

**BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2023**

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bell Acres was held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2023, at the Big Sewickley Creek Fire Hall, 1850 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA 15143.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Renfrew, President of Council, at 6:09 p.m.

COUNCIL

- (X) David Renfrew - President of Council
- (X) Brock Meanor - Vice President of Council
- (X) Christopher Abell
- () Lane Grafton - *Excused*
- (X) Carmee Murphy-Horton
- (X) Charles Kulbacki
- (X) Michelle Veeck

MAYOR

- (X) Kenneth Alvania, Mayor

BOROUGH ENGINEER

- (X) Richard Shoup – Shoup Engineering, Inc.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR

- (X) Robert Max Junker – Babst Calland

STAFF

- (X) Lisa Fleming – Borough Manager
- (X) Jill Palko – Borough Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Nicole Steele 98 Lewis Street

Mrs. Steele expressed her concerns regarding the neighbor parking near and blocking her driveway. This is creating difficulty to gain access in and out of the driveway. Other concerns would be snow removal access and any fire or ambulance that will need access if an emergency occurs. She has called the police several times and the police stated they really cannot do anything unless an ordinance is in place. Mr. Renfrew stated that Council members have discussed the possibility of a Parking Ordinance for the Borough.

Invited Guest

Robert D. Miller – Potential Civil Service Commission appointment.

Mr. Miller moved to Bell Acres recently and resides at the end of Beech Ridge Drive. Mr. Miller is a local as he grew up across the river in Hopewell. Mr. Miller works in the Steel industry and a CEO of a steel production company in Sharon, PA. Mr. Miller is prepared to serve on the Civil Service Commission.

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor’s Report for the month of January 2023 has been submitted in writing and made part of the minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 9, 2023, was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for January 2023 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$103,548.93 out of the General Fund and \$8,146.63 out of the State Fund was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Ordinance No. 318 – Amending Chapter 165 in the Code of the Borough of Bell Acres, “Zoning” to Repeal Duplicative Sections regarding the Planning Commission

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 318

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 165 IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, “ZONING,” TO REPEAL DUPLICATIVE SECTIONS REGARDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION SET FORTH AS ARTICLE XIII.

A motion to enact proposed Ordinance No. 318 was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE - MICHELLE VEECK

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY – BROCK MEANOR

Mr. Meanor stated he received a letter from the Borough’s full time Police Officers to engage with them to go over contract discussions. The police officers’ contract will expire the end of this year 2023.

PUBLIC WORKS – CHRISTOPHER ABELL

Mr. Abell stated the Borough received \$6,250.00 from the sale of the Salt truck and spreader and was hopeful that Council would consider on applying this to a new lawn mower for the road department.

We have had very few call outs for plowing and salting, which leaves us with plenty of salt. A letter was sent to Summerlawn residents regarding parking on the sides of the road. We kindly informed them to please be courteous as to not park along either side of Summerlawn Drive, as our large salt trucks cannot get a thorough salt and plow if any cars are parked along the side of the road. This letter helped, as no one is parking along Summerlawn Drive. An email also went out to all via the homeowner’s association.

PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – CHARLES KULBACKI

Mr. Kulbacki stated we have \$110,000 from the DCNR grant to refurbish the Borough Park. This will help with a new pavilion, new fencing, ADA parking. The phase II was not awarded to us, but we can reapply for this later this year. Mr. Kulbacki thanked the Borough office manager, Shoup Engineering for helping head this effort for obtaining the grants.

GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – CARMEE MURPHY-HORTON

No report.

ZONING – LANE GRAFTON- excused

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Ordinance No. 319 – Planning Commission

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 319

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 28 IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRFES, “PLANNING COMMISSION”, TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION

A motion to advertise and potential enactment of proposed Ordinance No. 319 at the March 13, 2023 regular meeting was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mrs. Horton. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 02132023 Sewage Facilities Planning Module for BLS Bulk Materials

The Sewage Facilities Planning Module documents were received by the Borough Engineer and the Planning Commission who recommend that Borough Council adopt Resolution No. 02132023 for the Sewage Facilities Planning Module applicable to the Project.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 02132023 was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

Robert D. Miller – Civil Service Commission Appointment

A motion to appoint Robert D. Miller to the Civil Service Commission for a 6-year term ending December 31, 2028 was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Alvania had Mr. Robert Miller take his Oath of Office to serve on the Civil Service Commission for a 6-year term.

CORRESPONDENCE

There are other items that should be noted but do not need action at this time. Mr. Kulbacki noted about the email received from Kelly Linn and how her family would like a plaque in memory of the children who perished in the house fire on 12/13/22 in Sewickley. Kelly Linn was hoping for a park bench be placed in the Borough Park and her family would purchase the plaque.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Renfrew asked for a moment of silence for fallen police officer Sean Sluganski of Brackenridge PA, who was killed in the line of duty on February 6, 2023. Our thoughts and prayers for his family.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discuss potential property acquisition.

An Executive session was held after the regular council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact, a motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill A. Palko
Borough Secretary