

BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 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, November 8, 2021, at the Big Sewickley Creek Fire Hall, 1850 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA 15143.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Renfrew, President of Council, at 7:02 p.m.

COUNCIL

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

MAYOR

- (X) Kenneth Alvania, Mayor

BOROUGH ENGINEER

- (X) Scott 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 October 2021 has been submitted in writing and made part of the minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 11, 2021, was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Grafton. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for October 2021 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$283,111.16 out of the General Fund and \$148.96 out of the State Fund was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Michelle Veeck of Council voiced concerns regarding the property owned by Ms. Jennifer Wilson and Elizabeth Zedak – of 1519 Big Sewickley Creek Road – concerns of a severe erosion problem. Mrs. Veeck wanted to know if there was an update regarding this issue.

Mr. Brock Meanor of Council spoke with Representative Gaydos about this and Representative Gaydos noted that there are limited funds for this type of erosion issue. Mr. Meanor stated that Representative Gaydos will have a letter for the resident.

Charlie Kulbacki stated approximately 25 years ago, Mrs. Zedak came to the borough office with these erosion issues. Charlie reached out to WIIJ TV Mr. Ron Jay for help with a grant and received \$10,000. This would not be enough to even cover the engineering fees. Also a few departments needed to be involved, including the DEP and the Fishing Game Commission. After they put about 2 years of time into this, the cost was too much.

Unfortunately, this will be a very expensive project as Mr. Renfrew stated. Mrs. Veeck just wants for the record that Council is doing what they possibly can to help.

Mr. Scott Shoup of Shoup Engineering stated that this would most likely need a stream bank and the cost for that is roughly \$120,000, as he stated that he just finished a project with this problem.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE – MICHELLE VEECK

An update on the unbalanced 2022 Preliminary Budget is:

1. Receipts totaling \$2,063,716.00
2. Expenses totaling \$2,043,768.00

PUBLIC SAFETY – BROCK MEANOR

Discuss the Planning Commission recommendation that the Police and Public Works Departments identify areas in the Borough for potential dumps and dumping violations – as part of implementing the Comprehensive Plan.

This will be monitored by Chief Korol and our Public Works department.

The old police cruiser (SUV) is out of service and the new police car will have the up fitting placed in it.

The old SUV can be sold – can be discussed in next meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS – CHRIS ABELL - excused

Lisa Fleming – Borough Manager stated that the public works department installed/fixed the handicap ramp in front of the borough building. They did this in-house; the job was done in a few days and it looks great!

PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – GREG WAGNER – excused

Borough Police Garage/Copy Room - Roof, Gutters, Soffit & Facia Replacement.

In the meeting packets there were two (2) quotes for this project. We will wait for two (2) more quotes which are outstanding. This will be further discussed in the January meeting.

Borough Park Revitalization

Resolution No. 11082021 - Concurring Resolution – Allegheny County Economic Development CDBG Grant Application

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 11082021, authorizing the filing of an application for CDBG grant funds with Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the Bell Acres Borough Park ADA Parking Project, as part of the Borough Park Revitalization Project was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mrs. Veeck.

Max stated that this is needed to complete before we apply for a grant.

GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – MEGAN WINE – excused

Mr. Meanor suggested that we send out a thank you note from Council regarding the volunteers at the BSC Fire Hall Election volunteers. – Mr. Meanor will get the list of names and addresses of the folks who volunteered and Mr. Meanor will gather the names and addresses of the volunteers and send them to Lisa Fleming, Borough Manager to get a thank you letter out to these folks.

ZONING – LANE GRAFTON

A motion to schedule and advertise a public hearing during the regular meeting on December 13, 2021, for the conditional use application submitted by Villas at Bell Acres, LP for a private community clubhouse and private community swimming pool was made by Mr. Grafton seconded by Mrs. Veeck.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Schedule of Fees - Review the proposed updated and revised 2022 Schedule of Fees.

Proposed Ordinance No. 310

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 1 IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, “GENERAL PROVISIONS,” TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT, CONSOLIDATION, OR AMENDMENT OF FEES FOR ALL BOROUGH LICENSES, APPLICATIONS, AND PERMITS BY RESOLUTION.

A motion to advertise for action on proposed Ordinance No. 310 at the December 13, 2021, regular meeting was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mrs. Veeck.

Bell Acres Planning Commission Re-Appointment

A motion to re-appoint Roy Kraynyk to a 4-year term to the Bell Acres Planning Commission that would expire on 12/31/2025 was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Meanor

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. Grafton and seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill A. Palko
Borough Secretary