

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

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of Bell Acres was held on January 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. 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 David Renfrew, President of 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's report for the month of December 2023 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 December 11, 2023, was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Abell. Mrs. Veeck stated that a Correction be made to the December 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes. A motion to accept the minutes, as corrected, was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting held on January 2, 2024, was made by Mr. Molchen, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted for December 2023 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$136,100.94 out of the General Fund \$14,164.68 out of the State Fund was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE - MICHELLE VEECK

No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY - BROCK MEANOR

Mr. Meanor was glad to announce that the contract for the full-time police officers has been ratified and the DROP Program was adopted last month for our police department. A new magistrate has been elected and sworn in, Judge Giuseppe Rosselli, who is a Bell Acres resident. Mr. Meanor attended Judge Giuseppe's swearing-in and wishes him well.

PUBLIC WORKS – CHRISTOPHER ABELL

Mr. Abell reported that the Borough had two saltings, thus far.

PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – CHARLES KULBACKI - Excused

Mrs. Fleming reported that the new pavilion for the Borough Park was delivered on December 13th. The pavilion segments are safely stored at the Public Works Facility. Once weather permits, our Public Works Department will construct and install the new pavilion. The Borough Park will be closed during the construction period. Mr. Bohn reached out to Allegheny County and they provided two (2) new “Park Closed” signs that will be used throughout the project.

GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – LANE GRAFTON

Mr. Meanor acknowledged that the Borough received letters of support from Senator Devlin Robinson and State Representative Valerie Gaydos for all of the Borough’s recent grant applications.

ZONING – GREGORY MOLCHEN

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 01082024 – Vacation Policy Revisions

Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 01082024 that was discussed in Executive Session last month.

RESOLUTION NO. 01082024

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE VACATION POLICY

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 01082024 approving revisions to the vacation policy was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reappointment of Darci Saracco to the Environmental Advisory Council

A motion to reappoint Darci Saracco to a 3-year term as a member of the Environmental Advisory Council beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2026, was made by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mr. Molchen. All in favor. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE

Mr. Meanor expressed his appreciation to Ms. Carmee-Murphy Horton for her service on Borough Council. Mr. Meanor requested that we send a thank you letter recognizing her service to the community.

CORRESPONDENCE

There are other items that should be noted but did 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 Mr. Abell. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of Personnel and Pension Plan Issues

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa J. Fleming
Borough Manager