



Borough of Bellevue

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Borough Council Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2025, 7:00 pm
Municipal Building
2nd Floor Council Chambers

Call to Order:

Council President Jodi 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 time Roll was taken: Mr. Ellis, Ms. Dingler, Mr. Hrynda, Mr. Rogers, Ms. Denton, Mr. McKelvey, and President Cerminara.

Absent at time Roll was taken: Mr. Disney and Ms. Mule

Borough Representatives in attendance: Mayor Val Pennington, DAS Jim Kelly, Fire Chief Bill Hartman, and Solicitor Benedek.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items:

There was no public contribution.

Consent Agenda:

Items of business and matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and noncontroversial and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired by Council Members, that item is to be identified and removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately at the appropriate place on the Agenda.

- a. Motion to Accept Minutes of the April 22, 2025, Council Meeting.
- b. Motion to Accept Minutes of the May 13, 2025, Pre-Council Meeting.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.

Agenda Items

Finance Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve Payment of the May 27, 2025, Bill List.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.
- b. Motion to Approve General Code to codify legislation from the past 5 years at a cost up to \$8,235.00 from account 01.406.318.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. Hrynda
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.

- c. Motion to Authorize letter in reference to PRT proposed reductions.
Ms. Dingler questioned the content of the letter and asked for content changes and that we change who the letter should be addressed to, discussion followed.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. Hrynda
President Cerminara withdrew current motion.
- d. Motion to edit PRT letter with discussed changes to the letter in reference to PRT proposed reductions.
Discussion was had to include all effected bus lines and to correct the proper name of the QVCOG and the Mayor's signature.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.
- e. Motion to Authorize edited letter in reference to PRT proposed reductions be sent.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. Hrynda
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.

Parks and Recreation Committee

- a. Motion to Approve payment to the North Boros Fire Works Committee in the amount of \$3,500.00 for the Independence Day festivities from account 01.451.268.
Moved: Ms. Denton
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.
- b. Motion to Adopt Resolution 09-25 Authorizing an application to GTRP Grant Program in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the Bayne Park restroom.
Moved: Ms. Denton
Second: Mr. Hrynda
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.
- c. Motion to Authorize payment to Sargent Electric for repair to the primary power lines at Memorial Park in the amount of \$9,600.28 from account 01.451.530.
Ms. Denton asked what the status of the power lines is. Mr. Kelly reported the section that was damage has been repaired, and he will be looking into options the complete service line.
Moved: Ms. Denton
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.
- d. Motion to Authorize Bethlehem Fence to repair fences damaged by the storm in Memorial Park at a cost up to \$5,022.00 from account 01.451.530.
Mr. Hrynda asked if these repairs will be covered by insurance. Mr. Kelly informed Council yes, he will be adding it to the list of damages.
Moved: Ms. Denton
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.

Public Safety Committee

- a. Motion to Authorize the Lets Wager Subdivision Plan.
Mr. Kelly explained the location of the plan and what would be affected.
Moved: Mr. Hrynda
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.
- b. Motion to Authorize the Pride Flag to be flown in front of the Borough building for Pride Month June 2025.
Moved: Mr. Hrynda
Second: Mr. Rogers
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.
- c. Motion to Authorize payment to All American Fire Equipment for grant purchased items at a cost of \$6,521.79 from account 01.411.242.
Moved: Mr. Hrynda
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.
- d. Motion to Authorize payment to MES for grant purchased items for the Fire Department at a cost of \$8,245.00 from account 01.411.242.
Moved: Mr. Hrynda
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.
- e. Motion to Authorize the purchase of grant funded fire protection equipment from Pro-Am Safety at a cost of \$4,126.80 account 01.411.242.
Moved: Mr. Hrynda
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.
- f. Motion to Authorize the purchase of grant funded fire protection equipment from ESI Equipment at a cost of \$3,731.00 from account 01.411.242.
Moved: Mr. Hrynda
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.
- g. Motion to Authorize the purchase of grant funded fire protection equipment from CellBlock at a cost of \$2,574.26 from account 01.411.242.
Mr. Rogers questioned if there are taxes and shipping costs that need to be added. Mr. Hartman stated it is all included in the stated cost.
Moved: Mr. Hrynda
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.

Public Works Committee

- a. Motion to Adopt Resolution 10-25 Authorizing the hiring of summer part-time laborers.
Mr. McKelvey questioned pay and hours. Mr. Kelly advised \$15.00 an hour and hopefully 40 hours a week.

Moved: Ms. Denton

Second: Mr. Rogers

Abstain: Mr. McKelvey

All present in favor.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Unfinished Business:

Ms. Dingler asked if we would be sending resident letters with the Boroughs letter. President Cerminara stated she would prefer that the residents submit letters on their own behalf. Mr. McKelvey agreed and would like to see residents show support on their own behalf.

Per the request of Solicitor Benedek a motion to identify PRT letters specifically.

Motion to Authorize edit to the letter that will correct Quaker Valley Communities of Governments to Council of Governments, include bus lines 14, 17, 19L and include a signature line for mayor Pennington.

Moved: President Cerminara

Second: Mr. McKelvey

All present in favor.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Ms. Dingler questioned new pool system and if it is live. Mr. Kelly advised it is up and operating successfully.

Mayor Pennington asked about including other councils' school board and our Council with the opportunity to attend the pool at no charge.

Ms. Dingler asked if any Council member would be interested in sitting at the Wunder Bar, June 28th from 12-2pm for a community outreach opportunity. Mr. McKelvey stated he would be available.

Mayor Pennington advised Council he has completed 2 weddings in the past month and wanted to thank everyone for a great Memorial Day Event.

Mr. Kelly advised the PLCB will be holding a hearing in regard to the extension of our Noise Ordinance Exemption on June 11th at 12 noon. PLBC handles all advertising and notifications, we are only required to offer the location.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items:

Daniel Graham Robinson from Rep. Kincaid's office wanted to advise everyone they have proxy forms Available for the 2025 Farmers Market Food Voucher Program.

Exceptional Citizens Expo May 31st, 12-3pm in Ross Township.

Executive Session:

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

ATTEST:


James E. Kelly, Director of Administrative Services/Secretary
Jodi Cerminara, Council President