

**BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES**  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 10, 2022**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bell Acres was held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 10, 2022, at the Big Sewickley Creek Fire Hall, 1850 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA 15143.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**INVITED GUESTS**

Mike Riordan – Quaker Valley Softball & Baseball (QVSB) President provided an update on Legacy Fields

Mr. Riordan explained the importance of lighting at Legacy Fields. As the summer ends and fall season begins, the evening after school hours, darkness falls quickly. The lighting would benefit parents as to getting their children to games and practices and games after work. Usually, practices are after 5 pm. This would extend the time at the fields to possibly 7 or 8 pm, and in late September and early October as it begins to get dark by 6:30 pm. The concern is the lighting on the baseball fields and how it will affect residents on and around the area near Legacy Fields. Mr. Riordan said the lighting will not be pointing towards residents' homes and assured that when games and or practices are completed the lights will go very dim.

**REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Renfrew, President of Council, at 6:24 p.m.

**COUNCIL**

- (X) David Renfrew - President of Council
- (X) Brock Meanor - Vice President of Council
- ( ) Christopher Abell - excused
- (X) Lane Grafton - via Remote Teleconference – arrived at approximately 6:50 pm.
- ( ) Carmee Murphy-Horton - excused
- (X) Charles Kulbacki
- (X) Michelle Veeck

**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 September 2022 has been submitted in writing and made part of the minutes. Mayor Alvania announced Trick or Treat will be Monday October 31, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the B Ave. Conditional Use Public Hearing held on September 12, 2022 was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 12, 2022, was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2022 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$144,275.93 out of the General Fund and \$322.16 out of the State Fund was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ regular meeting as recommended by the Planning Commission was made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

*No action taken. This is going back to Planning Commission for further review.*

## **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

### **BUDGET & FINANCE - MICHELLE VEECK**

Mrs. Veeck reported that preliminary work for the 2023 Borough Budget is in progress.

A Preliminary Budget Meeting Date will be held on Thursday November 17, 2022 at 5:00 pm at the Borough Building.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY – BROCK MEANOR**

#### **Presentation of a Traffic Study conducted by Chief Korol and the Bell Acres Police Department.**

Recommendations and discussion of public safety issues due to parking issues throughout the Borough. Police Chief Korol and the Bell Acres Police Department conducted a Traffic Study throughout the Borough, measuring streets width and tracking how wide each street is and if any or one car can park without interference of oncoming traffic. The discussion entailed and some concerns are if signs are recommended. Mr. Junker stated that yes, there must be "no parking" signs posted if we do in fact make an Ordinance for the Borough to have one side or no parking on our streets. Mr. Renfrew directed Mr. Junker to draft a Parking Ordinance for further review and discussion by Council.

#### **Big Sewickley Creek Volunteer Fire Department's New Fire Engine Down Payment Authorization**

A motion for the Borough Manager to appropriate and distribute the Certificate of Deposit Reserved Funds in the amount of \$114,275.17 to the Big Sewickley Creek Volunteer Fire Department for the down payment of the new Spartan FC94 Pumper Fire Engine – Truck No. 221085-01, VIN No. 4S9DDEUA3NB559825 was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Amendment to Agenda:**

*A motion to make an amendment to the agenda was made by Mr. Meanor and seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. Public comment: none. All in favor. Motion carried.*

*A motion for the Borough of Bell Acres to cover the cost of insurance for the new Spartan FC94 Pumper Truck for the Big Sewickley Creek Fire Department in the amount of \$3,050 was made by Mr. Meanor and seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. Public comments: none. All in favor. Motion carried.*

### **PUBLIC WORKS – CHRISTOPHER ABELL - excused**

Mrs. Fleming spoke with Mr. Shoup regarding the paving for Witherow Road Ext. and portion of Backbone. Mr. Shoup spoke to Shields Paving and they stated that work would start by end of October, beginning of November.

**PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – CHARLES KULBACKI**

Mr. Kulbacki announced that we submitted a 2022 Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund (GEDTF) Grant Application for Phase II of the Borough Park Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$285,000. Mr. Kulbacki stated this will help with the structure of new courts, and another pavilion.

**GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – CARMEE MURPHY-HORTON - excused**

Announcement of the QVCOG Drop-Off Yard Materials Pilot Program.

Mrs. Fleming stated this is approximately 25 minutes away from the Borough, although this is for residents and our road department and this will be a pilot program. The QVCOG to look for other places closer for residents

**ZONING – LANE GRAFTON**

No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Allegheny Land Trust Letter of Authorization Request**

A motion to provide a letter from the Borough Manager to the US Army Corps of Engineers in support of a seasonal flow study of Big Sewickley Creek to be performed by the Allegheny Land Trust with technical assistance from the US Army Corps of Engineers was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. 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 Mr. Kulbacki seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An Executive session was held to discuss the Chief of Police Contract and the Police DROP Retirement Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jill A. Palko  
Borough Secretary