

**BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 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, August 12, 2019, at the Big Sewickley Creek Volunteer Fire Hall, 1850 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA 15143

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- ❖ Gary Becker – 1 Partridge Court
Mr. Becker inquired about the repair updates on Turkeyfoot Road. Mr. Young stated there is a lot of information this evening that will be shared with everyone. Mr. Becker also asked why the grass isn't cut along Camp Meeting Road. Mr. Young stated Camp Meeting Road is maintained by Allegheny County. Mr. Junker reported there are currently over 200 landslides in Allegheny County; therefore, cutting grass is probably not the County's priority.

- ❖ Paul Moses – 1642 Big Sewickley Creek Road
Mr. Moses stated there is a problem with 911 and his address. He explained a first responder arrived at his door and the Red Cross delivered a flood kit which was meant for the neighbor at 1650. Mr. Young suggested his house number be clearly marked near the road to avoid confusion.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Dennis Young, President of Council, at 7:12 p.m.

COUNCIL

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

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 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 8, 2019, was made by Mr. Meanor and seconded by Mr. Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for July 2019 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$204,991.11 out of the General Fund and \$1,732.97 out of the State Fund was made by Mr. Renfrew and seconded by Mrs. Veeck. Mr. Meanor inquired about the entry for Gregg Cooper. Mr. Kulbacki explained that Gregg Cooper is the Borough's Tax Collector and he receives a percentage of the collected real estate taxes. This number fluctuates throughout the year, depending on the amount of taxes collected. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ECOTUNE ENVIRONMENTAL PROPOSAL FOR TURKEYFOOT RUN STREAM EVALUATION

Mr. Young announced a proposal was received from Ecotune Environmental Consultants to perform an evaluation of the Turkeyfoot Run Stream. Mr. Shoup explained they are basically making field evaluations of the main stream and 3 major tributaries. Ecotune will evaluate the pipes that traverse the creek, driveways, soils, hard rock, and stream grade. He advised the entire watershed will be evaluated. An in-depth discussion took place regarding the evaluation and assessment.

A motion to accept the Ecotune Proposal to evaluate and assess the Turkeyfoot Stream Study Area was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Shoup emphasized this project will not start until Fall - when there is less foliage.

CAMP MEETING ROAD SLIDE

Mr. Young inquired about the Camp Meeting Road Slide. Mr. Kulbacki stated he called Allegheny County's Project Manager last week and they are obtaining proposals to repair the slide.

MR. MAREK'S DRIVEWAY

Mr. Young asked Mr. Shoup if a resolution was reached between the Borough and Mr. Marek regarding his driveway. Mr. Shoup stated that Mr. Junker is reviewing the ordinance and a resolution has not been reached.

POLICE SERGEANT

Mr. Young inquired about the Police Sergeant testing. Mr. Kulbacki stated that the Civil Service Commission has not initiated the testing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE – Mrs. Veeck

No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mr. Renfrew

WESTCOM WIRELESS RADIO BID

Mr. Renfrew reported he talked to Chief Korol regarding Westcom Wireless' radio bid for the Public Works Department. He reported there are several different proposals. Mr. Kulbacki explained the purpose for the requested radios. A few days after the flood, we had a meeting among the Borough Staff, the Public Works Department and Chief Korol to discuss what we did well and what was needed for improvement. First, we needed more traffic cones and road signs since they were all washed away. That was easily taken care of the next day. Second, was the need for better communication. Vital communication was lost during the flood and was critically necessary between the Police Department, Public Works Department, and the Borough Office. Therefore, Mr. Kulbacki asked Chief Korol to obtain a few quotes for radios, since the cell phone service was intermittent. Mr. Wagner stated he did some research and explained the difference between analog and digital radios. An in-depth discussion took place regarding analog radios vs. digital radios. Mr. Kulbacki stated that a radio is also needed for the office because Mrs. Fleming fielded many calls the entire day of the flood. Mr. Young asked Mr. Wagner if he is willing to take this on. Mr. Wagner replied that he would be happy to do that.

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Abell - Excused

TURKEYFOOT ROAD LANDSLIDE UPDATE

Mr. Shoup reported that after the last meeting we were expecting the Geotech Engineers to drill in a few weeks; however, it turns out they will be drilling next Monday. Mr. Kulbacki addressed Mr. Becker of Partridge Court who spoke earlier. Mr. Kulbacki assured him that although progress is slow, all of our efforts are put forth into repairing the Turkeyfoot Road landslide. Mr. Becker expressed his appreciation in putting the slag down and maintaining access.

2019/2020 ROAD SALT BID

Mr. Kulbacki stated we have exercised our 2019/2020 contract for the road salt. SHACOG received only one bid at \$82.24 per ton. The contract is signed and placed in the packets for reference only.

PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – Mr. Wagner

No Report

GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – Mr. Meanor

ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – GAMING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

Mr. Meanor expressed his thanks to Carl Bohn for taking Mr. Abell and him around the Borough to view the flood damaged areas and road closures. Mr. Meanor also extended his appreciation to PA State Representative Valerie Gaydos for touring Bell Acres, as she also assessed the damage. In discussions with State Rep. Valerie Gaydos, she sent a possible grant opportunity through the ACED. The only requirement is that the project must be over \$500,000. Mr. Kulbacki asked Mr. Meanor if he could ask Rep. Gaydos' office to investigate if we can combine projects. Mr. Young asked Mrs. Fleming to send a nice thank you letter to Legislator Gaydos.

ZONING – Mr. Walliser - Excused

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

CHARITY EVENT AT SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS GOLF CLUB

Mr. Wagner announced a Charity Concert Event will be held to provide scholarships for the children of our military heroes who have died or become severely wounded. The event will be held on September 15, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Sewickley Heights Golf Club. They are anticipating 400 people; therefore, security of our police department has been contracted. Mr. Kulbacki stated the police protection services are being handled between Chief Korol and Sewickley Heights Golf Club. Mr. Young stated the event is a private detail; therefore, a motion is not needed for approval.


EXCAVATOR QUOTATIONS

Mr. Young met with Carl Bohn regarding the flooding and spring clean-up that occurs every year. Therefore, Mr. Young asked Mr. Bohn to obtain a few excavator quotes. A discussion took place with regards to the excavator options of purchasing, leasing, renting and new vs. used. Mr. Young stated this subject will be revisited after the evaluation is completed on Turkeyfoot Road and during budget time.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa J. Fleming
Borough Secretary