



Borough of Bellevue

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Borough Pre-Council Meeting Minutes

January 13 2026, 7:00 pm
Municipal Building
2nd Floor Council Chambers

Call to Order

President McKelvey 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, Mx. Zacharias, Ms. Denton, Mr. Ellis, Ms. Dingler, Ms. Stern and President McKelvey. A quorum was established.

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

Borough Representatives in attendance were Mayor Erskine, Solicitor Reis, Police Chief Sentner, Fire Chief Hartman, Engineer Barna, DPW Superintendent Wright, BCO, Zoning Officer Jacobs, Library Director Goodman, and JPC Rep Farrar.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- Councilperson Stern read an email from a constituent, Jillian Love 712 Clinton Place concerning a notice they had received from Jordan Tax Service.

Reports

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Erskine attended the Municipalities Mayor and Northgate School District Board Committee Meetings.

Treasurer's Report

- Not available.

Financial Reports

- Not available.

DAS Report

- Not available.

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)

- Working on numbers for 2025 and a comparison with 2024.

Northwest EMS Report

- Not available.

Engineer's Report (written report provided to Council)

- Engineer Barna stated the Bayne Park restroom project received an additional \$50,000.00, Phase 1 coming soon.
- Steve Hartman will be filling in while Dan Barna is on paternity leave.

Joint Planning Commission

- Mr. Farrar stated the JPC's next meeting will be January 26, 2026 at 7:00pm in the Avalon Borough Building, 640 California Avenue.

Shade Tree Commission

- Not available.

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

- President McKelvey stated the QVCOG is looking for a new Executive Director. President McKelvey is the current representative and asked if any other Council members would like to take his place.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee; Dan McKelvey, Chair

1. Motion to Approve Payment of the January 13, 2026, Bill List.
Moved: President McKelvey
Second: Ms. Denton
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 7-0.
2. Discussion: Personnel Ordinance changes.
 - Will discuss more at Council meeting.
3. Discussion: New payroll processing company
 - The Borough is considering options to process payroll.
4. Discussion: Social Media Administrative Receptionist.
 - New position.
5. Motion to Adopt Resolution 1-26 Designating Pension Plan Officials.
DAS Kelly and ADAS Contes are designated signers.
Moved: President McKelvey
Second: Ms. Denton
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 7-0.
6. Motion to Authorize advertising for Public Hearing and Ordinance 26-01 Personnel System Change, on January 27 at 6:30 pm, at a cost not to exceed \$400.00 from account 01.406.341.
Moved: President McKelvey
Second: Ms. Mule
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 7-0.

Public Works / Parks Committee; Jennie Denton, Chair

1. Motion to Authorize Pay Application #4 in the amount of \$108,308.81 for Sewer Lining and Smoke Testing to Insight Pipe from account 08.429.721.
Moved: Ms. Denton
Second: Mr. Ellis
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 7-0.

2. Motion to Authorize Pay Application #5 in the amount of \$74,931.86 for Sewer Lining and Smoke Testing to Insight Pipe from account 08.429.721.
Moved: Ms. Denton
Second: Ms. Mule
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 7-0.
3. Motion to Authorize Pay Application #6 in the amount of \$50,472.63 for Sewer Lining and Smoke Testing to Insight Pipe from account 08.429.721.
Moved: Ms. Denton
Second: Mr. Ellis
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 7-0.
4. Discussion: Closure of Memorial Park for winter.
 - Fence in Bayne Park was destroyed.
 - Suggest closing back half of the Park during winter
 - Vote at next Council meeting
5. Discussion: Closure of Summit Avenue steps for winter.
 - The stairs are damaged and unsafe; they will be closed until repairs can be started in the Spring. Ms. Dinger asked if there was a stair inventory; discussion was had.

Public Safety Committee; Russell Ellis, Chair

1. Discussion: Need to upgrade cameras on Borough system.
 - Mr. Ellis stated that upgraded cameras and support equipment are needed in the Jackson and Lincoln Avenue area and in Memorial Park. A quote will be presented at the next Safety Committee meeting. These are budgeted items.
2. Discussion: NFL Draft.
 - There was general agreement that the Borough should do something for the draft; would we want to involve Bona Fide Bellevue and/or Bellevue Forward.
 - Lincoln Brewery is planning a draft party and requests road closures for April 23-25.
3. Discussion: SCBA repairs.
 - SCBA needs repairs
 - Quote received
 - Budgeted under 411-249
 - Vote at next Council meeting

Unfinished Business:

- There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

- There was no new business.

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

- There was no public comment.

Executive Session

- There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President McKelvey adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST


James Kelly, Director of Administrative Services
Dan McKelvey, Council President