



Borough of Bellevue

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Borough Council Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2025, 7:00 pm

Municipal Building

2nd Floor Council Chambers

Call to Order:

Council 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 time Roll was taken: Mr. Ellis, Ms. Denton, Ms. Dingler, Ms. Stern, Ms. Mule, Mr. McKelvey, and President Cerminara.

Absent at time Roll was taken: Mr. Rogers and Mr. Disney.

Borough Representatives in attendance: Mayor Pennington, DAS Jim Kelly, and JPC Representative Bri Erskine.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items:

Joseph Kovacs 28 Keswick Avenue wanted to address the current issues on Keswick Avenue due to the recent water main break and asked if the roadway could be paved and have the bricks removed.

Mayoral Proclamation recognizing Sgt. Lucas

Mayor Pennington presented Sgt. Matthew Lucas a proclamation recognizing his exemplary police work on August 4th and proclaimed August 27, 2025, be Sgt. Matthew Lucas Day in the Borough of Bellevue.

Presentation Bona Fide Bellevue

Ms. Chaney from Bona Fide Bellevue presented the Borough with a check for \$2,000.00 in support and thanks to the Borough for all the assistance during the Rhythm and Brews event.

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 July 22, 2025, Council Meeting.
- b. Motion to Accept Minutes of the August 6, 2025, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Finance and Public Safety Committee Meetings.
- c. Motion to Accept Minutes of the August 12, 2025, Pre-Council Meeting.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.

Agenda Items

Finance Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve Payment of the August 26, 2025, Bill List.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.
- b. Motion to Accept Resignation from the JPC from Dionisia Dingler.
Mr. McKelvey thanked Ms. Dingler for her time serving on the JPC.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.

Parks and Recreation Committee

- a. Motion to Adopt Resolution 17-25 allowing for application to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for Grant funding of \$353,500.00 to complete the Bayne Park Restroom Project.
Moved: Ms. Denton
Second: Ms. Mule
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.

Public Safety Committee

- a. Motion to Authorize the Civil Service Commission to conduct a test to create a hiring list for Patrol Officer.
Moved: Mr. Ellis
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.
- b. Motion to Approve Bona Fide Bellevue to close Lincoln Avenue between Balph and Jackson for the Light up Night event.
Moved: Mr. Ellis
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0
- c. Motion to Authorize PRT to place a new sign with attached seating at Lincoln and Starr, Fremont, and Jackson.
Mr. Kelly met with PRT to verify locations. Locations were displayed to Council via the computer projection.
Moved: Mr. Ellis
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0

Public Works Committee

- a. Motion to Authorize a lease agreement with Team Fischel.
Mr. Kelly explained that Team Fischel would like to continue to use space on Jacks Run to store materials for local projects in exchange they will provide materials and labor for a new crosswalk at the end of Bayne across N Balph.
Moved: Mr. McKelvey
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.

- b. Motion to Ratify Email Motion to Authorize A-Comfort Service to repair the HVAC system at the Borough building at a cost of \$44,502.00 from account 01.409.373.
Motion: Ms. Denton
Second: Mr. McKelvey
Yea: President Cerminara, Ms. Denton, Mr. McKelvey, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Ellis, and Ms. Dingler.
Nay: (0)
Six (6) in favor, motion passed.

Moved: Mr. McKelvey
Second: Ms. Denton
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion Carried, 7-0

Unfinished Business:

Ms. Dingler following up on having public engagement session at the Farmers Market.
President Cerminara asked who will be hosting the table, Ms. Dingler and Mr. McKelvey volunteered.
President Cerminara asked if we added Bird Town information.
President Cerminara asked for everyone to review the Short-Term Rental Ordinance for further discussion. Mr. Kelly advised he has added a STR folder to the one drive.

New Business:

- a. Discussion JPC there is a need to fill 2 JPC seats as well as an alternate.
President Cerminara advised we are going to be down 2 seats, and we should also look to add an alternate.

- b. Discussion restoration of Keswick Avenue
Mr. Kelly explained the condition of Keswick Avenue and after meeting with WVWA and Engineers, it has been advised to have the road reconstructed and paved. Mr. Kelly will be getting quotes asap from our paving contractor to see if WVWA will pave the entire road as opposed to just the spot brick repair. Mayor Pennington will talk to residents to confirm there is not a large desire to keep the brick roadway.

Ms. Denton asked we look into the fee schedule for pool events and possibly look to raise the fees to be more competitive with neighboring pools.

Ms. Denton commented on the beer and wine permit for Bayne Park. Mr. Kelly advised we are looking to not offering that at the Bayne Park Gazebo any longer.

Mr. McKelvey asked about the lines on Route 65 getting painted. Mr. Kelly will have Mr. Wright contact Penn DOT to confirm the process.

Mr. McKelvey asked if we can look at the entrance to CVS for some possible temporary repair.

President Cerminara reminded Council of The Hard to Recycle event on October 18th.

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items

Joseph Kovacs 28 Keswick Avenue asked to have Brighton Road at Sumner looked at as it has deteriorated.

Mr. Kovacs asked how to get information on the veteran's signs. President Cerminara advised Mr. Cusick handles that information.

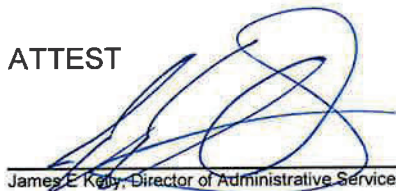
Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

ATTEST



James E. Kelly, Director of Administrative Services/Secretary



Jodi Cerminara, Council President

