

BELLE VERNON BOROUGH

July 21, 2026

The regular meeting of the Belle Vernon Council was called to order at 6:00pm on Tuesday June 16, 2026. Present were Cliff Gorski, Frank Monack, Denise Stasko, Mike Amoroso and Ed Stasko Sr. {was on the phone} Also, present was Mayor Gerald Jackson, Engineer, Conner Tuttle, Solicitor, Falco and Borough Administrator, Alison Figueroa.

PUBLIC COMMENT Walt Ziemba has concerns with the water boil advisory, asks who completed and reported it? Cliff states that it is currently under investigation, and no questions will be addressed at this time.

Bill Puckey asks what are the certifications for the workers and if the board hires employees? Tami Puckey asks Does the borough oversee the water authority? And how does the borough approve who is on the board? Cliff responds that the Borough does not oversee the Water Authority, and that the people are nominated to be on the board. He also clarifies that water authority business will not be discussed at the borough meeting. Tami Puckey asks about the house on 906 with the dogs and will it be condemned? Cliff responds that is a State Police matter. Ron states he met with police and was told to recommend that no one should be living at the property, and hasn't seen any activity. Bill Puckey states there are people living in RV near Colombus. Ron says he hasn't seen anything.

Jeff Veres reports rat issue on Adams Ron will look into it. Ron has treated the neighborhood with repellent that is safe for pets and will do so again as needed. Cliff states that trash needs to be in cans to deter rodents, and not just in bags on the street Jeff also asks about the mine project in NBV and if it will be in BV as well? Mark Frederick states there are several phases in Rostraver, Washington Twp and North belle Vernon but not all of Belle Vernon is undermined.

Ruth Ann Farmer of 206 Market Street is having issues with raccoons and overgrown trees from neighboring property. Ron has reached out to the owner to get the property cleaned up; owner has medical issues and request more time to do so. Ron will cut back any tree overhanging on borough property but it is not permitted on private property,

Lisa Huber complains of rats on Market Street as well as an opossum.

Walt Ziemba states the borough workers did a great job cleaning up after the recent storm damage.

Fred Exley states 163 years since BVB was incorporated and what a tribute to those that continue to keep it operating.

Frank Heilman speaks on the current status on the American Legion that he had a charter from AM Vets to take it over and 5 veterans turned it down, they rather sell. Frank says if building is sold profit needs to go to charity and not members. He says Walt Nogy ruined it; the building has mold. He also clarifies that the bills were paid in reference to Stasko stating they were not. Denise responds that the water authority informed her they were not paid on time. Frank says he has receipts. Melanie Patterson states there are rumors of moving the building into the BV Cemetery.

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

TREASURERS REPORT - was read by Cliff Gorski with revenues of \$297,084.19 and expenses of \$240,039.03 for April and May Motion by Denise Stasko 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 Denise Stasko to pay General Fund expense checks in the amount of \$86,206.34 All in Favor. Cliff abstains from ck #8754 that was reimbursement for website. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion by Frank Monack and seconded by Ed Stasko Sr. to approve automatic payments in the amount of \$130,352.76 All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion by Denise Stasko and seconded by Frank Monack to pay \$18,795.48 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 Frank Monack and seconded by Denise Stasko to pay PLGIT checks for the total amount of \$4,684.45 All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion made by Ed Stasko Sr and seconded by Frank Monack to pay \$1025.00 utilities for BV VFC. All in Favor Roll Call. Motion Passed.

Motion made by Denise Stasko and seconded by Mike Amoroso to approve use of Veterans Park for the July 4th Celebration Event contingent upon completed application for permit and event insurance is provided. All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion made by Frank Monack and seconded by Denise Stasko to pay Cypher and Cypher for 2024 Audit in the amount of \$9,955.03. All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mike Amoroso and seconded by Ed Stasko Sr to pay USI Invoice in the amount of \$1500.00 All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion made by Frank Monack and seconded by Mike Amoroso to reverse the council stipend for Ed and Denise Stasko as they initially opposed to receive stipend. Denise states that the money will be used for the park and community, Denise and Ed abstain, All in favor. Roll Call Motion Passed

Motion made by Denise Stasko and seconded by Mike Amoroso to set rates and terms for the new garbage fees at \$60 per quarter to be billed quarterly with the option to pay for the year in full at \$240 New rates will take effect in July 2026 thru June 2029 with no increase. All in favor. Roll Call Motion passed.

Motion made by Denise Stasko and seconded by Ed Stasko Sr to pay Mon Valley Night Out annual donation in the amount of \$250 All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion made by Ed Stasko Sr and seconded by Frank Monack to pay BV Library annual donation in the amount of \$750 All in favor Roll call Motion passed

Motion made by Frank Monack and seconded by Mike Amoroso to enter executive session. All in favor Roll Call Motion passed.

Motion made by Mike Amoroso and seconded by Denise Stasko to exit executive session. All in favor Roll Call Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE -- Placement of Drug and Alcohol signs from Fayette County. Council says to place one at the park and one across the road from borough building.

AGENDA:

Approval of Veterans Park for Celebration for Nation 250th Anniversary

Cypher and Cypher Invoice

USI Invoice

Fayette County Infrastructure Loan

Reverse Council Stipend for Staskos

MAYORS REPORT- Mayor states he is getting the park ready, plumbing and electrical, insulation...Denise asks about toilet being installed and he responds that water is getting hooked up this week. Denise states she will be having kids help clean up the park and Mayor asks her to coordinate with Ron.

JR. COUNCIL REPORT-

STREETS AND SEWERS REPORT – Mr. Stasko asks Ron to give an update on truck, Ron says leaf springs need replaced as they are sagging from too much weight, Cliff says to get an estimate for repairs. Ed also says the catch basins are in need of cleaning

FINANCE REPORT –. Cliff states that we are ahead as far as income and expenses have stayed the same, he will have a budget report halfway through the year for where we stand.

FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS – Rick states July 5th is a Pork BBQ July 11th is a hoagie sale and there will be no fish fry in July. Frank asks Rick about the meeting between the fire, boro and water authority, Denise says she will reach out to Don Druciak to coordinate.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT- Denise Stasko says there will be a 250th Anniversary Celebration in the park on July 4th from 12pm-2pm She also states a Movie Night on July 3rd. The event is being organized by community volunteers and sponsored and funded by The Good Ole Days House This will be a family friendly old fashion celebration that is free for Belle Vernon residents and visitors. There will be many activities as well as a Community Bell Ringing Ceremony at 2pm. Participants will receive a commemorative bell to ring and keep. Rain date is scheduled for July 5th if necessary.

ENGINEERS REPORT-

SOLICITORS REPORT-

TRANSIT AUTHORITY REPORT –.

OLD BUSINESS-

Update on Fire/Water/Boro Meeting

BV Library Donation

NEW BUSINESS- Mon Valley Night Out Donation

Motion made by Denise Stasko and seconded by Frank Monack to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

ATTEST:

Cliff Gorski, Council President

Alison Figueroa, Borough Administrator

Seal: