

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

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bell Acres was held immediately following the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2020, via telephone conference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Junker announced that we did not receive any written Public Comments by U.S. mail or from bellacrespubliccomment@gmail.com.

REFINANCING 30-YEAR GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF 2015

Mr. Gary Irwin, Chairman of Bell Acres Municipal Authority (BAMA), summarized the refinancing of the 30-year General Obligation Bonds of 2015. These bonds were used to finance the conversion of three of four waste treatment plants to pump stations. This project was required under a "Consent Order" with Allegheny County, EPA, and DEP for our 537 Plan. These 30-year bonds were issued with an agreement between the Borough and BAMA in which BAMA would pay 50% of the annual payments.

One of the conditions of the bond issuance was the first five years were fixed and could not be recalled. This caveat expired about 7/1/20. The process to refinance at a lower rate began. Mr. Irwin highlighted the extraordinary work done by Charlie Kulbacki, Lisa Fleming, Max Junker and Ron Brown for Bell Acres and Antonio Misiti and Nancy Killmer of PNC Capital Markets. PNC personnel required extensive financial data for their review. After an extensive review, S&P Global Rating's assigned the Borough an "AAS" rating, S meaning stable. This is an excellent rating and shows exceptional fiscal responsibility of the previous and present councils, as the review went back 6-8 years.

Although the various bond packages have a varying rate for different years, PNC calculated the average interest rate of 2.24711% for the 25-year period. The rate varied from 0.599% to 2.55% over the 25 years. The face value of the bonds is \$3,455,000. The resulting savings is \$530,000 in interest expense, divided equally between the Borough and BAMA. As calculated by PNC, this is a savings of 18.3%. The Borough saves \$265,000 and BAMA saves \$265,000 over 25 years.

From a cash flow perspective, we elected to take an alternative that allowed for an initial savings of \$90,000 in 2020 while paying slightly more in the future with inflated dollars. The first payments are due October 1, 2020. Mr. Irwin extended his thanks to everyone who was involved in this endeavor.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Renfrew, President of Council, at 7:33 p.m.

COUNCIL

- (X) David Renfrew, President of Council
- (X) Brock Meanor, Vice President of Council
- (X) Chris Abell
- (X) Michelle Veeck
- (X) Greg Wagner
- (X) Megan Wine
- (X) Dennis Young

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
- (X) Kristoffer Korol, Chief of Police

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's Report for the month of June 2020 has been submitted in writing and made a part of the minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 2020 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 June 2020 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$115,694.39 out of the General Fund and \$144.36 out of the State Fund, was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 301

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 165 IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, "ZONING", TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS IN ARTICLE II ON "USE REGULATIONS", TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS IN ARTICLE VI ON "SIGNS", AND TO ADD A NEW PROVISION ON THE EXPIRATION OF CONDITIONAL USES.

A motion to enact Ordinance No. 301 was made by Mr. Abell and seconded by Mr. Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

SECTION 108 POST-ENACTMENT

A motion to authorize the advertisement of the optional Section 108 post-enactment was made by Mrs. Veeck and seconded by Mr. Young. All in favor. Motion carried.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

ACT 537 SEWAGE PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Junker reported that Mr. Ron Brown, BAMA's Solicitor, is still waiting for a report from Eric Tissue of KLH Engineers. Stay tuned.

DISSOLUTION AGREEMENT

Mr. Renfrew inquired about the status of the Dissolution Agreement with the Big Sewickley Creek Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Junker provided an update and a lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Junker will continue to review and provide additional information.

ZONING HEARING BOARD APPEAL OF 104 BELL FARM ESTATES

Mr. Junker provided an update of the Zoning Hearing Board Appeal of Mr. Dakan and Ms. Hohmann of 104 Bell Farm Estates.

TURKEYFOOT ROAD PAVING

Mr. Irwin inquired about the status of the plans to pave the Turkeyfoot Road Landslide section. Mr. Shoup stated Shoup Engineering will have those quotes at the end of the week.

HITZEL HILL ROAD SLIDE

Mr. Wagner stated that we need to re-address the deteriorating road slide on Hitzel Hill. Mr. Abell asked Mr. Shoup to put this issue back on the radar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE – Mrs. Veeck

No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mr. Young

POLICE BODY CAMERAS

Chief Kristoffer Korol reported on the use of body cameras. Prior to being asked by Council, Chief Korol stated that he already looked into the use of body cameras because of everything that's happening and for the safety of the officers. Chief Korol contacted three (3) companies that provide body cameras and awaiting their bids. Chief Korol will provide an update when the bids are received. A discussion took place. Members of Council thanked Chief Korol and extended their appreciation and support for everything our Police Department is doing in our community.

PUBLIC WORKS - Mr. Abell

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Abell stated our Public Works Department is down to one employee due to two employees who are recovering from surgeries. Mr. Henderson is working solo and has done a tremendous job. If needed, he advised Mr. Henderson to seek the assistance of Brian Leonberg who previously helped the Borough with concrete work.

CAMP MEETING ROAD LANDSLIDE

Mr. Abell reported that Mr. Meanor contacted Cindy Kirk, our Representative of Allegheny County Council, and Jason Molinero, Deputy Director Engineering of Allegheny County, to meet at the site of the Camp Meeting Road Landslide. It was understood that Allegheny County is still assessing the situation. Most likely the repairs will begin in Spring 2021. Mr. Meanor informed Mr. Molinero to direct all further communications to Mr. Abell and Mr. Wagner.

PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – Mr. Wagner

No Report

GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – Mr. Meanor

Mr. Meanor announced the Sewickley Bridge will be closed for repairs on Friday, July 17 through Friday, August 14.

ZONING – Megan Wine

No Report

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items that needed 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. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa J. Fleming
Borough Secretary