

**BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 13, 2018**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bell Acres was held on Monday, August 13, 2018, at the Big Sewickley Creek Volunteer Fire Hall, 1850 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA 15143.

Prior to the Public Discussion, Mr. Young, President of Council, read a Public Statement, as provided by Mr. Robert Max Junker, Borough Solicitor, and the specifics outlined by the Sunshine Act.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Mr. Gary Irwin of 4 Highview Drive addressed Council regarding the property at 18 Highview Drive. He stated that the property at 18 Highview Drive has been in a period of vacancy over the last several years and is in deplorable condition. He further explained his concerns that trash is scattered throughout the yard, a broken down tractor and other yard equipment remains on the property. Mr. Irwin asked the Borough to assist with a solution to this problem.

Mr. Richard Shoup, Code Enforcement Engineer, stated that Shoup Engineering sent the owners two certified letters. Mr. Junker, Borough Solicitor, also stated that a "Notice of Violation" has been issued under the Solid Waste Ordinance. Mr. Junker then summarized Bell Acres' Property Maintenance Code. There was an in-depth discussion among Council Members and Mr. Junker. Mr. Young, President of Council, then stated that Council will address this issue later in the meeting under New Business.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Young, President of Council, at 7:17 p.m.

**COUNCIL**

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

**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 July has been submitted in writing 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 July 9, 2018, was made by Mr. Renfrew and seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for July 2018 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$137,348.33 out of the General Fund and \$126.52 out of the State Fund, was made by Mr. Renfrew and seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **BELL ACRES MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY SEWAGE PROJECT**

Mr. Gary Irwin, Chairman of Bell Acres Municipal Authority, presented a written Wrap-Up Status Report to Council and explained the information. Mr. Irwin also provided a copy of the 2017 BAMA Audit to Mr. Young.

Mr. Young thanked Mr. Irwin for all the work he has done on the project and commended him for taking the brunt of all the issues.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **BUDGET & FINANCE – Mrs. Veeck**

No Report

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY – Mr. Renfrew**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Renfrew announced that Borough Council will break for an Executive Session to discuss the Civil Service Commission correspondence at 7:28 p.m.

#### **REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

After the Executive Session, the Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

#### **CONDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT OFFER: FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER**

A motion that the Borough add an addition of a fifth full-time officer to our Police Department was made by Mr. Renfrew and seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the list of candidates from the Civil Service Commission and offer conditional employment for Full-Time employment to Part-Time Officer Daniel Wesolowski was made by Mr. Renfrew and seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **FORD TAURUS POLICE VEHICLE**

Mr. Renfrew asked Chief Korol to discuss the condition of the Ford Taurus police vehicle. Chief Korol explained the maintenance issues of the vehicle and his recommendation of not investing \$1,700 for the repairs. Council unanimously agreed; therefore, Mr. Junker stated that no action is necessary.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS - Mr. Alvania**

#### **ROAD CREW MANPOWER**

Mr. Alvania stated that the Road Crew is short by one man and asked if Council could temporarily hire Brian Lamburgh to assist with a significant amount of concrete work that is needed throughout the Borough.

A motion to engage Brian Lamburgh as a contractor to assist the Road Crew for three (3) weeks at \$40.00/hour was made by Mr. Alvania and seconded by Mr. Abell.

Mr. Young asked if there were any questions from the audience since this issue was not on the Agenda. There were no questions or response by the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – Mr. Wagner (Excused)**

No Report

**GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – Mr. Meanor**

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL**

Mr. Meanor stated that Allegheny County Council wants to create a countywide, unelected citizens' police review board. The Borough is not mandated, but could opt into the process. Mr. Meanor reported that the City of Pittsburgh has a citizen's police review board that is estimated to cost the city a half a million dollars in taxes. He wants everyone to be aware and advised to contact your county council member to voice your displeasure.

**ZONING – Mr. Abell**

**PLANNING COMMISSION'S RESIDENT PUBLIC MEETING**

Mr. Abell reported that the first phase of the Planning Commission's Comprehensive Plan is coming to an end. He encouraged all Council Members to attend the Resident Public Meeting being held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at the Big Sewickley Creek Fire Hall. Mrs. Veeck stated that she will have the information posted on the website.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ACT 172-2016 – VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TAX CREDIT**

Mr. Alvania expressed his support in offering gas cards to the volunteer firefighters. Mr. Junker stated that no action is necessary in implementing the gas cards. He noted that the Borough can give the fire department suggestions, if they decide to implement a program. Therefore, the Borough's only obligation is monetary.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08072018 – ELIMINATING CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT INTO THE POLICE PENSION FOR THE YEAR 2018**

Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 08072018 – Eliminating Contributions by Members of the Police Department into the Police Pension for the Year 2018. He further explained that this is a language change to the Pension. He stated that the Borough recently had an exit interview with the Auditor General's Office. The audit was not flagged; however, the Auditor mentioned the resolution at that time. Furthermore, he said that the Borough will start adding a form of this resolution to the annual packet that includes the Budget and Tax Ordinance. Mr. Junker made clarity to the number of Resolution No. 08072018 – this resolution number is the date in which Mr. Junker sent it to Mr. Kulbacki and Mrs. Fleming, instead of the date of the meeting.

A Motion to adopt Resolution No. 08072018 was made by Mr. Alvania and seconded by Mr. Renfrew. All in favor. Motion carried.

**18 HIGHVIEW DRIVE**

An in-depth discussion and several options were presented regarding the course of action to be taken for the deplorable conditions at 18 Highview Drive. Mr. Junker reported that a "Notice of Violation" has been issued under the Solid Waste Ordinance. Since the Borough already started the Solid Waste provisions, Mr. Junker stated that the Borough will continue with the proceedings then look at equity action.

A motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor, the Borough Manager, and the Borough Engineer to move forward on 18 Highview Drive to pursue and authorize Code Enforcement to abate the nuisance condition of 18 Highview Drive was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to transact, a motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Veeck and seconded by Mr. Renfrew. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa J. Fleming  
Borough Secretary