

**BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 10, 2023**

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bell Acres was held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2023, at the Big Sewickley Creek Fire Hall, 1850 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA 15143.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Renfrew, President of Council, at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL

- (X) David Renfrew - President of Council
- (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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's Report for the month of June 2023 has been submitted in writing and made part of the minutes. Mayor Alvania stated the new police vehicle 2023 Dodge Charger will take months to get upfitted, possibly by year end.

APPROVAL OF THE CORRECTED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the corrected minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 8, 2023, was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 12, 2023 was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for June 2023 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$169,268.07 out of the General Fund and \$187.23 out of the State Fund was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE - MICHELLE VEECK

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY – BROCK MEANOR

Big Sewickley Creek Volunteer Fire Department

Authorization for Monthly Distribution of Fire Tax Funds

A motion to authorize the Borough Manager to disburse \$10,000 from budget line item 392.300 to be deposited in the FDIC bank account maintained by the Big Sewickley Creek Fire Department in accordance with Section 153-54 of the Borough of Bell Acres Fire Tax Ordinance was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

Authorization for Purchase of the 2023 Dodge Charger Upfit Package from Ibis Emergency Vehicles – COSTARS Contract No. 012-23-318

A motion to authorize the purchase of the upfit package for the 2023 Dodge Charger Police Vehicle from Ibis Emergency Vehicles – COSTARS Contract No. 012-23-318 in the amount of \$13,842.00 was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS – CHRISTOPHER ABELL

Mr. Abell gave a great review of the Public Works Department, as they prepare for the asphalt paving on Grouse Lane. Independent contacting put in a bid this year for the asphalt paving although it is \$13 per 1 foot of curb - the Public Works department did the curb work themselves – this saved approximately \$36,100. The boom mower is currently broke and the crew is working on getting fixed.

PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – CHARLES KULBACKI

Resolution No. 07102023 – Act 152 Resolution – Demolition -Slums and Blight Resolution

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 07102023 – Demolition – Slums and Blight Resolution for Act 152 Grant Application through the Quaker Valley Council of Governments (QVCOG) for the demolition project at 109 North Avenue was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Abell asked to be certain that no one owns this house. Mr. Junker stated that no one at present does own the house, it has back taxes.

GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – CARMEE MURPHY-HORTON – excused

Mr. Meanor made mention to the flyer that was included in Council packet regarding Open Mic with State representative Valerie Gaydos. Check the website for information at www.repgaydos.com to register.

ZONING – LANE GRAFTON

Mr. Grafton attended the QVCOG meeting there are municipalities starting to consider installing charging stations for EV vehicles. Duquesne Light can do an audit for this.

There are some municipalities placing purple air sample monitors on their buildings throughout so residents can login and check the air quality.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorization for the Borough Manager to Open an Interest-Bearing Account for the Local Share Account (LSA) Grant Funds.

A motion to authorize the Borough Manager to open an interest-bearing account, specifically for the distribution and close-out of the LSA Grant Funds, in accordance with the terms of the grant contract was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 07102023A - Rescind Resolution No. 04102023B and Resolution No. 04102023C – Electronic Auction Sale

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 07102023A – to rescind the Electronic Auction Sale of the 2003 John Deere Tractor and the 2008 JCB 3CX Backhoe and to authorize a trade-in exchange for the 2008 JCB 3CX Backhoe was made by Mrs. Veeck, 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 Mr. Meanor seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill A. Palko
Borough Secretary