5pm, 6pm, 7pm at the Avalon Borough Building.
- JPC Meeting Monday March 24th at 7 pm.

Shade Tree Commission

- Mr. Scott Heberling Shade Tree Commission looking to expand tree inventory to Bayne Park. They will have a table at Bellevue Farmers Market again this year. Mr. Kelly advised we need to notify residents of trees needing maintenance before the Borough can act.

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

Committee Reports

Finance Committee; Jodi Cerminara, Chair

1. Motion to Approve Payment of March 11, 2025, Bill List.

Moved: President Cerminara

Second: Ms. Denton

All present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion carried, 7-0.

2. Discussion Home Rule Charter changes.

- President Cerminara looking to change residency requirement from 3 years to 2 years and change Council size from 9 members to 7 members.
- Mr. Kelly will be looking to put a survey together to have on the Borough's website to get the community's response to possible changes.
- Mr. Reis confirmed the referendum will need to be completed by August 5th to be on the ballot.

Parks and Recreation Committee; Jennie Denton, Chair

1. Motion to Authorize the purchase and use of Access Granted Pool Pass System at a cost of \$1450.00 from account 01.452.530.

Moved: Ms. Denton

Second: Mr. Hrynda

All present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion carried, 7-0.

2. Motion to Approve premier Carpet Care to clean carpets and chairs in Library at a cost of \$1,088.84 from account 04.409.373.

Moved: Ms. Denton

Second: Ms. Dingler

All present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Public Safety Committee; Tom Hrynda, Chair

1. Discussion - S. Bryant Street closure for Block Party.
 - No issues to discuss, this is a recurring neighborhood event.
2. Discussion – Lot revision Hawley Avenue between Lincoln Avenue and Citizens Way.
 - Mr. Kelly advised the property at the corner of Lincoln and Hawley would like to change how the building is divided.
3. Discussion – Bellevue Forward Putt & Pour event.
 - No issues, this event will be primarily in the local businesses. Discussion followed.
4. Discussion – Bellevue Forward Night Market.
 - Discussion followed including confirmation of any permits and porta jon locations. Mr. Hrynda wanted to confirm the number of dates and possibly limit the approval. Discussion was had to approve them all and Council can restrict or deny dates if any issues arise.
5. Motion to Approve payment to MES for turn out gear funded from the 2023 FEMA Grant in the amount of \$45,285.00 from account 01.411.242.
Moved: Mr. Hrynda
Second: Ms. Denton
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 7-0.
6. Motion to Approve payment to All American Fire Equipment for fire boots and gloves funded from the 2023 FEMA Grant in the amount of \$5,520.41 from account 01.411.242.
Motion: Mr. Hrynda
Second: Ms. Denton
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 7-0.
7. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 25-02 Amending Ordinance 96-14 Changes to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations.
Motion: Mr. Hrynda
Second: Ms. Denton
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 7-0.

Public Works Committee; Russell Ellis

1. Motion to Accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough and the General Teamsters, Chauffeurs & Helpers Local Union No 249 for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028.
Motion: Mr. Ellis
Second: Ms. Denton
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 7-0.
2. Motion to Adopt Resolution 03-25 for the hiring of William E. Breauninger II to fill vacant DPW Laborer position.
Motion: Mr. Ellis
Second: Ms. Denton
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 7-0.

3. Motion to Authorize A-Comfort Service to install HVAC System in the new workout and sally port area at a cost of \$22,164.00 from account 01.409.373.
Moved: Mr. Ellis
Second: Ms. Denton
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 7-0.
4. Motion to Approve Premier Carpet Care to clean carpets and chairs in Borough building at a cost of \$2,154.82 from account 01.409.375.
Moved: Mr. Ellis
Second: Ms. Denton
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 7-0.
5. Motion to Authorize the advertisement of Ordinance 25-03 amending Ordinance 24-14 2025 Salary Ordinance to include budgeted summer DPW employees at a cost not to exceed \$400.00 from account 01.406.341.
Moved: Mr. Ellis
Second: Ms. Denton
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 7-0.
6. Discussion Dumpster Day, Bellevue will be looking to partner with Avalon again this spring on April 12th from 8am to 12pm.
 - Mr. Kelly advised cost should be less than \$1,000.00 to the Borough.
7. Discussion replacement of Police Department windows with glass block.
 - Mr. Wright advised we have 2 windows into the Police department that have failed and need replacement. He suggests replacing them with glass block windows at a cost of \$1,200.00.

Unfinished Business:

- There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

- There was no new business.

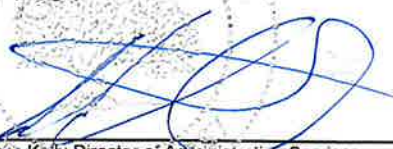
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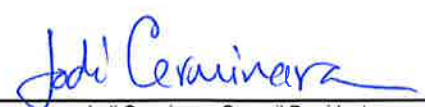
- Leanne Chaney 125 Teece Avenue wanted to make sure everyone is aware the WalkWorks Project and Transportation Plan will have an open house for any public input, Thursday March 13th from 4pm-7pm in Council Chambers.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 8:33p.m.

ATTEST


James Kelly, Director of Administrative Services


Jodi Cerminara, Council President



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Public Contribution Sign In

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8. Jessie Leonard

44 N Harrison

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