

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 4, 2008
MINUTES

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

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

VISITORS:

Paul Bingham from Senator Fontana's Office introduced himself to Council.

Michelle Smith from 104 S. Euclid Avenue questioned Council about who is responsible for the trees along the streets, whether it is the Borough or the property owners. She stated that there are a number of old trees that line her street that need to be maintained. She asked if it can be determined who is going to be responsible for the maintenance of the trees on the berm.

L. Woshner stated that there is not a Shade Tree Ordinance any longer and she believes that it is the responsibility of the property owners to maintain those trees. There was further discussion by Council. L. Woshner questioned the Solicitor that while the Borough is investigating who is responsible for maintaining the trees could the resident contact the CEO if there is a dangerous situation. The Solicitor stated that in the past if there is a dangerous situation the Borough has taken care of it even though it may not have been our responsibility. He stated that he would review our ordinances and to make a recommendation to Council.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the previous meeting of Council were presented. S. Mosolanksy made a motion that was seconded to adopt the minutes. A voice vote was taken with J. Braunlich, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolanksy, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voting in favor. D. Gillingham was absent for the vote.

MAYOR:

The February report of the Mayor was read, received and filed. A total collection for the month was \$ 12,264.55.

SOLICITOR:

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

DAS REPORT:

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

There was discussion by Council about some issues that were notated on the report.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer read the February report and a copy is attached for review.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

The February report for the Elected Tax Collector was not received since there was no collection for the month.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The February report of the Finance Committee was read by M. Helbling. A copy of the minutes is attached.

M. Helbling seconded by S. Mosolanksy made a motion to authorize the DAS to forward a draft Resolution for phone attendance at meetings to the Solicitor as recommended by the Finance Committee. L. Woshner stated that she will vote nay due the fact that long distance phone calls were not addressed at the Pre-Council meeting and she believes that those costs should be the responsibility of the Council member that is unable to attend. Mayor Doscher questioned what the reason is for this resolution. The Solicitor stated that this is to allow Council members to attend a meeting and be considered present at that meeting when they attend via phone. He stated that he will have to review to see if it is meant for a temporary situations or situations that are more permanent. There was further discussion by Council. Mayor Doscher questioned what the protocol is and how it is being accommodated if there is more than one Council member absent that would want to attend via phone. The DAS stated that the Borough could conference call two Council Members at one time, but if there are more absent that want to be contacted there still could be a problem. M. Helbling made a motion to table the motion. A voice vote commenced with J. Braunlich, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolanksy and J. Walter all voting in favor. L. Woshner voted against. Motion carries. Motion is tabled.

M. Helbling seconded by J. Walter made a motion to authorize the expenditure for Linda Woshner and Mark Helbling to attend the ALOM Conference as recommended by the Finance Committee. A roll call commenced with J. Braunlich, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolanksy, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voting in favor. Motion carries.

M. Helbling seconded by S. Mosolanksy made a motion to appoint Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood LLP to audit the Borough's books for the year 2007 at a cost of \$10,400 and if additional work is necessary then the Borough will be charged on a hourly basis as recommended by the Finance Committee. A roll call commenced with J. Braunlich, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolanksy, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voting in favor. Motion carries.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

The February report of the Public Safety Committee was read by J. Walter. A copy of the minutes is attached.

J. Walter seconded by M. Kutschbach made a motion to purchase foam for the fire trucks at a cost not to exceed \$2,300.00 as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. A roll call commenced with J. Braunlich, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolanksy, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voting in favor. Motion carries.

J. Walter seconded by M. Kutschbach made a motion to purchase ammo for the year at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 as budgeted as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. A roll call commenced with J. Braunlich, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolanksy, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voting in favor. Motion carries.

J. Walter seconded by M. Kutschbach made a motion to purchase law updates at a cost not to exceed \$500.00 as budgeted as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. A roll call commenced with J. Braunlich, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolanksy, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voting in favor. Motion carries.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

The February report of the Public Works Committee was read. A copy of the minutes is attached.

M. Kutschbach seconded by J. Walter made a motion to purchase dump truck at a cost of \$65,000 from the CIP Budget as recommended by the Public Works Committee. M. Kutschbach withdrew his motion.

M. Kutschbach seconded by J. Walter made a motion to purchase dump truck at a cost of \$65,000 from the CIP Budget if an AIM Loan is not available as recommended by the Public Works Committee. A roll call commenced with J. Braunlich, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voting in favor. D. Gillingham voted against. Motion carries.

M. Kutschbach seconded by J. Walter made a motion to purchase a lawn tractor, trailer, and backhoe with an AIM Loan in the amount of \$75,000 as recommended by the Public Works Committee. S. Mosolansky questioned what would happen if an AIM loan is unable to be obtained. M. Kutschbach stated that the Borough would go for a plan B which will be addressed once the AIM loan is unable to be obtained. A roll call commenced with J. Braunlich, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voting in favor. Motion carries.

M. Kutschbach seconded by J. Walter made a motion to purchase a lift to work on the vehicles as budgeted from line item 430.374 of the 2008 budget at a cost of \$15,500 as recommended by the Public Works Committee. A roll call commenced with J. Braunlich, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voting in favor. Motion carries.

M. Kutschbach seconded by J. Walter made a motion to direct the Solicitor and Engineer/Surveyor to proceed with a survey on Maryland Avenue as recommended by the Public Works Committee. A roll call commenced with J. Braunlich, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voting in favor. Motion carries.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

The February report of the Parks and Recreation Committee was read by S. Mosolansky. A copy of the minutes is attached.

S. Mosolansky seconded by M. Kutschbach made a motion to advertise for a part-time Library Patron Researcher as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Committee. A roll call commenced with J. Braunlich, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voting in favor. Motion carries.

S. Mosolansky seconded by M. Kutschbach made a motion for the Library windows to be placed out for bid with the specifications that there are to be individual bids for each of the four sides and a single bid for the entire building, with a note that there could be a one to two year delay after the bids are opened while the financing is being obtained as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Committee. J. Walter stated that he doesn't know if it would be the best way to handle the situation to ask companies to present bids to the Borough when there would be a delay in completing the work. He stated that there may be differences in price due to the delay in the time frame from when the bid was received and the work would be completed. He suggested in letting them know it is informational purposes, rather than asking for bids. He stated that he feels that this would be wasting money. L. Woshner stated that this cost information needs to be given in order to get the grant. J. Walter stated that it would possibly be more appropriate to get quotes with cost estimates from the contractors rather than asking for bids. There was further discussion by Council about whether it

would be better to place it out for proposal rather than bid. S. Mosolansky stated that due to the information he would like to withdrawn his motion. Motion was withdrawn.

S. Mosolansky seconded by J. Walter made a motion for the Library windows to be placed out for proposals with the specifications that there are to be individual proposals for each of the four sides and a single proposal for the entire building as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Committee. A roll call commenced with J. Braunlich, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voting in favor. Motion carries.

BUILDING COMMITTEE:

M. Helbling seconded by J. Walter made a motion to have Dean's Plastering do the work on the upstairs at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 as recommended by the Building Committee. D. Gillingham questioned if the Building Committee has come up with a long term plan. M. Helbling stated that they are compiling this at this point. A roll call commenced with J. Braunlich, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voting in favor. D. Gillingham voted against. Motion carries.

IT COMMITTEE:

J. Braunlich seconded by S. Mosolansky made a motion to purchase 9 work station computers at a cost of \$800 each not to exceed \$7,200 and 3 manager computers at a cost of \$1,000 each not to exceed \$3,000 out of bond funds as recommended by the IT Committee. J. Walter questioned if there is an overall plan with the Technology purchases. The DAS stated that there is dire need for the equipment in various departments. She stated that this is apart of the money that was originally allocated for this project. A roll call commenced with J. Braunlich, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voting in favor. Motion carries.

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.

BIDS:

Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nothing at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLEVUE, A HOME RULE CHARTER MUNICIPALITY, RE-APPOINTING THOMAS HRYNDA TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLEVUE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008, FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2008, TO JANUARY 1, 2011 was read.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Resolution. A roll call commenced with J. Braunlich, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolanksy, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voting in favor. Motion carries. Resolution is adopted as 10-08.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLEVUE, A HOME RULE CHARTER MUNICIPALITY, RE-APPOINTING ELLA RESHKO TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLEVUE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008, FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2008 TO JANUARY 1, 2011 was read.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Resolution. A roll call commenced with J. Braunlich, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolanksy, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voting in favor. Motion carries. Resolution is adopted as 11-08.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLEVUE, A HOME RULE CHARTER MUNICIPALITY, AUTHORIZING DRAWING OF WARRANTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL AND THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND SECRETARY, FOR REFUNDS OF REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE TO REDUCTION IN ASSESSMENT VALUES was read.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Resolution. A roll call commenced with J. Braunlich, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolanksy, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voting in favor. Motion carries. Resolution is adopted as 12-08.

ORDINANCES:

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

L. Woshner appointed David Gillingham as the Borough representative for the Allegheny County Borough's Association conference that will be held on September 8, 2008.

L. Woshner stated that she will be the representative for the Chamber of Commerce.

LETTERS:

Nothing at this time.

LIST OF BILLS:

M. Kutschbach seconded by S. Mosolansky made a motion to pay the bills as approved by the various Committees. A voice vote was taken with J. Braunlich, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolanksy, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voting in favor. Motion carries.

VISITORS:

There are no visitors present that wish to speak

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

L. Woshner stated that there will be an Executive Session to discuss and possibly take action on a Police Department Grievance that was filed and will reconvene afterwards.

There was no decision made as a result of the discussion during the Executive Session.

ADJOURN:

There was a motion made that was seconded to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken with J. Braunlich, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolanksy, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voting in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Connie Flasher
Secretary