

BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 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, September 12, 2022, at the Big Sewickley Creek Fire Hall, 1850 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA 15143.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Casey Marek – Assistant Fire Chief of Big Sewickley Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Marek informed Council the new Fire Truck ordered is on its way from South Dakota. The new Fire Truck should be here by end of next week. Once it arrives it will be getting other safety gear installed.

INVITED GUESTS

Brian Herskovitz – Technology/Logistics Chief of Valley Ambulance Authority and Sharon Woodman – Vice President and Bell Acres Representative of Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority

Borough Council issued a Proclamation Recognizing Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority's 50th Year Anniversary

A motion to approve the Proclamation recognizing QVAA 50th Year Anniversary was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Meanor, Vice President of Council, at 6:27 p.m.

COUNCIL

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

MAYOR

- () Kenneth Alvania, Mayor - **excused**

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 August 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 August 8, 2022, was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2022 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$101,047.04 out of the General Fund and \$912.99 out of the State Fund was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Proposed Ordinance No. 313 – Regulate Lighting Within the Borough

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 313

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 LIGHTING WITHIN THE BOROUGH.

If Council takes action: A motion to advertise for a public hearing and potential enactment of proposed Ordinance No. 313 at the November 14, 2022 regular meeting as recommended by the Planning Commission was made by____, seconded by____.

No action taken. Mr. Shoup asked to be certain that this will be sent to Planning Commission for further review and discussion.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE - MICHELLE VEECK

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY – BROCK MEANOR

Quaker Valley Council of Government’s (QVCOG) Police Mutual Aid Agreement

A motion to approve the Quaker Valley Council of Government’s (QVCOG) Police Mutual Aid Agreement in a form acceptable to the Solicitor and Chief of Police was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS – CHRISTOPHER ABELL

Mr. Abell stated Folino Construction, Inc. will have the road work completed on Camp Meeting Road. All the paving and line painting to be completed by mid-September.

PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – CHARLES KULBACKI

Announcement of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Grant Award of \$70,000 for Phase I of the Rehabilitation of Bell Acres Borough Park.

Mr. Kulbacki stated the grant will assist by improving our Borough Park with a new Pavilion, installation of fencing and gates, landscaping and other site improvements. Mr. Kulbacki, thanked Mrs. Fleming, Ms. Palko, Mr. Scott Shoup of Shoup Engineering and Mr. Pashek of Pashek+MTR for all of the work and time getting the information together to get this grant.

GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – CARMEE MURPHY-HORTON

Mrs. Horton stated the QVCOG has moved forward on the Route 65 corridor study.

Mrs. Horton forwarded the 2022 Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund (GEDTF) grant application to Mrs. Fleming.

ZONING – LANE GRAFTON

Conditional Use Application – B Ave. Properties, LLC

A motion to approve a Conditional Use Application from B Ave. Properties, LLC for a Restaurant (Take-Out Pizza Shop) to be located at 1981 Big Sewickley Creek Road subject to compliance with the Zoning Officer/Borough Engineer’s review letters dated July 20, 2022 and September 1, 2022 was made by Mr. Grafton, seconded by Mrs. Horton. All in favor. Motion carried.

BLS Bulk Materials, Inc. (Construction Business) Land Development Plan

A motion to approve the Preliminary and Final Land Development Plan located at 1335 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA subject to compliance with the Zoning Officer/Borough Engineer’s review letters dated July 26, 2022 and August 18, 2022 was made by Mr. Grafton, seconded by Mrs. Horton. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Police and Non-Uniform Defined Benefit Plan Administration

A motion to ratify the Agreements with Matrix Trust Company as successor to TD Ameritrade for the Plan Administration of the Police and Non-Uniform Defined Benefit Pension Plans as recommended by Oakmont Capital Management LLC was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans

A motion to acknowledge receipt of the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) of \$102,435 for the Police Pension Plan was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to acknowledge receipt of the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) of \$26,458 for the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

Advertisement for Proposals for Professional Services for a 401(a) Plan

A motion to Advertise for Proposals for Professional Services for the Administration of a 401(a) Plan for the Borough of Bell Acres Pension System was made by Mr. Abell and seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discuss Quaker Valley Recreation Association's (QVRA) Request for a Letter of Support for their Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) Grant

Mrs. Veeck and Mrs. Fleming will construct a letter to help in the issuance for this Grant.

Parking Issue

Mr. Meanor stated the issues of parking on the streets in and around Bell Acres. Folks have complained to the Police officers and have come into the Borough office. A discussion will take place at October's Council meeting. Chief Korol will conduct a traffic study to help administer a possible ordinance.

Electronic distribution of meeting packets

The request was made to send meeting packets via email to Mrs. Veeck, Mr. Grafton and Mrs. Horton.

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 7:16pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After the regular meeting adjourned an Executive Session was held at 7:20 pm to discuss the Sewickley Heights Golf Club's Appeal of the Zoning Hearing Board's denial for the Variance for installation of a Medallion/Sign and appeal from the determination of the Zoning officer that the Medallion is a Sign.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill A. Palko
Borough Secretary