

**BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES**  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 14, 2021**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bell Acres was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021, at the Big Sewickley Creek Fire Hall, 1850 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA 15143 in person and via an authorized telecommunication device (Zoom).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Julie DiCenzo – 127 Skymark Lane  
Mrs. DiCenzo commented on proposed Ordinance No. 307 – Animal Husbandry
- Robert Marek – 178 Beadnell Drive  
Mr. Marek commented on proposed Ordinance No. 307 – Animal Husbandry
- David Fike – Community Leasing Partners  
Mr. Fike presented financing terms of the proposed new fire truck purchase for the Big Sewickley Creek Fire Department.

**REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Renfrew, President of Council, at 7:57 p.m. following the close of the Public Hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 306 - Fencing.

**COUNCIL**

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

**MAYOR**

- (X) Kenneth Alvania, Mayor

**BOROUGH ENGINEER**

- (X) Scott Shoup – Shoup Engineering, Inc. – via Zoom

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR**

- (X) Robert Max Junker – Babst Calland

**STAFF**

- (X) Lisa Fleming – Borough Manager/Secretary

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

The Mayor’s Report for the month of May 2021 has been submitted in writing and made part of the minutes. Mayor Alvania paid recognition and highly commended the Bell Acres Police Department for the extensive training they receive throughout the year.

**APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 10, 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 May 2021 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$138,471.93 out of the General Fund and \$261.80 out of the State Fund was made by Mr. Meanor and seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**BELL ACRES BOROUGH SECRETARY HIRING**

A motion to hire Jill Palko as Borough Secretary for the advertised vacant full-time position with the authorization for the Borough Manager to finalize wages at a starting rate of \$19.00 per hour, plus benefits, was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

**CAMP MEETING ROAD LANDSLIDE**

Mrs. Fleming reported that she received an email from Jason Molinero, Deputy Director of the Allegheny County Department of Public Works stating the County is wrapping up the final pieces. Mr. Molinero forwarded a cost sharing agreement to the Bell Acres Municipal Authority (BAMA) to split the cost of the temporary and permanent sanitary sewer line relocation. Once the agreement is signed, they should be able to establish a construction date.

Mr. Irwin, Chairman of BAMA, submitted a letter to Bell Acres Borough Council requesting that the Borough reimburse BAMA for the relocation and reinstallation cost of the sanitary sewer line that is not to exceed \$10,000. An in-depth discussion ensued. The matter will be discussed at a later time.

**BELL ACRES BOROUGH IMPLEMENTABLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

A motion to authorize the advertisement for a public hearing on July 12, 2021, of the Bell Acres Implementable Comprehensive Plan as presented in its final draft form and unanimously recommended by the Planning Commission was made by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BUDGET & FINANCE – MICHELLE VEECK**

No Report

**PUBLIC SAFETY – MICHELLE VEECK (Co-Chair)**

No Report

**PUBLIC WORKS – CHRIS ABELL**

**LEEBOY ASPHALT PAVER AUCTION RESULTS**

Mr. Abell announced the Leeboy Asphalt Paver was sold on Municibid's on-line auction site, for \$7,050.

**PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – GREG WAGNER**

**BELL ACRES BOROUGH PARK**

Mr. Wagner commented on the potential upgrades at the Borough Park. He recommended the park be reevaluated with a focus on replacing playground structures, adding a pickleball court, and other improvements. Mr. Wagner stated the Borough will be investing in upgrades and applying for grants in 2022.

**GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – BROCK MEANOR**

No Report

**ZONING – MEGAN WINE - Excused**

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**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 enact proposed Ordinance No. 306 was made by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Abell.

A secondary motion to table proposed Ordinance No. 306 was made by Mr. Grafton, seconded by Mr. Meanor.

A roll call was taken for the motion to table proposed Ordinance No. 306:

Mr. Grafton	Yes
Mr. Meanor	Yes
Mr. Abell	No
Mrs. Veeck	No
Mr. Wagner	No
Mr. Renfrew	Yes

Yes 3; No 3. Vote Tied 3-3

Due to the tie vote, Mayor Alvania's role was to cast the deciding vote.

Mayor Alvania	No
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Yes 3; No 4 Motion failed.

A roll call was taken for the main motion to enact proposed Ordinance No. 306:

Mr. Wagner	Yes
Mr. Abell	Yes
Mr. Meanor	No
Mr. Grafton	No
Mrs. Veeck	Yes
Mr. Renfrew	No

Yes 3; No 3. Vote Tied 3-3

Due to the tie vote, Mayor Alvania's role was to cast the deciding vote.

Mayor Alvania	Yes
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Yes 4; No 3 Motion carried.

A motion to authorize the optional notice of enactment for Ordinance No. 306 was made by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 307**

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 ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND THE KEEPING OR RAISING OF DOMESTIC FOWL WITHIN THE BOROUGH.

A motion to authorize the advertisement of a public hearing for proposed Ordinance No. 307 – Animal Husbandry as recommended and unanimously approved by the Planning Commission was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 2021 – COVID 19 LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS**

Mr. Junker summarized the American Rescue Plan Act 2021 and how the funds can benefit the Borough. Mrs. Fleming submitted the application and request for funds through the State's DCED within the 5-day allotted time period. Bell Acres Borough is estimated to receive \$143,082.82 in recovery funds.

**RESOLUTION NO. 06142021 – COST SHARING AGREEMENT WITH THE BIG SEWICKLEY CREEK FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 06142021**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING A COST SHARING AGREEMENT WITH THE BIG SEWICKLEY CREEK FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING CERTAIN FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

A motion to enact Resolution No. 06142021, authorizing a Cost Sharing Agreement with the Big Sewickley Creek Firemen's Association, Inc. with an amendment to the SCBA language to reflect the payment for the years 2022 and 2023 was made by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

**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 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa J. Fleming  
Borough Manager/Secretary