

**BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2021**

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bell Acres was held at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 12, 2021, via an authorized telecommunication device (Zoom).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR COUNCIL MEMBER DENNIS YOUNG, JR.

A moment of silence was held due to the passing of Council Member Dennis Young, Jr. on March 27, 2021. Mr. Renfrew prepared the following statement: "Dennis served on local volunteer fire departments basically his entire adult life, about 40 years. As we all know, he was a long time Chief of the Big Sewickley Creek Volunteer Fire Company. Denny was appointed to a seat on the Bell Acres Council in August 1998, eventually serving as President of Council from November 2009 until January 2020. He served on Council 23 years. While he was no stranger to controversy, I believe he always did what he considered to be the right thing for the betterment of the borough and the safety of its residents. Life goes on but we will miss him, our colleague and friend."

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Renfrew, President of Council, at 7:08 p.m.

COUNCIL

- (X) Dave 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, Jr.

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/Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

No written or oral public comments.

MAYOR'S REPORT

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 8, 2021, 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 2021 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$216,511.62 out of the General Fund and \$23,735.19 out of the State Fund was made by Ms. Wine and seconded by Mr. Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

CAMP MEETING ROAD LANDSLIDE

Mr. Gary Irwin, Chairman of Bell Acres Municipal Authority (BAMA), sent a written update as to the status of the Camp Meeting Road Landslide. There has been very little progress in coming to terms of an agreement or resolution with the plaintiffs. Mr. Wagner stated that someone must have a standing for eminent domain and suggested we contact Cindy Kirk, Allegheny County Representative, to step in and explore the possibility. Mrs. Veeck agreed with Mr. Wagner in moving forward and taking action. Mr. Junker stated he will contact the Assistant County Solicitor who was working on the access agreements and advise him that we are at another standstill. Mr. Wagner stated this situation is broken and suggested Mr. Meanor contact Cindy Kirk again and work in conjunction with Mr. Junker to coordinate their efforts.

SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS GOLF COURSE LIGHTING ISSUE

Mr. Renfrew asked about the lighting complaint at the golf course. Mr. Shoup checked the light levels and there are no violations. The Club voluntarily switched the bulbs for a lower wattage.

ASSISTANT BOROUGH SECRETARY

Mrs. Fleming stated that another employment ad blitz was run in local newspapers and several social media hiring platforms. Thus far, a few resumes were received and once the resumes are all compiled, the search committee will begin the interview process. Mr. Renfrew announced that upon further review, it was decided the position will be full-time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE – MICHELLE VEECK

No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY – MICHELLE VEECK (Co-Chair)

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS – CHRIS ABELL

RESOLUTION NO. 04122021A

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE BOROUGH AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS DISPOSITION BY ELECTRONIC AUCTION SALE.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 04122021A to advertise and authorize the solicitation for bids on the sale of the Borough's Lee Boy L900 Asphalt Paver on Municibid.com was made by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mr. Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT APPRECIATION

Mrs. Veeck expressed her appreciation of the Public Works Department. She stated the monthly report is absolutely fantastic and very beneficial. The report shows how hard they are working and affecting the borough in very positive ways. Mrs. Veeck asked that this message be relayed to Carl Bohn and his crew. Mr. Abell obliged and expressed his appreciation also. Mr. Renfrew further noted that a note was received from a resident complimenting the borough road department on their quick action and efficiency in resolving an issue.

PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – GREG WAGNER
BOROUGH LANDSCAPING

A motion to approve the landscaping design services proposal submitted by Brittany Foeks Landscaping was made by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. 5-Yes, 1-No–Mr. Meanor. Motion carried.

NEW BOROUGH SIGN

A motion to approve the new borough sign design and proposal submitted by Blue Fire Signs & Graphics was made by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – BROCK MEANOR

Mr. Meanor stated the new Bobcat excavator arrived. Mrs. Fleming sent in the proof of payment and we're just waiting for the grant reimbursement of \$50,000 from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County.

Mr. Meanor announced the Fire Department is organizing a food drive on April 24th.

ZONING – MEGAN WINE
WINE-HOLZBACH PLAN NO. 1

Mr. Junker noted that since Councilwoman Ms. Wine has the same last name as the applicant and for the purpose of our records and the Ethics Act; Ms. Wine confirmed that she is not a parent, spouse, child or sister of Mr. Floyd Wine, the applicant.

A motion to approve the Wine-Holzbach Plan No. 1 – Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission was made by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Ms. Wine. All in favor. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 306

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 165 IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, "ZONING", AS AMENDED, TO REGULATE FENCING WITHIN THE BOROUGH.

A motion to advertise the public hearing for Ordinance No. 306 to be held during the regular meeting on June 14, 2021, was made by Ms. Wine, seconded by Mr. Wagner.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 04122021

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DECLARING A VACANCY ON COUNCIL CREATED BY THE PASSING OF DENNIS C. YOUNG, JR. ON MARCH 27, 2021.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 04122021 was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

BOROUGH COUNCIL VACANCY

Mr. Junker stated the Borough Code requires council to fill a vacancy within 30 days of the occurrence. The process is that we declared a vacancy tonight and the 30 day requirement started ticking. Any discussions, interviews and appointments must be done in a public meeting. Mr. Renfrew stated the following announcement will be posted on the Borough website: "Bell Acres Council needs to appoint an individual to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Council Member Dennis Young, Jr. The individual would serve on Council until December 31, 2021. Any resident interested in being considered as a candidate to fill this vacancy should contact the Borough Manager. Council intends to appoint an individual to fill this vacancy during the regular meeting to be held May 10, 2021." At the November 2021 municipal election, there will be a two-year term on the ballot in addition to the standard four-year term openings.

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. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa J. Fleming
Borough Manager/Secretary