

**BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 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, November 9, 2020, via an authorized telecommunication device (Zoom).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No Public Comments

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Renfrew, President of Council, at 8:02 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
- () Megan Wine - Excused
- (X) Dennis Young

MAYOR

- (X) Kenneth Alvania, Mayor

BOROUGH ENGINEER

- (X) Scott 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 October 2020 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 October 12, 2020, was made by Mrs. Veeck and seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2020 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$412,713.15 out of the General Fund and \$146.30 out of the State Fund was made by Mr. Meanor and seconded by Mr. Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 305

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 SECTION 165-5, WORD USAGE AND DEFINITIONS, AND SECTION 165-31.B, RESIDENTIAL ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, ACCESSORY USES, AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURES.

MOTION TO ENACT ORDINANCE NO. 305

A motion to enact Ordinance No. 305, as presented, was made by Mr. Abell and seconded by Mr. Young.

- Mr. Abell – Yes
- Mr. Young - Yes
- Mr. Meanor – Yes
- Mrs. Veeck – Yes
- Mr. Renfrew – Yes
- Mr. Wagner – Abstain (reason publicly announced and memorandum filed with Borough Secretary)

5 Yes; 1 Abstain. Motion carried.

MOTION TO FURTHER REVIEW ORDINANCE NO. 305

A motion to send enacted Ordinance No. 305 to the Planning Commission to consider the public comments during the Public Hearing made by John Edson, a representative for a resident, and the comments received from the Allegheny County of Economic Development (ACED) on October 15, 2020, was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Meanor.

- Mr. Young – Yes
- Mr. Meanor – Yes
- Mr. Abell – No
- Mrs. Veeck – Yes
- Mr. Renfrew – Yes
- Mr. Wagner – Abstain (reason publicly announced and memorandum filed with Borough Secretary)

4 Yes; 1 No; 1 Abstain. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE – Mrs. Veeck

A motion to approve the 2021 Bell Acres Borough Preliminary Budget with:

Revenues totaling	\$1,871,043.00
Expenditures totaling.	\$1,871,043.00

was made by Mrs. Veeck and seconded by Mr. Renfrew. All in favor. Motion carried.

A meeting date of November 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to review and approve the 2021 Budget was established. Mrs. Veeck offered to set up the Zoom Meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY- Mr. Young

POLICE CONTRACT

Mr. Renfrew received information from Lori Owen, Consultant, Actuarial Department of Dunbar, Bender & Zapf regarding the DROP Program that he will share with the Public Safety Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Junker publicly announced that Borough Council held an executive session on Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter, but it did not involve the DROP Program.

After the Public Safety Report, Mr. Young asked to be excused because he has to wake up at 4:00 a.m. for work. At this time, Mr. Young was excused at 8:37 p.m. The Solicitor confirmed that the meeting still had a quorum, and that the majority of the quorum could take official action.

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Abell

Mr. Abell stated the new Public Works employee is working out extremely well and the department is now a well-oiled machine.

PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – Mr. Wagner

No Report

GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – Mr. Meanor

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY GRANT

Mr. Meanor reported that Mr. Kulbacki received a letter from The Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County informing us that the Gaming Economic Development & Tourism Fund Grant in the amount of \$50,000 has been awarded to Bell Acres Borough. Mr. Kulbacki signed the *Acceptance of Offer* on October 20, 2020. The next step is to confirm that the excavator is available through the Co-stars program.

ZONING- Ms. Wine - Excused

RHODES LOGGING APPLICATION

A Public Hearing was held prior to the Regular Council Meeting this evening for the purpose of gathering input from the public pertaining to the Rhodes Logging Application at the property of Geoffrey Rhodes at 2191 Camp Meeting Road. A lengthy discussion took place.

A motion to engage a Borough Forester with the costs split between the Borough and the applicant to advise Council on the requested waivers, and for the applicant to mark the trees, as stated during the Public Hearing, was made by Mr. Wagner. Motion failed for lack of a second motion.

A motion to approve Geoffrey Rhodes' Logging Application, with the following four (4) waivers from the ordinance requirements, as indicated in the application: Section 118-6(T) regarding seeding skid trails, Section 118-6(L) regarding marking trees so that the mark is visible after the tree is removed, Section 118-6(K) regarding harvesting trees greater than 36-inch diameter at chest height, and Section 118-6(G) regarding logging on slopes greater than 25% was made by Mr. Meanor and seconded by Mrs. Veeck.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Meanor – Yes
Mrs. Veeck – Yes
Mr. Wagner – Abstain
Mr. Abell – No
Mr. Renfrew – Yes

Yes – 3; No – 1; Abstain – 1. 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 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa J. Fleming
Borough Secretary

