

BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2018

A Public Hearing was held prior to the Regular Meeting on February 12, 2018. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to gather input from the public pertaining to the proposed Ordinance No. 294 – An Ordinance of the Borough of Bell Acres, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 165 in the Code of the Borough of Bell Acres, “Zoning.” The proposed ordinance will amend the table of use regulations in accordance with Ordinance No. 285, and will provide specific standards and criteria for the “Retail Store” use. A court reporter was present to record the minutes.

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mr. Renfrew, Vice President of Council at 6:37 p.m.

COUNCIL

- () Dennis Young, President of Council - Excused
- (X) David Renfrew, Vice President of Council
- (X) Chris Abell
- (X) Kenneth Alvania
- () Brock Meanor - Excused
- () Michelle Veeck - Excused
- (X) Greg Wagner

MAYOR

- () Ronald Besong, Mayor - Excused

BOROUGH ENGINEER

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

BOROUGH SOLICITOR

- (X) Robert Max Junker – Babst Calland

STAFF

- (X) Charles Kulbacki, Borough Manager
- (X) Lisa Fleming, Borough Secretary

There being no public comments or further business to transact, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Abell seconded by Mr. Alvania. Motion carried. Public Hearing adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following the Public Hearing, an Executive Session took place at 6:44 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of the Public Works.

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bell Acres was held on Monday, February 12, 2018, at the Big Sewickley Creek Volunteer Fire Hall, 1850 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA 15143.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Curt Hobbs of 1674 Big Sewickley Creek Road, had a question regarding the drainage problem on his property. Their property recently flooded and he inquired about the ownership of a large junction box located in their front yard. There was an in-depth discussion related to the junction box and the flooding in that area. Mr. Kulbacki stated that Shoup Engineering previously investigated this situation. Shoup Engineering verified that the junction box is located on private property and there is no legal document that states otherwise. Therefore, Bell Acres Borough cannot be liable or responsible in correcting this problem. Mr. Wagner agreed and stated that since it is private property, Bell Acres cannot incur the liability. He advised Mr. Hobbs to contact the State Senator, take pictures of their situation, and seek the Senator's assistance. Mr. Hobbs said he understood and thanked Council for their time.

Rosemary Stewart of 720 Camp Meeting Road notified Council that Shell Pipeline submitted an application for a planned pipeline route that could affect the Ambridge Watershed. She expressed her concerns of the pipeline and it's affects to Bell Acres' drinking water. She noted there is a 30-day window to submit public comments to the PA DEP through February 20, 2018, whereas, they are seeking an extension in order to properly put together a technical review.

Julie DiCenzo of 127 Skymark Lane announced there is a Public Program to discuss the Falcon Pipeline and water issues related to fracking. The program will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2018, from 7-9 pm in the Community Room at the Sewickley Public Library.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS

Mr. Alvania expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the volunteer firefighters who recently fought the blaze in Bell Acres last week. He was truly impressed by their sacrifice, dedication, and hard work. He noted that 8 fire departments and 60 men responded to the fire. He emphasized his gratitude and appreciated their amazing sacrifice and hard fought efforts.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Renfrew, Vice President of Council at 7:25 p.m.

COUNCIL

- () Dennis Young, President of Council - Excused
- (X) David Renfrew, Vice President of Council
- (X) Chris Abell
- (X) Kenneth Alvania
- () Brock Meanor - Excused
- () Michelle Veeck - Excused
- (X) Greg Wagner

MAYOR

- () Ronald Besong, Mayor - Excused

BOROUGH ENGINEER

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

BOROUGH SOLICITOR

- (X) Robert Max Junker – Babst Calland

STAFF

- (X) Charles Kulbacki, Borough Manager
- (X) Lisa Fleming, Borough Secretary

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's report for the month of January has been submitted and made a part of the minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 8, 2018, was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2018 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$131,899.53 out of the General Fund and \$16,223.23 out of the State Fund, was made by Mr. Abell and seconded by Mr. Alvania. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

CAMP MEETING SEWAGE UPDATE

Mr. Kulbacki reported that Gary Irwin stated that all the facilities are running properly. The only outstanding issue is the odor being generated at the Witherow Plant. This is being addressed and a trial contract has been issued.

ORDINANCE NO. 294

Mr. Junker summarized the Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Ordinance No. 294 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 165 IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, "ZONING."

A motion to enact Ordinance No. 294 was made by Mr. Abell and seconded by Mr. Alvania. All in favor of adopting Ordinance No. 294. Motion carried.

VFD GAS CARD

Mr. Alvania tabled the volunteer firefighter's gas card for another month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE

No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS

PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS

Mr. Kulbacki announced that there are new contracts for the Road Supervisor and the Road Workers that have been reviewed. He proposed that Council consider adopting the contracts. Mr. Renfrew noted there are two (2) separate contracts: one for the Bell Acres Supervisor and one for the Bell Acres Non-Uniform Employees.

A motion to approve the Agreement between the Borough of Bell Acres and the Supervisor of the Borough's Public Works Department was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the Agreement between the Borough of Bell Acres and the Employees of the Public Works Department was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF NEW DUMP TRUCK

Mr. Kulbacki introduced the purchase of a small new dump truck for the Bell Acres Road Department. He stated that a bid was received for a 2017 Dodge 5500 Dump Truck. Tri-Star Motors will provide the truck body at \$44,530 and Walsh Equipment will provide the upfit package and plow for \$34,334. He stated that this bid is from Costars and approved by the State. The only item missing from the bid is a tarp for the truck. When hauling asphalt, it is safer to have a tarp installed, which would be an additional \$2,000.

A motion to purchase the new 2017 Dodge 5500 Dump Truck was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Alvania. All in favor. Motion carried.

PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

No Report

GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION

Mr. Abell stated that the Quaker Valley School District went ahead with the purchase of the property for the new high school. The school district is now legally bound and will start the very long process of building the new high school.

ZONING

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

ALLEGHENY LAND TRUST

Mr. Kulbacki announced that the Allegheny Land Trust is requesting Bell Acres to be the fiscal sponsor for an additional \$10,000 grant for the Big Sewickley Creek Watershed Management and Stewardship Plan.

A motion to expedite the process and to take the next step for Bell Acres Borough to become the fiscal sponsor for the \$10,000 grant was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Alvania. All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 02122018

Mr. Kulbacki informed Council that William Manifesto contacted him about the redistricting in Pennsylvania. Mr. Junker summarized the Resolution that supports legislation pending in Pennsylvania that amends the state constitution in dealing with redistricting. There was an open discussion among council members regarding the effectiveness and support of the resolution.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 02122018 was made by Mr. Abell and seconded by Mr. Alvania. Members voting yes - Mr. Abell, Mr. Alvania, and Mr. Renfrew. Member voting no - Mr. Wagner. Motion carried, 3 - yes and 1 - no.

SHELL'S FALCON PIPELINE/AMBRIDGE WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Abell requested that a letter be sent to the PA DEP from Bell Acres Borough in support of Ambridge Water Authority's request for an extension of the public comment period. Mr. Abell offered to compose the letter for Mr. Kulbacki's signature.

A motion to direct Mr. Kulbacki to sign the letter was made by Mr. Abell and seconded by Mr. Alvania. All in favor. Motion carried.

457 RETIREMENT PLAN SUPPLEMENTAL

Mr. Renfrew stated that the Bell Acres Borough would like to enter into a 457 Plan, which is a supplemental retirement program for the borough employees. Mr. Junker summarized the 457 Plan as a Defined Contribution Plan 457 of the IRS code. He stated that the plan is not funded by the Borough, but the Borough employees can distribute their own funds. It is designed to supplement the pension and an authorization is needed to offer it.

A motion to offer the 457 Retirement Plan Supplemental to the Bell Acres Borough employees was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

VALLEY WASTE SERVICE, INC.

Mr. Wagner stated that, along with Mr. Abell and Mrs. Veeck; they are meeting with the management team of Valley Waste on Wednesday, February 14. Mr. Wagner stated that Valley Waste needs to adjust their business model to better meet the needs of the residents.

COUNCIL PACKET MATERIALS

Mr. Wagner asked if the council packet materials can be sent electronically to the Council Members, instead of paper copies.

SUMMER INTERN

Mr. Wagner announced that he discussed with Mr. Kulbacki about potentially getting a History or Political Science intern at the Borough Offices to possibly organize the ordinances and download the history of our Borough. Mr. Kulbacki stated that he has been in contact with PSAB regarding this possibility. Mr. Junker also suggested contacting the Local Government Academy where they assign students to municipalities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Alvania. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa J. Fleming
Borough Secretary