

BELLE VERNON BOROUGH

June 16, 2026

The regular meeting of the Belle Vernon Council was called to order at 6:00pm on Tuesday April 21, 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, Ryan and Borough Administrator, Alison Figueroa.

PUBLIC COMMENT Gene Pasterick of 5 Graham Ave, states water damage overflow from neighboring property. The house does not have downspouts and needs fixed. Mayor states he will speak to the owner. Gene says he will provide pictures if needed.

Fred Exley states he and his wife, June have been residents for 62 years at 35 Wood Street and he has been blessed with leadership roles and would like to see a discussion and consideration of community of boroughs collaborating. He says our kids go to school together, our fire depts work together. Fred holds up a rope and says we are stronger when banded together.

Shirley Matrozzi of 229 Water Street states the neighbor's house does not have any gutters and the water damage is flooding her basement and has caused bubbling to the walls, creating a mold issue. She will provide pictures if needed. Mayor states he will contact the owner of the property in question.

John Saxberg of 571 Main Street requests council look into property damage that he presented bills to borough over 5 months ago, it still continues to flood when it rains, He claims he has spent \$13k out of pocket and wants reimbursed as he has since put the property in his name as it was not in his name when damage and expense occurred. Mayor sent the engineer to look at the property and Cliff stated the solicitor will look into it as well, and make a determination.

Ralph Jennings asks about the progress at Brewer Field as to why and when it will begin and why it has not started yet? Council responds that they decided to apply for an additional grant to cover the match in the first grant to be able to do the entire project at once, and will not know if the grant is awarded until the end of this year.

Dave Bitonti of Earthwise Environmental questions the current contract in place and when it expires. He provides a copy of a contract stating that it expired March 1st 2026, and clarifies that Earthwise has the right to refuse to continue to pick up trash for the remaining days left until the new hauler/contract begins and if they continue to pick up, they will do so at a rate of \$27.75 per unit/month. Alison states that the previous contract expired in March of 2023, and was extended for a 3-month period of April May & June of 2023 which explains why the current 3-year contract began July 1st 2023 and ends June 30, 2026. Council briefly reads over paperwork and gives it to Solicitor Ryan to determine a solution. Council asks Alison to provide contract information and dates to confirm accurate information.

MINUTES - Motion by Mike Amoroso and seconded by Frank Monack to approve the regular meeting. All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT - was read by Cliff Gorski with revenues of \$141,653.04 and expenses of \$105,438.75 for March Motion by Denise Stasko and seconded by Ed Stasko to approve the treasurers report for informational purposes only. All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion by Denise Stasko and seconded by Mike Amoroso to pay General Fund expense checks in the amount of \$63,865.27 All in Favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion by Ed Stasko and seconded by Frank Monack to approve automatic payments in the amount of \$28,022.46 All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion by Denise Stasko and seconded by Frank Monack to pay \$11,223.44 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 Mike Amoroso and seconded by Denise Stasko to pay PLGIT checks for the total amount of \$2,327.58 All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mike Amoroso and seconded by Denise Stasko to approve \$3500.00 transfer from Police Fund to General Fund for SWRPD expenses. All in Favor Roll Call. Motion Passed.

Motion made by Ed Stasko and seconded by Frank Monack to approve annual donation of \$200 for WTYA All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion made by Ed Stasko and seconded by Denise Stasko to pay Mike Zadrozny the Fire Escrow Insurance for parcel 01-04-0027 in the amount of \$17,184.31 Occupancy and Use Certificate has been awarded on 4/14/2026. All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion made by Denise Stasko and seconded by Ed Stasko to pay KLH Brewer Invoices from 2025 in the amount of \$8,590.00 All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mike Amoroso and seconded by Cliff Gorski to pay 1st Quarter Council Compensation to newly elected members in the amount of \$157 per meeting, a total of \$471 per quarter. Ed and Denise Stasko opposed the vote and questioned if they can donate the money to an organization of their choice, Cliff states that Mr. and Mrs. Stasko need to write a letter to the borough declining payment and or requesting to donate funds and also states the solicitor will look into what is permitted or not.

Motion made by Ed Stasko and seconded by Mike Amoroso to rebid for garage doors. Mayor states that Alison will put an RFP and all bids must be received in the Borough Office. All in favor. Roll Call Motion passed.

Motion made by Mike Amoroso and seconded by Denise Stasko to pay Blue Skys for sign repairs in the amount of up to \$1000.00 All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion made by Frank Monack and seconded by Ed Stasko to enter executive session. All in favor Roll Call 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 Denise Stasko and seconded by Mike Amoroso to award Pro Waste the 3-year Trash Hauling Contract beginning July 1st 2026, contingent upon providing 5 years of related experience. All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE –

AGENDA:

Celebration for Nation 250th Anniversary

Update of police meeting

SWRPD Transfer

WTYA \$200 Donation

Fire Escrow Insurance Fund

KLH 2025 Brewer Invoices

First Quarter Council Compensation

MAYORS REPORT- Mayor states Easter Egg Hunt was a success! There were a lot of children of different ages and also a special needs group, thankful to Davee Spoto for the amazing job she does. Mayor says there were issues with a dumpster overflowing, he and Ron and the owner worked together to get it cleaned up. He also mentions Memorial Day and that he is disappointed in Belle Vernon Legion and whoever is in charge “It’s a disgrace” Ed Stasko states Walt Nogy is in charge and status is in limbo. Ed says he was a legionnaire and an officer for 10 years and they dethroned him and voted him out because they didn’t like the way he was handling things. Mayor states there are rumors of selling and members will share the profit, not the community. Denise states they are behind on all the bills, she will look into getting the deed info.

JR. COUNCIL REPORT-

STREETS AND SEWERS REPORT – Mr. Stasko states that the streets were cleaned by the street sweeper, and parking boxes are to get repainted. He asks why Columbus wasn’t sealed by paving company as its cracking. Cliff asks for an update on garage door bids Ed makes a request to award the bid to Hartley. Mayor states that we need to rebid and all bids must be received and submitted through the Borough Office.

FINANCE REPORT – Cliff mentions we cannot get in contact with Mon Valley Signs for the repair to the electric sign We have reached out to Blue Sky whom thinks it’s a modem issue and will provide a cost estimate soon.

FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS – Rick states a letter was sent to all residents at BV Highrise Apartments on March 20th in regards to all the 911 calls about the carbon monoxide detectors making a chirping noise. The letter states that residents will be charged for calls and could be evicted if tampering or removing devices. He also says they were installed in 2015 and should be replaced. Lastly, he said Lent was a success, and fish fry will continue every month except July.

Denise Stasko questions Chief of SWRPD “How many citations did he have and he responded with 5” And she stated there were no recorded citations online. There were 4 from State Police. She also expresses concern with speeding on Main Street and Keith responds that he cannot be everywhere at once.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT- Denise Stasko says there will be a 250th Anniversary Celebration in the park on July 4th from 12pm-2pm There will be a DJ and Bounce House, painting and decorating of bikes. She also states a Movie Night on July 3rd.

ENGINEERS REPORT- Conner states the DCNR grant is being prepared and is also in the process of submitting the dirt and gravel grant

SOLICITORS REPORT-

TRANSIT AUTHORITY REPORT –Fred Exley says Transit Authority set up express buses for NFL draft \$4 fare to Pittsburgh saves money on parking.

OLD BUSINESS- Award a trash hauling contact
Meeting between Fire Dept and Boro and Municipal

NEW BUSINESS- Belle Vernon Cemetery Memorial Service May 25, 2026 at 9am

Motion made by Denise Stasko and seconded by Frank Monack to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

ATTEST:

Cliff Gorski, Council President

Alison Figueroa, Borough Administrator

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