

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 16, 2009  
MINUTES**

President Coder called the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Bellevue to order 7:00 p.m. Council Members, J. Braunlich, D. Gillingham, S. Mosolansky, L. Woshner, K. Coder, L. Blaney-Stewart, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, Mayor Doscher, and the Solicitor were present. J. Walter was absent.

An Executive Session will be held before the end of the meeting for personnel matter. Then reconvene for any motions necessary.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Silent Invocation.

**VISITORS:**

Steve Eckert, 418 Dawson, Marketing Committee for the Growth Initiative, gave an update on the Marketing Committee. The group came up with recommendations of Town Hall meetings, signage, newsletters, and direct sales. The group felt they needed a theme and came up with “a beautiful site” which is the meaning of Bellevue in French. Theme being “Bellevue has possibility everywhere you look” Next month the committee will have graphics to show Council.

Connie Karaffa moved here in 2002 to Bellevue Gables. She discussed a situation with a tenant in the building who is causing a problem that Police have been involved with. She praised the police department for their quick response to the many calls by her and other residents of Bellevue Gables.

Michelle Smith, Hawley Avenue, here to discuss the Summer Solstice asking for same venue as last year for parking lot, pool, free swim, and Bayne Park, and sidewalk sale. Copies of information submitted October 26, 2008 through proper channels. Some discussion about date to be held, but it is an event that hi-lites the Borough facilities and encourages people to come to Bellevue. She stated she heard rumblings about people unhappy about car cruise. People will be coming from all around. Some kids activities planned, encouraging businesses to be out on the sidewalk that day. It is about Bellevue and introducing people to our town.

The reason for the Events Committee is to assist these organizations in planning their events, she stated.

Paul Cusick, N. Bryant, here on behalf of the Presbyterian Church. Stated timing needs to work with the businesses and parking work with church by placing signs to let people know when the street will close. Just a request, he stated.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from previous meeting of Council was presented. Ms. L. Blaney-Stewart made motion, seconded by Mr. Mosolansky to adopt the minutes. A voice vote was taken with L. Blaney-Stewart, Mr. Gillingham, Mr. Helbling, Mr. Kutschbach, Mr. Mosolansky, Mrs. Woshner and Mrs. Coder voted in favor. Mrs. Braunlich voted nay.

**MAYOR:**

The Mayor read a Proclamation for Mike Bookser, former Police Chief.

The Mayor read a resignation letter from Sgt. Richard Czapko effective June 12, 2009.

Mayor received a letter from current chief regarding his concern for traffic on Lincoln Avenue and N. Balph for the scheduled car cruise in May.

The March report of the Mayor was read, received and filed. A total collection for the month was \$12,961.46

**SOLICITOR:**

The March report of the Solicitor was read, received and filed.

**DAS REPORT:**

The March report of the DAS was read, received and filed.

The DAS noted that the two page report distributed is a list of items that needs to be completed prior to June 7<sup>th</sup> when the pool opens.

The DAS read the resignation of Lori Forbes, Accounting Clerk effective Friday, April 17, 2009.

The DAS explained that the Chief was instructed to get three quotes for carpet in the lounge which will be affected by the renovation. Lowest quote was Capella Flooring.

Motion made by Mr. Kutschbach, seconded by Ms. Blaney-Stewart to purchase carpet from Capella Flooring at a cost not to exceed \$1500.00 from the Bond Fund under the Building Renovations. Roll call vote taken, all in favor.

The DAS reminded Council that the Teamsters Contract for the Department of Public Works is up at the end of the year. A committee needs to be appointed to begin the Contract negotiations. Motion made by Mr. Gillingham, seconded by Mr. Kutschbach to appoint a committee and begin the negotiation talks. Roll call vote taken, all in favor.

After discussion, motion made by Mr. Kutschbach and seconded by Mr. Gillingham to prepare Administrative Code Amendment and Personnel

Code Amendment to the Ordinances for the various changes. Referred back to committee for review of the draft of the changes before public hearing is scheduled. Roll call vote taken, all in favor.

## **FINANCE**

Motion by Mr. Kutschbach, seconded by Mr. Mosolansky, to move the Fire Company money and the Rt 65 money to a CD at the bank with the best interest rate. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Motion by Mr. Helbling, seconded by Mr. Gillingham to rent office space at 8 Hawley Avenue during the renovation of the Borough building at a cost of \$375 per month plus electric and phone from the Bond Fund construction cost. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Motion by Mr. Helbling, seconded by Mr. Gillingham, to authorize the preparation of the Amendment to Ordinance 94-26 for the Act 77 to authorize Allegheny County to take over the responsibilities and charge a flat fee of \$25.00. Roll call vote, all in favor.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Motion by Mr. Kutschbach, seconded by Ms. Blaney-Stewart to offer free parking and to hang banner for Sidewalk Days and to use the electric box on North Sprague Avenue for the Chamber of Commerce. Roll call vote, all in favor

Motion made and withdrawn by Mr. Kutschbach to offer free parking for Summer Solstice. Discussion was held that the applicant for a non-borough event, i.e., Chamber of Commerce, BIG, Michelle Smith's organization all follow a set procedure in order for the Borough Council to review. This will be returned to Council at the next meeting.

Motion by Mr. Kutschbach, seconded by Ms. Blaney-Stewart to approve the submittal of the COPS grant application for the Police

Department. Roll call vote, Ms. Blaney-Stewart, Mr. Gillingham, Mr. Helbling, Mr. Kutschbach, Mr. Mosolansky, Mrs. Woshner, and Mrs. Coder voted in favor. Mrs. Braunlich voted nay.

Motion by Mr. Kutschbach, seconded by Ms. Blaney-Stewart to send the Chief, Matt Sentner, to the Annual Chief of Police Association Conference in Lancaster at a cost not to exceed \$910.00. Roll call vote all in favor.

Motion by Mr. Kutschbach, seconded by Ms. Blaney-Stewart to allow Duquesne Light place an 8x11 sign on pole at not charge. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Motion by Mr. Kutschbach, seconded by Ms. Blaney-Stewart to advertise and hire 8 summer laborers for the Department of Public Works retroactive to June due to timing of the meetings and advertising. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Motion by Mr. Kutschbach, seconded by Mr. Gillingham to approve Lumberjack Tree Service, Inc. to remove a tree at the Borough Office property at a cost of \$1,045.00 and \$125.00 to grind stump. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Motion by Mr. Kutschbach, seconded by Mr. Gillingham to prepare Resolution to hire George Bauer as a full-time Department of Public Works Laborer at a salary determined by the Union Contract, contingent on the background check and pre-employment information being satisfactory. Roll call vote, Ms. Blaney-Stewart, Mr. Gillingham, Mr. Helbling, Mr. Kutschbach, Mr. Mosolansky, Mrs. Woshner, and Mrs. Coder voted yes and Mrs. Braunlich vote nay.

## **PARKS & RECREATION**

Motion by Mr. Mosolansky, seconded by Mrs. Braunlich to authorize the purchase of paint for the pool at a cost not to exceed \$5,500.00 out of #452.252. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Motion by Mr. Mosolansky, seconded by Ms. Blaney-Stewart to prepare Resolution and hire Leisl Klicker as pool manager at a salary of \$7,000 with the possibility of a bonus at the end of summer, contingent on background check and pre-employment testing. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Motion by Mr. Mosolansky, seconded by Ms. Blaney-Stewart to prepare Resolution keeping the pool rates the same in 2009 as in 2008. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Motion by Mr. Mosolansky, seconded by Ms. Blaney-Stewart to authorize advertising for life guards and concession stand people. Roll call vote, all in favor. DAS will discuss with applicants if can keep the pool open until Labor Day.

Motion by Ms. Blaney-Stewart, seconded Mr. Mosolansky, to approve car cruise May 17 and the Summer Solstice from June 18 through 21<sup>st</sup>, contingent on receiving insurance and other information by April 29<sup>th</sup>. Roll call vote, all in favor

Motion by Mr. Mosolansky, seconded by Mrs. Woshner to approve a free one day pass for 4 people for Summer Solstice contingent upon Summer Solstice taking place. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Motion by Mr. Mosolansky, seconded by Ms. Blaney-Stewart to approve free one day pass for 4 people for the Bellevue Christian Church. Mayor requested the motion be rescinded. Motion was rescinded.

Motion by Mr. Mosolansky, seconded by Mr. Kutschbach to purchase mulch at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 from account #451.375. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Motion by Mr. Helbling, seconded by Ms. Blaney-Stewart for Farmer's Market to start May 27<sup>th</sup> and go until October, pending all requirements including insurance be submitted. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Ms. Blaney-Stewart discussed that AECOM, a local engineering company, donated their time to prepare an architectural plan to accompany a grant application. Discussion ensued. The Park and Recreation Committee met with this individual and the committee is now advising the rest of Council of the plan. Mrs. Woshner and Mrs. Braunlich did not agree, Mrs. Coder stated "if we miss out on the time frames to apply then so be it".

Ms. Blaney-Stewart, Mr. Gillingham, Mr. Helbling and Mr. Kutschbach left the meeting at this time. Mr. Kutschbach then came back into the meeting.

## **BILLS**

Mrs. Woshner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kutschbach to pay the bills. Roll call vote, Mrs. Braunlich, nay; Mr. Kutschbach, Mr. Mosolansky, Mrs. Woshner, Mrs. Coder voted yes.

Meeting adjourned due to no quorum at 10:00 p.m. Therefore, the remaining agenda was not acted upon.

Respectfully Submitted

Connie Flasher

Secretary