

BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bell Acres was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 11, 2021, at the Big Sewickley Creek Fire Hall, 1850 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA 15143.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Rich Kulbacki of 147 Hitzel Hill Road – Rich has concerns of the noise that will come from the Pickleball courts to go in the park sometime in 2023.
- Ms. Jennifer Wilson and Elizabeth Zedak – of 1519 Big Sewickley Creek Road – concerns of a severe erosion problem. Pictures were passed around for proof. Mr. David Renfrew stated we will do what we can to help. He also suggested call the Borough office and setup a meeting with the Manger along with Shoup Engineering and himself included.
- Bob Powner – also stated that other houses beside Jennifer Wilson’s house are having major issues with erosion as well.
- Finn Johnson – Bell Acres Borough Communications Focus Committee Member conducted a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed new Bell Acres Borough website. The new and improved Website will be ready to go within the next month. The new features will include the SavvyCitizen sign up along with some very impressive pictures of our beautiful town from our own citizens! Also pinpointing the more important documents and forms pertinent to the Borough. The name of the platform is Webflow.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Renfrew, President of Council, at 7:31 p.m.

COUNCIL

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

MAYOR

- (X) Kenneth Alvania, Mayor

BOROUGH ENGINEER

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

BOROUGH SOLICITOR

- (X) Robert Max Junker – Babst Calland

STAFF

- (X) Lisa Fleming – Borough Manager
- (X) Jill Palko – Borough Secretary

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor’s Report for the month of September 2021 has been submitted in writing and made part of the minutes.

- The police car was ordered back in January of 2021, the car was to be a granite color and delivered in the summer. The car was not delivered until late September and the car was white. The department decided to keep the white car and going forward the new fleet of cars will be white. They could have done a vinyl wrap – but with the dirt roads in our area the fear of the car

getting chipped and damaged the wrap would not last. He stated we will be getting \$1,000 back to compensate for the issue of the wrong color.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Alvania announced that there will be a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser held on Saturday October 23rd at the Big Sewickley Creek Fire Hall from 2 to 6 pm, also a Chinese Auction.

Mayor Alvania announced there will be *Trunk -n- Treat* held on Sunday October 31st, 2021. Time is 2 pm to 4 pm. (Setup starts at 1:30 pm) Bring your best costume!

Mayor Alvania announced that Halloween will be on October 31, 2021 6 pm – 8 pm

APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held September 13, 2021, was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE JOINT MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held September 13, 2021, was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 13, 2021, was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2021 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$411,828.44 out of the General Fund and \$148.55 out of the State Fund was made by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE – MICHELLE VEECK

A preliminary budget meeting will be held on Monday November 15, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Big Sewickley Creek Fire Hall. Work for the 2022 Borough Budget is in progress. Max Junker stated that an Agenda be made available and a legal notice be submitted. Lisa Fleming asked if anyone needs to meet, she can be available before this meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY – BROCK MEANOR

Mayor Alvania stated – the new police car was delivered and will be getting this ready to have all of the police equipment. Going forward – the fleet of police cruisers will be white.

PUBLIC WORKS – CHRIS ABELL

Public Works Non-Uniform Contract – Discussed in the Executive Session

PennDOT sent about 15 tons of complimentary stone to be placed on the Borough Park parking lot. PennDOT used the lot to store their equipment when fixing Hitzel Hill Road. Carl spread the stone evenly around the lot.

HITZEL HILL LANDSLIDE REPAIRS

Mr. Abell announced that Hitzel Hill is in fact open although there are no lines painted.

PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – GREG WAGNER – excused

No report.

GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – MEGAN WINE – excused

No report.

ZONING – LANE GRAFTON

The plans for the Villas were recently sent out to the developer. Phase I construction to begin January 2022 and be completed by March 2022. This will depend on getting the pertinent permits.

Mr. Grafton stated he went to the Planning Commission held on Wednesday September 15, 2021. The Planning Commission would like the idea to mesh together some ideas and if any members have planning experience, their expertise is welcome.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were other items that were noted but did not need action at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After the regular meeting adjourned an Executive session was held at 7:45 pm to discuss the Public Works non-uniform contract and the potential Volpe litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill A. Palko
Borough Secretary

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