

**BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2019**

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bell Acres was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2019, at the Big Sewickley Creek Volunteer Fire Hall, 1850 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA 15143

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Glenn Bohn of 107 Barley Road expressed his appreciation and support of the volunteer fire department. He also stated that he was concerned about the ordinances and believes there is a problem in our Borough where we need proper forestry so that our forests do not erupt into forest fires like the State of California. He also informed Council there is a meeting tonight at Franklin Park regarding non-invasive fracking. Mr. Bohn stated that Bell Acres has done a great job protecting the citizens and expressed his support of leasing property in Bell Acres for non-invasive fracking, as long as it's done legally and professionally. He requested the Borough take this into consideration.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Renfrew, Vice President of Council, at 7:09 p.m.

COUNCIL

- () Dennis Young, President of Council - Excused
- (X) David Renfrew, Vice President of Council
- (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

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's Report for the month of December has been submitted in writing and made a part of the minutes.

UNIT #376 – 2009 FORD TAURUS

Mayor Alvania reported that Unit #376 - 2009 Ford Taurus is no longer in service. Mayor Alvania met with Chief Korol and Mr. Kulbacki and stated that the new police car will be ordered in February. A discussion took place regarding the option of selling or scrapping the 2009 Ford Taurus. Mr. Junker cited the Borough Code and advised that a Resolution must be passed for Council to approve the selling of personal property for items valued at less than the new threshold of \$2,000. He stated that a Resolution will be presented at next month's meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 10, 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 December 2018 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$188,369.17 out of the General Fund and \$9,725.41 out of the State Fund, was made by Mrs. Veeck and seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

SWIFT 911

Mayor Alvania reported that, per the request of Mr. Walliser regarding the protection of private information, SwiftReach confirmed that they do not sell any information. Mayor Alvania explained the operation of the mass notification system and the coordination of the emergency response signals. Last month Mr. Young asked Mayor Alvania to discuss with the Fire Chief and the Chief of Police as to how the system could be used. Mayor Alvania pointed out many circumstances that have occurred throughout the Borough where the emergency system could have been used.

A motion to purchase Swift911 was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Walliser. Members voting yes: Mr. Wagner, Mr. Walliser, Mr. Abell, Mr. Renfrew, and Mrs. Veeck. Member voting no: Mr. Meanor. Motion carried: 5 – yes and 1 – no.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Renfrew asked Mr. Gary Irwin, Chairman of Bell Acres Municipal Authority, if there was anything to report on the Sewage Project. Mr. Irwin reported there is one more tap-in fee in Charleston Square and three grinder pumps remaining. Mr. Wagner inquired about the compliance issues. Mr. Irwin commented briefly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE – Mrs. Veeck

Mr. Renfrew reported that the Borough received a letter from Morgan Stanley stating that they are no longer servicing government entity pension accounts. In discussions with Mr. Kulbacki, he suggested that an Ad Hoc Committee be formed consisting of Mr. Wagner, Mrs. Veeck and Mr. Renfrew. In addition, Mr. Junker advised that Act 44 of 2009 requires that municipalities must go through an RFP (Request For Proposal) process to make it public anytime a Pension Manager is hired. He advised that it's not the lowest responsible bidder; however, there is a process to be taken. On a further note, Mr. Wagner stated that he contacted a very high-level executive at Morgan Stanley regarding the notice and will know something more after discussing the situation with him.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mr. Renfrew

No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Abell

NEW SALT SHED

Mr. Abell reported that the new salt arena should be complete on Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

PENNDOT CORRESPONDENCE PERTAINING TO HITZEL HILL ROAD

Mr. Abell summarized the letter received from PENNDOT regarding the potential landslide on Hitzel Hill Road. PENNDOT more or less said that it's on the list, but it is not a priority. Mr. Wagner stated that he asked for the letter because when it caves in, we would have already alerted PENNDOT of the situation.

15-YEAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Abell reported that Scott Shoup devised a Final 15-Year Road Improvement Plan. Mr. Wagner stated that the Borough will only publish three (3) years of the project so that future adjustments can be made. An in-depth discussion ensued regarding the prioritization of roads. Mr. Kulbacki reported that Mr. Shoup will prepare a ball park estimate for the concrete curbs for February's meeting.

AMBRIDGE RESERVOIR

Mr. Abell attended the monthly meeting of Edgeworth Water. He reported that the Shell Plant received approval of the pipe line going across the tributary that leads to Ambridge Water. If something would occur, everything would end up in the Ambridge reservoir. However, in an event of an emergency, they assured us that they have a contingency plan with West View Water that will connect us with Sewickley Water in supplying 500,000 gallons a day to our area.

PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – Mr. Wagner

No Report.

GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – Mr. Meanor

Mr. Meanor reported that the QVCOG Executive Director's position changed from full-time to part-time status. However, she will continue to be available to all Managers. Mr. Meanor attended the January 1st Inauguration of our new State Representative, Valerie Gaydos.

ZONING – Mr. Walliser

No Report.

NEW BUSINESS

REAPPOINTMENTS & APPOINTMENTS

REAPPOINTMENT OF WAYNE FORTUNA – BELL ACRES MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

A motion to reappoint Wayne Fortuna to the Bell Acres Municipal Authority for a 5-year term ending December 31, 2023, was made by Mr. Abell and seconded by Mr. Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM MANIFESTO – BELL ACRES ZONING HEARING BOARD

A motion to reappoint William Manifesto to the Bell Acres Borough Zoning Hearing Board for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2021, was made by Mr. Meanor and seconded by Mr. Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF BOB POWNER – BELL ACRES PLANNING COMMISSION

A motion to reappoint Bob Powner to the Bell Acres Planning Commission for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2022, was made by Mr. Abell and seconded by Mr. Walliser. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF JOHN RUMIN – BELL ACRES ZONING HEARING BOARD

A motion to appoint John Rumin to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2019, was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. Veeck. John Rumin will replace Bill Wytiaz who resigned from the Board. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF MARJORIE SKRABUT – CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

A motion to appoint Marjorie Skrabut to the Civil Service Commission for a 6-year term ending December 31, 2024, was made by Mr. Abell and seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Renfrew announced the Spring Conference of the Allegheny League of Municipalities. If anyone is interested in attending the conference, Mr. Renfrew advised to contact Mr. Kulbacki.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were other items that were noted but did not need action at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa J. Fleming
Borough Secretary