

**BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 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, September 9, 2019, at the Big Sewickley Creek Volunteer Fire Hall, 1850 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA 15143

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- Curt Hobbs - 1674 Big Sewickley Creek Road
Mr. Hobbs expressed his concerns regarding unresolved flooding problems and drainage issues on his property. He stated there is a new situation regarding a neighbor who recently added another line. Mr. Kulbacki stated that Scott Shoup and Carl Bohn looked at this. They noted there's a natural spring in the yard. Further, Mr. Kulbacki stated that we've worked together before and will advise Scott Shoup to revisit the site.

- Peter Kappas - 545 Ambridge Avenue
Mr. Kappas asked Council if they received the correspondence from his lawyer regarding Lutz Lane. Mr. Junker acknowledged the letter was received and forwarded it to Mr. Kulbacki and Mr. Shoup. Mr. Junker stated the Borough has a new Stormwater Management Ordinance. He advised there are standards in the ordinance that will be addressed if there is any earth disturbance.

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
- () David Renfrew - Excused
- (X) Chris Abell
- (X) Brock Meanor
- (X) Michelle Veeck
- (X) Greg Wagner
- (X) John Walliser

MAYOR

- (X) Kenneth Alvania, Mayor

BOROUGH ENGINEER

- (X) Sandy Nelko – 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 August 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 August 12, 2019, was made by Mrs. Veeck and seconded by Mr. Meanor. Mr. Walliser abstained since he did not attend the August Council meeting. Members voting yes: Mr. Young, Mr. Renfrew, Mr. Abell, Mr. Meanor, Mrs. Veeck, and Mr. Wagner. Member abstaining: Mr. Walliser (not present at the meeting). Motion carried: 6 – yes and 1-abstention. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2019 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$84,599.51 out of the General Fund and \$17.48 out of the State Fund was made by Mr. Abell and seconded by Mr. Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

TURKEYFOOT ROAD LANDSLIDE

Mr. Kulbacki reported the Geotechnical Engineers started drilling on Friday, September 6. Ms. Nelko stated the final report should be completed within three (3) weeks.

Mr. Kulbacki stated the storm water engineers will begin their analysis when the leaves fall so they can view the contours of the land and streams. Ms. Nelko reported Bell Acres Municipal Authority (BAMA) had their meeting and are in the process of devising a plan to divert the sanitary sewer line. Mr. Shoup will have an updated statement for the website. Mr. Young stated he wants one or both ends open before the snow flies.

ROAD DEPT/BOROUGH OFFICE RADIOS

Mr. Wagner reported that he traded a couple of emails with Allegheny County and still working out the details. Mr. Young stated we should table this matter for another month until more information is obtained.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Mr. Young inquired about the status of the civil service test. Mr. Kulbacki stated the officer has successfully completed his written, oral, and physical agility tests. There is just preliminary work to be done.

CAMP MEETING ROAD LANDSLIDE

Mr. Young stated he had a discussion with Cindy Kirk, our representative on Allegheny County Council, regarding the landslide on Camp Meeting Road. He also emailed her a photo of the exposed 8" water main. Ms. Kirk said she will see what she can do.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE – Mrs. Veeck

No Report

Mr. Wagner stated the Borough should eliminate the per capita tax, which is a nuisance tax.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mr. Renfrew - Excused

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Abell

No Report

PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – Mr. Wagner

No Report

GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – Mr. Meanor

Mr. Meanor spoke to Representative Valerie Gaydos and she informed him that the initial project minimum requirement of \$500,000 was reduced for the Gaming Economic Development Fund Grant. Therefore, Mr. Meanor and Mr. Kulbacki submitted two (2) grant applications; one for Turkeyfoot Road and one for equipment acquisition of an excavator.

Mr. Kulbacki publicly extended his gratitude to Sandy Nelko of Shoup Engineering and Brock Meanor for submitting the Grant Applications. He further explained the grant applications were due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 23. We received notice the night before. Mr. Kulbacki contacted Ms. Nelko Friday morning – she dropped everything and completed the application on time.

Mr. Meanor also announced that Allegheny County voted down the county-wide police oversight committee.

ZONING – Mr. Walliser

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

PENNSYLVANIA HARDWOODS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PUBLICATION

Mr. Young announced there is a letter in the packet from the Pennsylvania Hardwoods Development Council. Both Mr. Young and Mr. Kulbacki suggested that our Planning Commission review our forestry and logging ordinances against their model Timber Ordinance.

A motion to direct the Planning Commission to review the Pennsylvania Hardwoods Development Council publication against our ordinances was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

YECK FAMILY APPRECIATION LETTER

Mr. Young announced that a letter was received from the Yeck family of New Sewickley Township. Their family farm suffered a devastating loss where their barn caught fire. The Yeck family extended their deepest appreciation and thanks to the Big Sewickley Volunteer Fire Department for their assistance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Abell. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa J. Fleming
Borough Secretary