

BELLE VERNON BOROUGH
March 17, 2026

The regular meeting of the Belle Vernon Council was called to order at 6:00pm on Tuesday February 17, 2026. Present were, Cliff Gorski, Frank Monack, Denise Stasko, Ed Stasko Sr. and Mike Amoroso. Also, present was, Steven Collinet, Mayor Gerald Jackson, Engineer, Conner Tuttle, Solicitor, Krisha DiMascio was on the phone and Borough Administrator Alison Figueroa.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES - Motion by Frank Monack and seconded by Denise Stasko to approve the minutes from the special meeting, the reorganization meeting, and the regular meeting. All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT - was read by Cliff Gorski with revenues of \$85,517.60 and expenses of \$97,606.00 for January Motion by Frank Monack and seconded by Mike Amoroso to approve the treasurers report for informational purposes only. All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion by Mike Amoroso and seconded by Ed Stasko to pay General Fund expense checks in the amount of \$33,158.13 All in Favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion by Ed Stasko and seconded by Frank Monack to approve automatic payments in the amount of \$58,986.86 All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion by Ed Stasko and seconded by Frank Monack to pay \$7,957.64 from the General Fund for payroll. Mike Amoroso abstains from all paychecks written to Stephen Amoroso All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion made by Denise Stasko and seconded by Mike Amoroso to pay PLGIT checks for the total amount of \$503.78 Check #1327 is VOID All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion made by Ed Stasko and seconded by Frank Monack to approve \$6000.00 transfer from Sewer Loan Fund to General Fund for 2025 expenses All in Favor Roll Call. Motion Passed.

Motion made by Frank Monack and seconded by Denise Stasko to approve \$7500.00 transfer from Police Fund to General Fund for SWRPD expenses All in Favor Roll Call. Motion Passed.

Motion made by Mike Amoroso and seconded by Frank Monack to approve \$8000.00 transfer from Police Fund to General Fund for SWRPD services. All in Favor Roll Call. Motion Passed

Motion made by Ed Stasko and seconded by Frank Monack to pass Resolution #1 of 2026 for MMVTA local match of \$1232.00 for state operating financial assistance. All in Favor Roll Call. Motion Passed.

Motion made by Denise Stasko and seconded by Mike Amoroso to go into executive session. All in Favor Motion Passed.

Motion made by Ed Stasko and seconded by Frank Monack to exit executive session. All in Favor Roll Call. Motion Passed

Motion made by Mike Amoroso and seconded by Frank Monack to appoint Krisha DiMascio as the Borough Solicitor All in favor Roll Call. Motion Passed

CORRESPONDENCE –

BVB will host Tri County Boro Meeting in March

MBM Ethics Memo

MBM Sidewalk Parking Memo

Status of Trash Collection Bid Process

AGENDA:

Motion to transfer \$6k from sewer loan fund to general fund for 2025 expense

Motion to transfer \$7500 from police fund to general fund for SWRPD expenses

Motion to appoint a Solicitor

Motion to transfer \$8k from police fund to general fund for SWRPD services

Motion to approve Resolution #1 or 2026 for MMVTA matching state funds \$1232

MAYORS REPORT- Mayor thanks all our volunteers for all they do, thanking Mr. Exley for volunteering to make the pancakes at Saint Sebastian Shrove Tuesday. He also says we were ahead of winter storm by posting No parking on main street to be able to clear snow efficiently and will be lifting the State of Emergency disaster that was declared on January 25th 2026. Lastly Kudos to our Volunteer Firemen on the recent fire we had on Broad Ave.

JR. COUNCIL REPORT- Steven Collinet reports that he asked BVASD students about concerns/issues and received 25 complaints, some on bus drivers being reported. He also said he asked the principal why there is no librarian and what can be done with all the books, he is connecting with local libraries in the area in hopes to distribute books to them.

STREETS AND SEWERS REPORT – Ed Stasko states we had a rough 4-5 days during the winter storm and some people couldn't get to work but Road Crew did a good job clearing snow.

Mike Frederick expressed his concern that we only have one vehicle for snow plowing in the borough and doesn't want us to be in a situation as other boroughs that have had to hire outside help if vehicle is not operable. Conner and Cliff both respond that we have submitted grants for new vehicles and taking out a loan is optional as well.

FINANCE REPORT – Denise asks about the \$2650.00 in the budget for Mayor, and Cliff explains that it is only a line and not an expense, as Mayor declined to receive compensation for monthly meetings, motion failed to pass. Mayor stated there is a \$6500 line in budget for Council that will be an expense.

FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS -Rick reads fire report and says they had a crew at the fire dept. 24/7 during the 3-day winter storm. He thanks BV Road Crew for clearing snow so they can get in/out, also mentions Lent starts February 18th and to support your local non-profits like churches and VFWs.

Chief Williams of SWRPD states his main focus is to recruit new officers, and slowing speeders down on Main Street, Colombus and Blind Lane. Denise asks him what the numbers on his report clarify and if he could list citations and provide more of a breakdown in detail. Ed asks about the status of vehicles on Main that need moved, and Chief responds that Ron tags them and reports to him when they need moved.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT- Walt Ziembra suggested to top off and cut back some of the trees near Brewer.

ENGINEERS REPORT- KLH mentions DCNR Grant that is available to apply for additional funds for Brewer Project to be done all at once, and if received we can use the initial grant as the required match, council agrees to add to the next meeting agenda.

SOLICITORS REPORT- Krisha states she is in conversation with USI regarding invoices for a pension that was sold off in 2024 and will have a response for next meeting. She says that sealed bids for garbage hauler are to be received by the next meeting as well.

TRANSIT AUTHORITY REPORT –Fred Exley reports that state funding for transit authorities has been reduced, there are 18 communities that support matching funds from the state. The state grant is a primary source of funds. He also says fees are based on service miles, and ridership and that no funds are received from Fayette County.

OLD BUSINESS-