

**BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 8, 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, July 8, 2019, at the Big Sewickley Creek Volunteer Fire Hall, 1850 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA 15143

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- Robert Marek – 176 Beadnell Drive
Mr. Marek expressed his concerns about the water flowing from Camp Meeting Road and Jerome Marek's property onto his driveway. Mr. Young stated this matter will be discussed during New Business.

- Charlie Elko – 140 Turkeyfoot Road
Mr. Elko inquired about a letter he received from Shoup Engineering regarding his driveway culvert and Turkeyfoot Road. Mr. Shoup explained that the pipes are undersized for the amount of water that is flowing through. An in-depth discussion ensued. Mr. Elko stated that DEP inspected and authorized the pipes and has a letter approving this. Mr. Shoup asked Mr. Elko to submit a copy of DEP's letter to the Borough. Mr. Young stated this issue will be revisited during New Business.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Dennis Young, President of Council, at 7:21 p.m.

COUNCIL

- (X) Dennis Young, President of Council
- (X) David Renfrew
- () Chris Abell - Excused
- (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 June has been submitted in writing and made a part of the minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

A motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on June 10, 2019, was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Renfrew. All in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 10, 2019, was made by Mrs. Veeck and seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for June 2019 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$116,063.97 out of the General Fund was made by Mr. Meanor and seconded by Mr. Renfrew. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE – Mrs. Veeck

No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mr. Renfrew

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Abell- Excused

No Report

PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – Mr. Wagner

No Report

GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – Mr. Meanor

No Report

ZONING – Mr. Walliser

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

TURKEYFOOT ROAD

Wayne Fortuna – Fire Chief of Big Sewickley Creek Volunteer Fire Department expressed his concern regarding access to Turkeyfoot Road from the top and bottom. Mr. Kulbacki explained that the Borough is still waiting for the Geotechnical Engineering Team to drill test holes at the top of Turkeyfoot Road. He further explained that the team will assess the situation. Mr. Shoup stated it's not going to be a quick fix and we're talking months. Mr. Kulbacki explained that the Road Crew is keeping it passable for single vehicles; however, at this point in time, the road cannot be maintained for fire trucks.

In regards to the bottom of Turkeyfoot Road, Mr. Kulbacki stated that he discussed the situation with Carl Bohn and Floyd Wine. Mr. Kulbacki also spoke with Al Sciulli of Sewickley Products, Inc. about replacing the pipes on his property. He reported that Carl Bohn is working overtime and Floyd Wine is lending the Borough a piece of equipment. We have a 3-man crew and we're bringing in a 4th man. The Borough will do whatever is necessary to get the three entities working together. The issue was discussed at length.

Mr. Young asked who has the responsibility and rights to go into the stream and dredge it out because every year the creek gets shallower and shallower. Mr. Junker advised that you cannot do anything without permits, bonding, and abiding by state regulations. Mr. Young stated that we need to figure something out proactively to fix this. Mayor Alvania asked how much it would cost to repair the dam that's on Borough property. Mr. Junker advised that you would have to involve DEP. He further advised that anytime you have DEP and a retention pond, you will have long-term costs associated with the dam. Mr. Wagner stated that experts need to get involved and provide us with options to resolve this issue.

A motion to obtain a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Turkeyfoot Road of all options – pro and con, was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Walliser. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Wagner advised Mr. Kulbacki to keep doing whatever you're doing in keeping the peace pipe going.

MAREK PROPERTY ON BEADNELL ROAD

Mr. Young opened the discussion regarding the Marek Property on Beadnell Road. The water and driveway issue was discussed at length. The June public meeting complaint made by Jerome Marek concerning dumping on Bob Marek's property was addressed. Mr. Junker stated the Borough has a grading ordinance in place and must go through the process. Scott Shoup previously visited the site on many occasions and discussed this situation with Mr. Marek. Richard Shoup stated that Shoup Engineering will continue to work it out with Mr. Marek.

AMBULANCE INVOICE

Mr. Young noted that a resident recently passed away in the Borough. The family was billed \$850.00 from the ambulance service. Mr. Young asked if Mr. Kulbacki could talk to Quaker Valley Ambulance to assist in resolving this issue.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - SERGEANT POSITION

Mayor Alvania stated the Borough has great officers in our Police Department and some officers rise above the rest. In meeting with Chief Korol, the Chief requested that an officer be promoted to Sergeant.

A motion to instruct the Civil Service Commission to authorize the Committee to start processing an opening for a Sergeant position on the Bell Acres Police Force was made by Mr. Renfrew and seconded by Mr. Wagner.

Mr. Young opened the floor for public comment, since the item was not on the agenda. There was no public comment. All in favor. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTER COMMENDING CHIEF KOROL

Mr. Young announced that Council received a letter from a resident of Fairway Road highly praising Chief Kristoffer Korol for his assistance. Mr. Young directed that a copy of the letter be placed in the Chief's personnel file.

OTHER COMMENTS

TURKEYFOOT ROAD INQUIRY

Mr. Gary Irwin – 4 Highview Drive asked about the plan to repair and open Turkeyfoot Road. Mr. Irwin voiced his concern about future access for school buses. Mr. Kulbacki stated that the school district will have to send smaller school buses. Mr. Young reported that we're waiting for the Geotech Engineers to examine the site. The Geotech team advised they should return within two weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Renfrew and seconded by Mr. Wagner. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa J. Fleming
Borough Secretary