

**BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

June 13, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bell Acres was held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2022, at the Big Sewickley Creek Fire Hall, 1850 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA 15143.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Invited Guest

Wil Dunda – Student-Athlete, Quaker Valley High School - Student-Athlete Recognition

Mr. Meanor presented Student-Athlete Wil Dunda a certificate of Outstanding Achievement

At the June 13, 2022, Council Meeting, Wil was recognized by the Borough Council of Bell Acres in honor of his exemplary achievements and accolades at Quaker Valley High School:

- 2x WPIAL Soccer Champion
- 2x PIAA Soccer Champion
- 1x WPIAL Basketball Champion
- 1x PIAA Basketball Runner-Up

David Conte – Resident, 112 Bower Drive and Amateur Astronomers - Association of Pittsburgh Member - Dark Sky Lighting discussion.

Mr. Conte stated how enthusiastic he is regarding Bell Acres Borough taking some action regarding the Dark Sky lighting. Mr. Conte wants to be sure that folks are aware of how some lighting can cause pollution and environmental strain and costs to a neighborhood. Mr. Conte spoke of possibly Bell Acres having an Ordinance to light pollution and light control. The different types of lighting in and around neighbors and the wasted lighting in areas that are not necessary which can cause a waste of energy and in time if looked into will save money.

Mr. Grafton asked about different types of lighting. Mr. Conte stated that good high voltage lighting can be good, but not always the best solution. The solution being that the right amount of light aimed properly.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Meanor, Vice President of Council, at 6:14 p.m.

COUNCIL

- () David Renfrew - President of Council - excused
- (X) Brock Meanor - Vice President of Council
- (X) Christopher Abell
- (X) Lane Grafton
- () Carmee Murphy-Horton - excused
- (X) Charles Kulbacki
- (X) Michelle Veeck

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 May 2022 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 May 9, 2022, was made by Mr. Grafton seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for May 2022 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$159,740.29 out of the General Fund and \$156.66 out of the State Fund was made by Mr. Grafton, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Ordinance No. 311 – Environmental Advisory Council tabled at the May 9, 2022 regular meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 311

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING PART I IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, “ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION”, AS AMENDED, TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 27, “ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL”, AND TO THEREBY ESTABLISH, PROVIDE THE OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR, AND STAFF THE POWERS OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH.

A motion to table Ordinance No. 311 – Establishing an Environmental Advisory Council until the July 11, 2022 regular meeting was made by Mr. Grafton seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS Budget and Finance – MICHELLE VEECK

Mrs. Veeck spoke to Mrs. Fleming, Borough Manager regarding non-highway Diesel fuel costs. Although we cannot do anything regarding the budget now as it was approved for 2022. However, non-highway diesel fuel in summer 2021 cost was \$2.91 per gallon and current price is \$5.46 per gallon. Noted that the public works department works a shift of 6:00 am to 2:00 pm in the summer, to help alleviate the costs, although today they worked until 3:15 pm to get work done before storms rolled in. Mrs. Veeck along with Mrs. Fleming wanted to point out that as fuel prices continue to surge, it will bring us well over our fuel budget of \$8,200.

PUBLIC SAFETY – BROCK MEANOR

Proposed Ordinance No. 312 – Amending the Police Pension Plan

ORDINANCE NO. 312

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE POLICE PENSION PLAN BY REVISING THE DEFINITION OF “FINAL MONTHLY AVERAGE SALARY”

A motion to enact Ordinance No. 312 – Amending the Police Pension Plan was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS – CHRISTOPHER ABELL

Mr. Abell just wanted to comment on the fact that PennDOT put out a press release for the upcoming partial closure of Camp Meeting Road. The press release is on the Bell Acres Website.

PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – CHARLES KULBACKI

No report.

GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – CARMEE MURPHY-HORTON

No report.

ZONING – LANE GRAFTON

Mr. Grafton stated the new Zoning hearing board officers: Mr. Brad Semonik – Chairman, Mr. John Rumin Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Timothy Carland re-appointed as the Zoning Hearing Board– Solicitor.

NEW BUSINESS

Select and appoint a Quaker Valley Council of Governments (QVCOG) Delegate and an Alternate Delegate to the 2022 QVCOG Board.

A motion to appoint Ms. Murphy-Horton as the Quaker Valley Council of Governments (QVCOG) Delegate and Mr. Grafton as an Alternate Delegate to the QVCOG Board was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr., Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 06132022 – Amendment to the Schedule of Fees to add fees for Small Cell Wireless Facilities pursuant to Act 50 of 2021

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 06132022 – Amendment to the Schedule of Fees was made by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

Authorization for the Borough Manager to appropriate the use of State Liquid Fuels Account Funds

A motion to authorize the Borough Manager to appropriate the use of the State Liquid Fuels Account Funds for the expenditures of culverts, drainage structures, materials, and other related appurtenances for the 15-Year Road Improvement Plan was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There are other items that should be noted but do not need action at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact, a motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After the regular meeting adjourned an Executive session was held at 6:43 pm to discuss:

- Chief of Police Contract Renewal Discussion
- Litigation - Potential Solicitor Assistance for the Tax Collector in response to a subpoena for an individual's local tax records.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill A. Palko
Borough Secretary