

**BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 13, 2019**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bell Acres was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2019, at the Big Sewickley Creek Volunteer Fire Hall, 1850 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA 15143

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

- Hosea Ewanko – 5 Maple Street  
Mr. Ewanko stated there are water run-off problems from the storm grate that is located in front of his property. The grate cannot handle the overflow of mud and water that is running down his driveway. Mr. Renfrew asked Mr. Shoup of Shoup Engineering if he could examine the area.

**REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Renfrew, Vice President of Council, at 7:04 p.m.

**COUNCIL**

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

**MAYOR**

- (X) Kenneth Alvania, Mayor

**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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

A Moment of Silence was observed for Mr. John Lindquist, former Planning Commission Member, who had recently passed away.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor's Report for the month of April 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 April 8, 2019, was made by Mr. Abell and seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for April 2019 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$157,625.51 out of the General Fund and \$141.75 out of the State Fund, was made by Mr. Abell and seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SWIFT 911**

Mrs. Veeck commended Mayor Alvania on the recent Swift 911 call that was dispatched regarding the car break-ins. She stated that the system was effective in notifying the residents of the break-ins and thanked Mayor Alvania for this service.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BUDGET & FINANCE – Mrs. Veeck**

**2019 BELL ACRES BOROUGH REAL ESTATE TAX MAILING**

Mrs. Veeck reported that the 2019 Bell Acres Borough Real Estate Taxes have been mailed. Mr. Kulbacki informed Council earlier that the real estate tax bills had the wrong millage rate. The millage rate was transposed. The rate billed was 4.23 instead of the correct millage rate of 4.32. Mrs. Veeck stated that Jordan Tax mailed out new tax bills. Mr. Wagner noted that Mr. Gregg Cooper, Tax Collector, is personally paying for the extra mailing.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Mr. Renfrew**

**POLICE CAR ACCIDENT INSURANCE CLAIM**

Mr. Renfrew inquired about the insurance claim of the recent police car accident that occurred on April 17, 2019. Mr. Junker stated that the insurance claim is pending. He summarized the incident in which our police officer responded to a call. The police car accidentally backed into the vehicle of a volunteer fire fighter and put a dent in their front fender. Mr. Kulbacki submitted the claim to our insurance company. Mayor Alvania cited part of a letter sent to the claimant by our insurance company, "at this point in time, we cannot offer payment for your damages, except for those that are out of pocket, as our insured is subject to Governmental Immunity in the state of Pennsylvania." Mayor Alvania voiced his concern about the claimant waiting for payment. Mr. Junker stated that the Borough is protected under the Governmental Act - Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act. Mr. Junker summarized the Act and the exception for vehicle claims. He stated that our insurance company is awaiting information from the other actor involved; and at this point, it is between the two insurance companies. The matter of payment was discussed.

A motion to pay the claimant was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Abell. Since the item was not on the agenda, Mr. Renfrew asked for public comments. There were no public comments. All in favor. Motion carried. Mayor Alvania stated, "Thank you, gentlemen."

**PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Abell**

**AWARD: 2019 MAJOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BIDS**

Mr. Abell announced very exciting developments regarding our 5-Year Road Improvement Program.

Plans, specifications, and bid documents were prepared by Shoup Engineering for the 2019 Road Improvement Project. The project was advertised and sealed bids were received until 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019, at which time four (4) bids were opened and read aloud.

Work consists of milling existing asphalt, paving hot mix asphalt binder and wearing courses. Inlet adjustment, base repair, new asphalt wedge curbs, other related appurtenances, and miscellaneous work on various roads totaling approximately 1,600 feet in length.

The Borough received 4 Bids for the 2019 Major Road Improvement Project that consists of the following:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>Summerlawn BASE BID</u>	<u>Turkeyfoot Road (Northern Portion) ALT. 1</u>
Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc.	\$114,288.57	\$25,212.60
Youngblood Paving, Inc.	\$116,341.50	\$27,618.40
Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc.	\$133,862.50	\$38,088.00
Protech Asphalt Maintenance, Inc.	\$150,991.60	\$36,547.00

Mr. Shoup stated that the low bid, added together, is close to \$140,000. If Council wants to reach the budgeted amount of \$150,000, he advised that an additional 80 ft. on Turkeyfoot Road can be paved. He advised that it would be more cost effective to do a larger portion of the road since the equipment will be on-site and concrete removal is the big issue. Mr. Shoup stated that Carl Bohn, Road Supervisor, is also in favor of this. A discussion took place. Mr. Junker advised that since we have unit prices, Shoup Engineering can prepare a change order for the additional work for next month's meeting. Mr. Wagner commended Mr. Shoup for this kind of advice and outlook.

A motion to award the 2019 Major Road Improvement Project to Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$114,288.57 for the Base Bid and \$25,212.60 for the Alternate 1 Bid was made by Mr. Abell and seconded by Mr. Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### SPECTRUM MEDICAL CORPORATION

A motion to enter into an Agreement with Spectrum Medical Corporation for our Drug and Alcohol Testing for CDL Licenses was made by Mr. Abell and seconded by Mr. Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – Mr. Wagner

No Report

#### GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – Mr. Meanor

Mr. Meanor announced there is a Primary Election next week.

#### ZONING – Mr. Walliser

No Report

#### PUBLIC HEARING IN JUNE

Mr. Junker reminded Council that there will be a Public Hearing next month at 7:00 p.m. on the Sign Ordinance. Mrs. Abell, Chairperson of the Planning Commission, informed Mr. Junker that she will advise Dr. Joseph Marrone, Director of Administrative Services for the Quaker Valley School District, of the Public Hearing, since this was his request.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### LETTER FROM MATTHEW AND LAURA KRESOCK

A letter was received from Matthew and Laura Kresock of 110 Fox Hill Drive requesting permission for a band to play at a birthday party on June 22, 2019. Mr. Junker stated that we cannot grant permission, it's more of a notification. Mr. Wagner advised Mr. Kulbacki to write a letter to the Kresock's advising that the Borough received their notification.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact, a motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Veeck and seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa J. Fleming, Borough Secretary