

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 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, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, J. Walter, L. Woshner, Mayor Doscher and the Solicitor were present.

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

VISITORS:

Mr. Rich Furis from 60 S. Bryant Avenue stated to Council he is a Borough representative for the Joint Planning Commission. He reported to Council that at the last meeting he was informed that a letter along with the proposed Tri-Borough Zoning Ordinance will be sent to the Borough. He stated this letter will be requesting the Borough's Planning Commission to send the proposed Zoning Ordinance to Allegheny County. He also stated that the letter will also be asking each participating Council to have a Public Hearing to hear public comment about the Tri-Borough Zoning Ordinance. He noted that the proposed Tri-Borough Zoning Ordinance is a good strong ordinance and Bellevue's concerns were addressed within this ordinance.

Mr. Furis further stated that he has also heard rumors about Council's intentions to vote Linda Woshner out of the position of Council President. He explained that this type of action should be only done due to gross errors or for the betterment of the Borough and not because of personality conflicts. He explained how he believes she is very competent as well as organized and if there are personality conflicts it is not a valid reason to remove her from the position.

Mrs. Woshner encouraged the Council members to review the Tri-Borough Zoning Ordinance and provide input since this will be the Zoning Ordinance for the Borough once adopted.

Mr. Tom Hrynda from 523 Roosevelt Avenue stated he also heard a rumor about Linda Woshner being removed as Council President. He stated that he feels Council should focus more on the Borough's duties because he feels they are not doing their job, rather than stabbing people in the back.

Ms. Christine King from 657 Orchard Avenue formally thanked the Borough for fixing a bench that she had seen needed repaired. She also expressed to Council her safety concerns due to a lack of Police presence within the Borough.

Ms. Gretchen Null from 105 N. Jackson Avenue expressed to Council her concerns about the increase in crime. She stated she does not feel safe and would like to also see an increase in the Police presence.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the previous meetings of Council from October were presented. J. Braunlich 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, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voted in favor. Motion carries.

MAYOR:

The October report of the Mayor was read, received and filed. A total collection for the month was \$16,704.04.

Mayor Doscher presented to the Council the proposed budget for 2009.

SOLICITOR:

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

DAS REPORT:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

The October report of the Elected Tax Collector was received and filed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The October 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 October Public Safety Committee meeting was not held due to lack of a quorum.

J. Braunlich seconded by J. Walter made a motion to suspend feeding the meters on Lincoln Avenue and in the Municipal Parking Lots from Thanksgiving to Christmas after 10:00 a.m. as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, J. Braunlich, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voted in favor. Motion carries.

L. Blaney-Stewart seconded by S. Mosolansky made a motion to hire William Hartman in the position of Firefighter subject to favorable results in passing the required physicals prior to employment as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, J. Braunlich, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voted in favor. Motion carries.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

The October report of the Public Works Committee was presented to Council by M. Kutschbach. There are no motions to be made at this time.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

The October report of the Parks and Recreation Committee was presented to Council by S. Mosolansky. A copy of the minutes is attached. There are no motions to be made at this time.

IT COMMITTEE:

Nothing at this time.

TRI-BOROUGH:

The October report of the Tri-Borough Committee was presented to Council by J. Braunlich.

J. Braunlich seconded by L. Blaney-Stewart made a motion to forward the proposed Tri-Borough Zoning Ordinance to Allegheny County and the surrounding Municipalities for their review under the guidelines of the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code guidelines as recommended by the Tri-Borough Committee. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, J. Braunlich, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voted in favor. Motion carries.

PENSION COMMITTEE:

L. Blaney-Stewart seconded by D. Gillingham made a motion to appoint Trollinger Consulting Group as the Borough's Pension investment company as recommended by the Pension Committee. L. Woshner explained to Council why she opposes using Trollinger Consulting Group as the Borough's pension investment company. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky and J. Walter all voted in favor. J. Braunlich and L. Woshner voted against. Motion carries.

BUILDING COMMITTEE:

M. Helbling seconded L. Blaney-Stewart made a motion to proceed with the architectural design, development and contracting on the bidding of the Municipal Building based upon the current design as recommended by the Building Committee. J. Walter expressed his concern

about renovating the third floor if it will not be consistently used. M. Helbling stated that this motion is to move forward at this point but there would possibly be changes made to the design. M. Helbling explained to Council why the drawings show Council chambers on the third floor. There was further discussion by Council. L. Woshner questioned whether or not there will be space for office rentals on the third floor in the future. The DAS stated there is not enough space currently because it will be used for storage, but if budget and space allows in the future it can be renovated to be used as office space. There was discussion by Council about the Borough's heating system that will be installed. The DAS stated the authorization right now will allow for the architect to move beyond the drawings and compile estimated construction costs. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, J. Braunlich, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voted in favor. Motion carries.

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:

Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nothing at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL 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 VALUE was presented.

L. Blaney-Stewart seconded by S. Mosolansky made a motion to adopt the Resolution. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, J. Braunlich, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M.

Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voted in favor. Motion carries. Resolution is adopted as 43-08.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLEVUE, A HOME RULE CHARTER MUNICIPALITY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE HIRING OF WILLIAM HARTMAN IN THE POSITION OF FIRE FIGHTER was presented.

L. Blaney-Stewart seconded by S. Mosolansky made a motion to adopt the Resolution. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, J. Braunlich, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voted in favor. Motion carries. Resolution is adopted as 44-08. The DAS stated he will be starting work on November 24, 2008.

ORDINANCES:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLEVUE, A HOME RULE CHARTER MUNICIPALITY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 07-12, KNOWN AS THE "NUISANCE TENANT ORDINANCE", ENACTED ON NOVEMBER 7, 2007 was presented.

L. Blaney-Stewart seconded by S. Mosolansky made a motion to adopt the Ordinance. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voted in favor. J. Braunlich voted against. Motion carries. Ordinance is adopted as 08-13.

NEW BUSINESS:

L. Blaney-Stewart seconded by D. Gillingham made a motion to advertise for the budget review sessions that will be held on December 12, 13 & 15th. A voice vote was taken with L. Blaney-Stewart, J. Braunlich, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voted in favor. Motion carries.

L. Blaney-Stewart seconded by J. Walter made a motion to pay the final payment for the Phase II Sanitary Sewer project to State Pipe at a cost of \$54,512.50. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, J. Braunlich, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voted in favor. Motion carries.

M. Helbling explained to Council that at the last Council meeting a motion to place 37 Greenough Avenue up for Sheriff Sale was made. M. Helbling explained to Council why the original agreement for sewage was not upheld by the owners. He explained that the property owner had contacted him and stated there was some confusion about the payment arrangement that was made. He stated he was asked to reconsider the payment plan. He stated he would like to revisit this issue. The DAS explained to Council what payments were made and explained that the owner had thought that they had entered into another agreement which was

not formalized through the Administrative Office. The Solicitor further explained to Council what provisions were in the original agreement. There was discussion by Council. Council decided they would like to have this brought back to the Finance Committee.

J. Walter seconded by D. Gillingham made a motion to re-organize Council to appoint a new Council President and Vice-President. L. Woshner explained to the Council what she had accomplished since her appointment to Council President. There was discussion by Council as to why there was a motion to re-organize Council. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Kutschbach, J. Walter all voted in favor. J. Braunlich, M. Helbling, S. Mosolansky and L. Woshner all voted against. Motion carries.

J. Braunlich seconded by L. Woshner made a motion to appoint L. Woshner as the Council President. A roll call commenced with J. Braunlich, M. Helbling and L. Woshner all voting in favor. L. Blaney-Stewart, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky and J. Walter all voted against. Motion fails.

L. Blaney-Stewart seconded by J. Walter made a motion to appoint Kathy Coder as the Council President. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky and J. Walter all voted in favor. J. Braunlich, M. Helbling and L. Woshner all voted against. Motion carries.

J. Walter made a motion that was seconded to nominate L. Blaney-Stewart as Vice-President. A roll call commenced with L. Blaney-Stewart, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky and J. Walter all voted in favor. J. Braunlich and L. Woshner voted against. Motion carries.

K. Coder stated she would like to appoint Council Members to the Committees at a later time after meeting with each one individually.

LETTERS:

Nothing at this time.

LIST OF BILLS:

S. Mosolansky seconded by L. Blaney-Stewart 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, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voted in favor. Motion carries.

VISITORS:

There are no citizens present that wish to speak.

ADJOURN:

L. Blaney-Stewart made a motion that was seconded to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken with L. Blaney-Stewart, J. Braunlich, K. Coder, D. Gillingham, M. Helbling, M. Kutschbach, S. Mosolansky, J. Walter and L. Woshner all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Connie Flasher".

Connie Flasher

Secretary

