

**BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 27, 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, April 27, 2020, via teleconference.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No public comments were submitted

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Renfrew, President of Council, at 7:01 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
- (X) Megan Wine
- (X) Dennis Young

MAYOR

- (X) Kenneth Alvania, Mayor

BOROUGH ENGINEER

- (X) Richard Shoup – Shoup Engineering, Inc.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR

- () Robert Max Junker – Babst Calland - Excused

STAFF

- (X) Charles Kulbacki, Borough Manager
- (X) Lisa Fleming, Borough Secretary

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's Report for the month of March 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 on March 9, 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 March 2020 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$165,651.02 out of the General Fund and \$3,899.75 out of the State Fund was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Ms. Wine. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

PROPOSED REVISED 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 delay the Public Hearing on Proposed Revised Ordinance No. 301 previously scheduled for May 11, 2020, until COVID 19 bans are lifted was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE – Mrs. Veeck

Mr. Gregg Cooper, Bell Acres Tax Collector, reported that due to the coronavirus pandemic and the Governor's orders; municipalities may choose to extend the discount period for real estate taxes to August 31, 2020, and/or waive any fee or penalty if paid in full by December 31, 2020. Mr. Cooper recommended mailing the tax billings as planned on May 1, 2020. Mr. Cooper stated that he will monitor the tax receipts and if he detects any problem, changes can be made to the discount rate and final payment date. Mr. Cooper will keep Mr. Kulbacki informed if anything occurs out of the ordinary.

PUBLIC SAFETY

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Abell

SEVINS ROAD LANDSLIDE PROJECT

Mr. Abell reported Lewis Hopkins and the Borough's two Public Works employees completed the Sevins Road Landslide Project. Mr. Kulbacki further noted Sevins Road was officially completed on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. It was a major slide in which our Public Works employees – Carl Bohn and Rick Henderson did a commendable job. Mr. Kulbacki reported the Borough saved a lot of money by using borough employees and the large stockpile of reserved millings material.

PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – Mr. Wagner – Excused

No Report

GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – Mr. Meanor

Mr. Meanor reported he reapplied for the ACED Grant for a compact excavator. Mr. Meanor announced the Primary Election has been moved and will be held on June 2, 2020. He advised that our polling staff must have proper cleaning and protection supplies.

Mr, Kulbacki reported that he asked Scott Shoup to look into the Grant Programs for the two slides on Turkeyfoot Road and Sevins Road. Mr. Shoup informed him the Borough does not qualify.

ZONING- Ms. Wine

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (ACED) BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM & HOME PROGRAMS – FY 2021, 2022, & 2023

ACED requests the Borough's participation in their CDBG and HOME Programs for the next three years. Mr. Kulbacki stated these programs have previously provided the Borough with grant money for various projects such as resurfacing roads, tearing down abandoned buildings, installing handicapped accesses, and providing financial assistance to low income families for public water and sewer projects. Mr. Kulbacki recommends the Borough "opts-in". Mr. Young further stated the Borough has participated in the program for over 20 years and have been very beneficial.

A motion to "opt-in" to Allegheny County Economic Development's (ACED's) CDBG and HOME Programs for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023 were made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. 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. Young and seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa J. Fleming
Borough Secretary