

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2008
MINUTES**

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

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

VISITORS:

Aaron Stuba from the Lincoln Barber Shop stated he wanted see about using the Hawley Avenue parking lot to have a Farmers Market. He stated he does not need to use that parking lot if Council feels there is a better location, but he would like to see this happen since it would bring further business into Bellevue. He explained he needs to come up for some type of fee for this but he wanted to see how Council felt about this. L. Woshner questioned the DAS to see if there is a fee for using the parking lot. The DAS stated she is unaware of any fees for using the parking lot. Mr. Stuba explained further how the Farmers Market would be handled. There was discussion. The DAS stated she questions the loss of revenue from the meters. S. Mosolansky asked if it would be possible to have it Bayne Park in the future. There was discussion about how long the parking lot would need to be closed for. Mr. Stuba stated it will be held every Wednesday. There was discussion about whether any of the fees would be given to the Borough for the usage of the parking lot. L. Woshner questioned if there any resolutions or ordinances needed in order to do this. Ms. Connie Rankin stated there is mercantile tax the Borough will be loosing as well the Borough should be able to use the Solicitation Permit Ordinance in order to collect money and set the fees. There was further discussion about whether a motion can be made in this meeting to authorize this per the in accordance with the Solicitation Permit Ordinance. The Solicitor stated as long as the motion outlines the condition of the Ordinance they will be enforcing. Council stated they will review the Ordinance and then make a decision.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the previous meetings of Council from July were presented. L. Blaney-Stewart seconded by S. Mosolansky made a motion to adopt the minutes. A voice vote was

taken with L. Blaney-Stewart, J. Braunlich, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, L. Woshner all voted in favor. Motion carries.

MAYOR:

The July report of the Mayor was read, received and filed. A total collection for the month was \$15,777.61.

SOLICITOR:

The July report of the Solicitor was read, received and filed. There was discussion about Sheriff Selling various properties due to lack of payment on real estate taxes as well as various other outstanding fees. The Solicitor explained to Council how the Sheriff Sale process would work. L. Woshner stated she would like this to be discussed further at the Finance Committee

DAS REPORT:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The July report of the Treasurer was read, received and filed.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

The July report for the Elected Tax Collector was received and filed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The July report of the Finance Committee was presented to Council by M. Helbling. A copy of the minutes is attached. There are no motions to be made at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

The July report of the Public Safety Committee was presented to Council by M. Kutschbach. A copy of the minutes is attached.

M. Kutschbach seconded by L. Blaney-Stewart made a motion to lease an Explorer as the new police vehicle at a cost of \$7,500.00 the first year as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. S. Mosolansky questioned if there is any way to lease for 6 months rather than a year. Chief Sentner explained to the Committee the reason why it would be beneficial to lease rather than purchase a Police vehicle. L. Woshner stated she would like it to be researched further and then a recommendation to be given to Council. M. Kutschbach stated this was already done and he explained what Chief Sentner had presented to the Committee

and why it was beneficial to lease rather than purchasing a vehicle. There was discussion by Council. M. Helbling asked if this is something that needs to be purchases or if it can wait. Chief Sentner stated he needs a vehicle as soon as possible. There was discussion as to why Chief Sentner wanted the Explorer rather than a Crown Victorian. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, J. Braunlich, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach and S. Mosolansky all voted in favor. L. Woshner voted against. Motion carries.

M. Kutschbach seconded by L. Blaney-Stewart made a motion to purchase computer mobile terminals for the Police Cars at a cost of approximately \$8,000. J. Braunlich questioned where this money will be coming from to purchase these and she would like this to be put back to the Committee to be discussed further. M. Kutschbach stated it was to be taken out of the bond. There was discussion by Council. Chief Sentner explained to Council what type of research he did to find the information to present it to the Public Safety Committee. There was further discussion by Council. M. Helbling questioned if Chief Sentner could wait to purchase these. Chief Sentner stated he could. He continued to provide to Council the how he researched to find the prices. Council decided they will refer this back to the Committee for further research. M. Kutschbach withdrew his motion.

M. Kutschbach seconded by L. Blaney-Stewart made a motion to recommend using Mike Joyce's Towing company in emergency situations as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. S. Mosolansky stated the Mike Joyce's towing company has been working for the Borough for 20 years. He further explained to Council how the company has helped the Borough. He stated this company has done good things for the Borough. K. Coder stated she has contacted the other company the Borough was looking at and they had said the Borough would not receive any benefit with changing companies. L. Woshner stated she would like to know the Borough residents have a cap amount of what they will be charged. There was discussion by Council. The DAS stated every case is different so the amounts he quoted were the basic prices. She stated the Borough cannot tell him he cannot charge any more for a tow. There was further discussion by Council. C. Coder asked how many complaints the Borough has received about Mike Joyce's towing company. L. Woshner stated there is no one keeping track of this information. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, J. Braunlich, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach and S. Mosolansky all voted in favor. L. Woshner voted against. Motion carries.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

The July report of the Public Works Committee was presented to Council by M. Kutschbach. A copy of the minutes is attached. There are no motions to be made at this time.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

The July report of the Parks and Recreation Committee was not available due to there not being a quorum present. M. Helbling questioned if the pool can be open until Labor Day. The DAS stated there are no lifeguards present that are able to be scheduled after the August 23rd weekend.

BUILDING COMMITTEE:

M. Helbling seconded by L. Blaney-Stewart made a motion to purchase blinds from Budget Blinds at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00. L. Blaney-Stewart, J. Braunlich, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, and L. Woshner all voted in favor. Motion carries.

IT COMMITTEE:

Nothing at this time.

PENSION MEETING:

Nothing at this time.

TRI-BOROUGH:

Nothing at this time.

COG:

Nothing at this time.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

Nothing at this time.

FIRE SERVICES:

Nothing at this time.

THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER:

Nothing at this time.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Nothing at this time.

BIDS:

M. Kutschbach seconded by L. Blaney-Stewart made a motion to award the Road Paving Bid to T. A. Robinson at a cost of \$160,123.55 as recommended by Public Works and the Borough Engineer. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, J. Braunlich, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, L. Woshner all voted in favor. Motion carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nothing at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLEVUE, A HOME RULE CHARTER MUNICIPALITY, COMMITTING THE BOROUGH OF BELLEVUE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2004 JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RECOMMENDATION was read. L. Woshner seconded by L. Blaney-Stewart made a motion to adopt the Resolution. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, S. Mosolansky and L. Woshner all voted in favor. J. Braunlich and M. Kutschbach was absent for the vote. Motion carries. Resolution is adopted as 34-08.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLEVUE, A HOME RULE CHARTER MUNICIPALITY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPLICATION TO THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FUNDS TO BE APPLIED TO THE REMOVAL OF VACANT AND DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES was read. S. Mosolansky seconded by L. Blaney-Stewart made a motion to adopt the Resolution. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, S. Mosolansky and L. Woshner all voted in favor. J. Braunlich and M. Kutschbach was absent for the vote. Motion carries. Resolution is adopted as 35-08.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLEVUE, A HOME RULE CHARTER MUNICIPALITY, PUBLICLY EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MICHAEL BOOKSER, FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO THE CITIZENS OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLEVUE was read. L. Blaney-Stewart seconded by S. Mosolansky made a motion to

adopt the Resolution. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, S. Mosolansky and L. Woshner all voted in favor. J. Braunlich and M. Kutschbach was absent for the vote. Motion carries. Resolution is adopted as 36-08.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLEVUE, A HOME RULE CHARTER MUNICIPALITY, EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MURL THOMPSON, FOR THIRTY-FIVE (35) YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH OF BELLEVUE was read. L. Blaney-Stewart seconded by M. Helbling made a motion to adopt the Resolution. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, S. Mosolansky and L. Woshner all voted in favor. J. Braunlich and M. Kutschbach was absent for the vote. Motion carries. Resolution is adopted as 37-08.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLEVUE, A HOME RULE CHARTER MUNICIPALITY, AUTHORIZING THE DRAWING OF WARRANTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL AND THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND SECRETARY, FOR REFUNDS OF REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE TO OVERPAYMENT AND REDUCTION IN ASSESSMENT was read. S. Mosolansky seconded by D. Gillingham made a motion to adopt the Resolution. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, S. Mosolansky and L. Woshner all voted in favor. J. Braunlich and M. Kutschbach was absent for the vote. Motion carries. Resolution is adopted as 38-08.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLEVUE, A HOME RULE CHARTER MUNICIPALITY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE HIRING OF THE TEMPORARY SUMMER EMPLOYEE TO BE EMPLOYED IN THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BELLEVUE MEMORIAL PARK SWIMMING POOL was read. S. Mosolansky made a motion that was seconded to adopt the Resolution. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, S. Mosolansky and L. Woshner all voted in favor. J. Braunlich and M. Kutschbach was absent for the vote. Motion carries. Resolution is adopted as 39-08.

ORDINANCES:

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Gillingham formally wanted to thank the Volunteer Fire Company and the Police Department for their participation in the National Night out events. There was discussion by

Council about having a resolution written to thank a volunteer fire department individual that is leaving the Borough for his years of service.

M. Helbling made a motion to permit the Farmers Market to section off the back portion of the Hawley Avenue municipal parking lot and the first section of Hawley Avenue in accordance to the Solicitation Ordinance and fees beginning on August 20th and held every Wednesday until October 1, 2008 from 2:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on a trial basis. There was discussion by Council. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, J. Braunlich, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, L. Woshner all voted in favor. Motion carries.

LETTERS:

Nothing at this time.

LIST OF BILLS:

L. Blaney-Stewart seconded by S. Mosolansky made a motion to pay the bills as approved by the various Committees. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, J. Braunlich, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, L. Woshner all voted in favor. Motion carries.

VISITORS:

There are no citizens present that wish to speak.

ADJOURN:

S. Mosolansky seconded by L. Blaney-Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, J. Braunlich, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, L. Woshner all voted in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Connie Flasher

Secretary