

**BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 8, 2020**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bell Acres was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2020, at the Big Sewickley Creek Volunteer Fire Hall, 1850 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

No public discussion

**REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Renfrew, President of Council, at 7:01p.m.

**COUNCIL**

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor's Report for the month of May 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 May 18, 2020, was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for May 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. Meanor and seconded by Mr. Young. All in favor. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE No. 301**

A motion to hold the rescheduled Public Hearing for proposed Zoning Ordinance No. 301 on July 13, 2020, and authorize the required legal advertisement was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

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**OTHER OLD BUSINESS**

**ACT 537 OFFICIAL SEWAGE PLAN UPDATE**

Mr. Junker summarized and provided an update to the Act 537 Sewage Plan. Mr. Irwin and Mr. Brown wanted to review it again because of potential changes that were made from the January version to the one presented today. Since it's not included in the packets, Mr. Junker advised it's best to defer this to next month at which time we would have received a report from BAMA as to the impact of the proposed changes to the Leetsdale Authority System.

**DISSOLUTION AGREEMENT**

Mr. Young inquired about the status of the Dissolution Agreement between the Big Sewickley Creek Volunteer Fire Department and Bell Acres Borough. Mr. Junker stated the matter was lost in the pandemic and will look into it.

**REVIEW OF ZONING AND BUILDING ORDINANCES**

Mr. Young stated last month we had a discussion regarding the review of the Borough's Zoning and Building Ordinances.

A motion for all ordinances pertaining to additional buildings on residential properties to go back to the Planning Commission for their complete review and recommendations was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mrs. Veeck. There was no public comment. A discussion took place. All in favor. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BUDGET & FINANCE – Mrs. Veeck**

No Report

**PUBLIC SAFETY- Dennis Young**

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY'S PLANNED LEGISLATION**

Mr. Young reported two members of Allegheny County Council are planning to introduce legislation that would ban the use of non-lethal devices such as tear gas, rubber bullets and flash bang grenades. Mr. Young recommended we draft a resolution to Allegheny County to state we are against banning these devices that are recognized by the state and federal levels. Mr. Young expressed his concerns because it may open us up to litigation. Mr. Junker advised to first see what is presented before anything is drafted. Mr. Renfrew agreed to keep an eye on this.

**POLICE BODY CAMERAS**

Due to recent events, Mr. Meanor suggested we should look into providing body cameras to our officers for their safety and everyone else's safety. Mr. Kulbacki advised this matter should be discussed among the Police Chief, Mayor, and Public Safety Committee. It was requested that the Police Chief attend the next council meeting to give his recommendations as to the pros and cons of the use of body cameras.

**PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Abell**

**SEVINS ROAD SLIDE**

Mr. Abell reported the lower slide on Sevins Road has been repaired. Mr. Abell noted that our road crew did a great job.

**TURKEYFOOT ROAD SLIDE PAVING**

Mr. Abell reported the Turkeyfoot Road slide was repaired and settled throughout the winter. The asphalt company who repaired the lower part of Turkeyfoot Road gave us a quote of \$12,000 to pave the upper part. Mr. Kulbacki stated we are down to two guys in the road department and will not be able to pave it with our road crew. Due to this concern, Mr. Shoup, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Kulbacki, and Mr. Abell recommend using the paving company. Mr. Junker advised to obtain two (2) more written quotes and go with the lowest bidder, as long as they are under the \$21,000.00 threshold.

A motion to authorize Shoup Engineering to obtain three (3) written quotes for the paving of the upper part of Turkeyfoot Road was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Meanor. Mr. Junker asked if there was any public comment, since this item was not on the Agenda. Mr. Irwin stated, "I would love that." All in favor. Motion carried.

**CAMP MEETING ROAD SLIDE**

Mr. Meanor reached out to Cindy Kirk, Allegheny County Council Representative, regarding the Camp Meeting Road Slide. She stated they are meeting on the Little Sewickley Creek landslide, but not on the Camp Meeting Road landslide. Mr. Meanor inquired about opening one lane. She advised that she will get back to Mr. Meanor with an answer.

**PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – Mr. Wagner**

No Report

**GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – Mr. Meanor**

No Report

**ZONING- Ms. Wine - Excused**

No Report

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BELL ACRES NEW WEBSITE DESIGN**

Mr. Kulbacki reported that as part of the Comprehensive Plan, a survey questionnaire was given to all the residents. The survey resulted in requests for more communication. Therefore, a Communications Focus Group was formed which includes Charlie Kulbacki, Lisa Fleming, Michelle Veeck, Diane Abell, Marty Luzer and Finn Johnson. The Communications Focus Group met several times and agreed to enhance the Borough's web page. Due to the advanced software, the new website would provide immediate and easier access for internal updates. It was also more cost effective.

A motion to enter into a Website Design Agreement with Fifth & Crowe was made by Mr. Meanor and seconded by Mr. Abell. A Roll Call Vote was conducted by Mrs. Fleming:

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

David Renfrew, President – Yes  
Brock Meanor, Vice President – Yes  
Christopher Abell – Yes  
Michelle Veeck – No  
Greg Wagner – Yes  
Megan Wine – Absent  
Dennis C. Young, Jr. – No

4 – Yes, 2 – No, 1 – Absent. Motion carried.

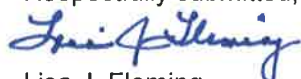
**CORRESPONDENCE**

There were other items noted but no further action was needed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to transact, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Meanor and seconded by Mr. Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa J. Fleming  
Borough Secretary