

**BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2020**

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 13, 2020, at the Big Sewickley Creek Volunteer Fire Hall, 1850 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA 15143

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No public comment

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

COUNCIL

- (X) David Renfrew – President of Council
- (X) Brock Meanor – Vice President of Council
- (X) Chris Abell
- (X) Michelle Veeck
- () Greg Wagner - Excused
- () Megan Wine - Excused
- () Dennis Young - 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 December 2019 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 December 9, 2019, was made by Mr. Abell and seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting held on January 6, 2020, 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 December 2019 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$194,370.50 out of the General Fund and \$143.30 out of the State Fund, was made by Mr. Meanor and seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 300 – REPEALING THE PER CAPITA TAX

Mr. Junker summarized Ordinance No. 300. Mr. Junker further stated the Per Capita Tax will be eliminated effective January 1, 2020. The repeal does not waive or exonerate the Per Capita Tax, interest, penalties and fees on delinquent or unpaid accounts from prior years. When the Ordinance is adopted, Mr. Kulbacki and Mrs. Fleming will file a certified copy of this Ordinance with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 300 was made by Mrs. Veeck and seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 301 – AMENDING USE REGULATIONS, PROVISIONS ON SIGNS, AND THE EXPIRATION OF CONDITIONAL USES

Mr. Junker provided an update regarding the status of Ordinance No. 301. Last month Council made a motion to authorize the transmittal of the draft to Allegheny County Economic Development for their review. The ACED takes at least 45 days to review and provide comments. The ACED's comments are expected to be received at the end of January.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE – Mrs. Veeck

No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Abell

TURKEYFOOT ROAD LANDSLIDE

Mr. Abell reported that our Road Department and Lewis Hopkins are doing a phenomenal job in repairing the landslide on Turkeyfoot Road. In a few days, they will lay 18" of the millings from Summerlawn. The road will remain that way throughout winter. In the Spring, the road will be paved with asphalt. Mr. Kulbacki stated that the paving will be done in-house. Mr. Kulbacki also reported that after talking with Mr. Scott Shoup, the Borough saved approximately \$200,000 by completing the project with in-house personnel and Camp Meeting Excavating.

Mr. Richard Shoup requested Council to approve up to an additional \$14,000 to finish the project. Mr. Junker stated that since we made a Declaration of a Local Disaster Emergency, a second notice to re-declare is not needed. Therefore, we would just need a motion to approve additional funds.

A motion to approve up to \$14,000 in additional expenditures for the repairs of the Turkeyfoot Road landslide by Camp Meeting Excavating was made by Mr. Abell and seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – Mr. Wagner - Excused

ROAD DEPARTMENT / BOROUGH OFFICE RADIOS

Mr. Renfrew stated that the radios for the Road Department were discussed last month. There were discussions of what was proposed and it's not quite what the road department needs. He announced that we are looking into other types of communications.

GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – Mr. Meanor

ACED GRANT

Mr. Meanor stated that a letter was received from the ACED denying our grant for a compact excavator.

BSCR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Renfrew announced that we received a letter from PENNDOT informing us there will be an Open House to review the proposed design plans of the Big Sewickley Creek Bridge Replacement. The Open House will be held on January 23, 2020, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Big Sewickley Creek Fire Hall. Mr. Kulbacki stated the letter is on our website and additional copies are available.

ZONING

RESOLUTION NO. 01132020 – RESOLVING THAT AT A FUTURE MEETING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE BOROUGH ZONING ORDINANCE AND TO INVOKE PENDING ZONING ORDINANCE DOCTRINE

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 302 – AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 165 – ZONING AS DETAILED IN THE RECOMMENDATION LETTER FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Junker summarized the purpose of Resolution No. 01132020. He stated that if Council passes Resolution No. 01132020 tonight, then Council will review and consider proposed Ordinance No. 302 at a public hearing to be held on February 10, 2020. He further stated that ACED received proposed Ordinance No. 302 last Thursday for their review. The plan is to advertise the required public notice for the public hearing. The proposed ordinance will be in effect as of the date of the advertisement of the first public notice of the public hearing. Council will then have a motion for intent to enact, and then take the ordinance to the March 9, 2020, meeting. This is in compliance with the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC).

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 01132020 was made by Mr. Meanor and seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

LETTER FROM SEWICKLEY BOROUGH

Mr. Junker received a letter from Sewickley Borough regarding Act 537 (The Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act) plan update.

Mr. Junker forwarded the letter to Scott Shoup and Mr. Kulbacki. Mr. Junker will draft an appropriate resolution for the February meeting. Mr. Renfrew requested Mr. Junker to review the letter in detail. Mr. Irwin, Chairman of Bell Acres Municipal Authority (BAMA), requested Mr. Junker to forward the letter to Mr. Ron Brown, Solicitor for BAMA.

AUTHORIZATION FOR RECORDING MEETINGS

Mr. Kulbacki explained how effective the tape recording of interviews has been for our Historian. He suggested that the recording of meeting minutes would also be helpful and effective.

A motion to authorize the use of a recording device at the meetings was made by Mr. Meanor and seconded by Mr. Abell. Mr. Renfrew asked for public comment. No public comment. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Renfrew asked Mr. Junker to create a written policy for the use of the recording device.

COUNCIL VOTING

Mr. Abell requested Mr. Junker to clarify the voting on Council. Mr. Junker stated that all elected members of Council are entitled to a vote. Every member is required to vote yes, no, or abstain. The President should not make his or her own motion. The Mayor votes in the event of a tie.

THANK YOU, EDGEWORTH WATER

Mr. Irwin publically thanked Edgeworth Water for re-routing BAMA's sewer line on the Turkeyfoot Road slide. He expressed how he appreciated the very nice job that Sean Scott and Edgeworth Water did, especially since BAMA does not have the personnel to perform the work.

CORRESPONDENCE

No further action was needed.

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 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa J. Fleming
Borough Secretary