

BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2024

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 8, 2024, 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. Meanor Vice President of Council, at 6:01 p.m.

COUNCIL

- () David Renfrew - President of Council - *excused*
- (X) Brock Meanor - Vice President of Council
- (X) Christopher Abell
- () Matthew Horton - *excused*
- (X) Charles Kulbacki
- (X) Gregory Molchen
- (X) Michelle Veeck
- (X) Kenneth Alvania - Mayor
- (X) Richard Shoup - Borough Engineer
- (X) Robert Max Junker - Babst Calland

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diane Blanarik 110 Magura Road

Mrs. Blanarik announced an open house celebration of 75 years for the Ladies Auxiliary for Saturday August 24, 2024 from noon to 4 pm. at the fire hall. All are welcome, residents of Bell Acres, friends and family. There will be hot dogs, popcorn, lemonade, iced tea, water, free of charge. The Fire Truck will be out in the lot and the firemen will be demonstrating how they get ready for a fire call with their fire uniform and all the gear they use. This will be an opportunity to get the residents to see the Fire Hall if they would ever need to rent the hall for future use. Mrs. Veeck asked how many ladies on the Ladies Auxiliary and as of this year there are 20 active members.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's report for the month of June 2024 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 June 10, 2024, was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted for June 2024 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$130,149.79 out of the General Fund and \$145.92 out of the State Fund was made by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Abell had some concerns regarding the voting that took place with the selection of the new Council member. Mr. Abell wanted clarification of the process. Mr. Junker stated the process that took place was in conjunction with the borough codes. Mr. Abell's concerns was the voting process was ambiguous to some and if they knew they could have voted for more than one candidate they would have like some of the other members did. Was there a specific method that had to be used? Mr. Junker stated - no specific method there is just a matter of fact that Council is to appoint someone by Resolution. Mr. Abell asked if we could possibly look into increasing Council to nine members, Mr. Junker stated that up to nine is the maximum.

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 301.101 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. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr. Molchen. All in favor. Motion carried.

Final Report on the Traffic Study conducted by Allegheny County regarding the speed related to the intersection of Camp Meeting Road and Sevin Road

A traffic study was conducted by Allegheny County recently regarding the speed related to the intersection near Camp Meeting Road and Sevin Road. The results of traffic traveling were 5% were going 36 mph. The traffic has not significantly increased on this road to warrant a stop sign at the intersection at Sevin and Camp Meeting Road however, the advisory speed will be reduced from 30mph to 15mph near Charleston Square and Summerlawn. The Traffic Study will be placed on the Bell Acres borough website. www.bellacres.org.

Public Works – Christopher Abell

Bell Acres Borough Park to be opened this Friday July 12th.

Confined Space Training for Public Works Personnel

Training for confined spaces: July 17 at the Avalon Fire Department.

Property & Supplies – Charles Kulbacki

Borough Park officially opened – Phase I complete

Borough Park Updates – DCNR Grant & ACED Grant

Phase II of the park to refurbish the basketball courts with new hoops, purchase a Gazebo near the basketball court. Replace swings and update some of the playground equipment and replace the concrete benches.

Act 152 – Blight Removal Grant Project – 109 North Avenue – Bid Opening August 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Shoup Engineering provided bid opening papers for the project and gather bids for the above project.

Government & Legislation

Discuss and provide feedback on the QVCOG – Route 65 Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement

Mr. Meanor stated it is suggested we can give a donation but are not entitled to do so.

Zoning – Gregory Molchen

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

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. Molchen, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill A. Palko

Borough Secretary