

**BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 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, September 14, 2020, via teleconference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- ❖ John J. Edson – Attorney at Law
Attorney John Edson stated he represents Robert Miller who owns vacant land at 145 Beech Ridge Drive. Mr. Miller plans to build a home with a detached garage. A curative amendment was filed with the Borough, in essence, due to the limited size restrictions of the accessory building in relative to the parcel size of 14.1 acres. They are requesting Mr. Miller's challenge and proposed amendment be heard. In closing, Mr. Miller expressed his excitement of moving into the Borough and extended his appreciation for everyone's time.

- ❖ Debbie Divenanzo – 117 Beech Ridge Drive
 - Dr. Divenanzo expressed her concerns regarding the increased traffic on Beech Ridge Drive. She described past activity.
 - Dr. Divenanzo also stated there is a lot of fencing going on and voiced her opinion that the recent chain link fence installed is an eyesore and does not fit into the neighborhood.

- ❖ Heidi Buzzelli – 110 Beech Ridge Drive
Mrs. Buzzelli also expressed her concerns with the traffic and cars that do not belong on the street.

- ❖ Gary Irwin – Chairman, Bell Acres Municipal Authority (BAMA)
Mr. Irwin updated Council regarding the Camp Meeting Road Landslide and the pending litigation with the property owner along Camp Meeting Road. Mr. Irwin reiterated that BAMA is actively trying to resolve this issue; however, there is no movement or cooperation by the plaintiff.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Renfrew, President of Council, at 7:40 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
- () Dennis Young - Excused

MAYOR

- () Kenneth Alvania, Mayor - Excused

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
- (X) Kristoffer Korol, Chief of Police

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's Report for the month of August 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 August 10, 2020, was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2020 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$85,421.96 out of the General Fund and \$143.92 out of the State Fund was made by Mr. Meanor and seconded by Mr. Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

POLICE BODY CAMERAS

Chief Korol presented the proposals and costs associated with purchasing police body cameras. Chief Korol obtained quotes from three companies that are CEGIS compliant: AXON, ProVision, and WatchGuard. A lengthy discussion took place. Mr. Renfrew directed Chief Korol to prepare a report with his recommendations, present it to Council next month, and then Council will act on it.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 304

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 118 IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, "LOGGING", TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS REGULATING LOGGING, FORESTRY, AND OTHER SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE BOROUGH.

A motion to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance No. 304 regarding Chapter 118 on Logging for action at the October 12, 2020, Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Abell and seconded by Mr. Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

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, 165-31.B, RESIDENTIAL ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, ACCESSORY USES, AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURES.

A motion to schedule the Public Hearing and authorize the advertisement of Ordinance No. 305 regarding Chapter 165 on Zoning for consideration at the November 9, 2020, Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE – Mrs. Veeck

No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY- Mr. Young – Excused

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Abell

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HIRING

Mr. Abell reported that the Borough has properly advertised the vacant position in the Public Works Department. One application was received. The applicant met all the necessary requirements.

A motion to hire Douglas C. Foeks for the Public Works Department position, contingent on his passing the pre-employment physical, was made by Mr. Abell and seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

2020 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PAVING PROJECT

Mr. Abell reported that Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc. milled the Borough's portions of Hopkins Church Road. They will continue this week to mill and pave portions of Turkeyfoot Road, Maple Street, Woodcrest Drive, and Elm Street.

PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – Mr. Wagner

No Report

GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – Mr. Meanor

GEDF \$50,000.00 GRANT SECURED FOR BELL ACRES BOROUGH

Mr. Meanor received a letter from State Representative Valerie Gaydos informing us that she secured a \$50,000.00 grant for the purchase towards a Bobcat Compact Excavator.

SENATE BILL 101

Mr. Wagner informed Council about the PSAB notice regarding Senate Bill 101. The bill would amend the State Highway Law and require PennDOT to maintain the drainage maintenance on state roads. Mr. Renfrew asked Mr. Junker to prepare a Resolution in support of this legislation.

ZONING- Ms. Wine

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

DAVE'S TAVERN – CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL

A motion to approve the Conditional Use Application for Dave's Tavern and approve Outdoor Dining (a Temporary Use, Non-Construction-Related for a time period of up to 180 days, subject to the addition of the following conditions: (1) Outdoor dining hours to begin no earlier than 12 noon and to end no later than 10 p.m. and (2) Requirement that curb ties (i.e. railroad ties) be added around the perimeter of the 12' by 24' outdoor dining area was made by Mrs. Veeck and seconded by Mr. Wagner. 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. Abell and seconded by Mr. Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After Adjournment of the Regular Meeting, Mr. Renfrew called for an Executive Session at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa J. Fleming, Borough Secretary

