

BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 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, February 12, 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. Renfrew President of Council, at 6:02 p.m.

COUNCIL

- (X) David Renfrew - President of Council
- () Brock Meanor - Vice President of Council - *Excused*
- (X) Christopher Abell
- () Lane Grafton - *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

Susan Kalinyak of 2491 Pheughal Road Sewickley PA
Mrs. Kalinyak reported there was an article in the Tribune live regarding the Quaker Valley Recreational Association officials want to turn James P. Bouchard Family Park in Bell Acres into an outdoor sports complex with new fields and amenities to benefit generations of young athletes. Mrs. Kalinyak wanted to ask Council to keep in mind the community likes to hike with their dogs and wants this to still be a part of the new complex.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's report for the month of January 2024 has been submitted in writing and made part of the minutes.

Mayor Alvania stated the police cars are now equipped with printers to print out tickets. Paper tickets are no longer being used.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 8, 2024, was made by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mr. Molchen. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted for January 2024 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$111,210.59 out of the General Fund \$7,954.50 out of the State Fund was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Molchen. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE – MICHELLE VEECK

No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY – BROCK MEANOR - Excused

No report

PUBLIC WORKS – CHRISTOPHER ABELL

Mr. Abell reported that the Borough has a lot of salt and will need to get have the rest of our salt delivered per the SHACOG contract with Cargill by the end of June 2024. We will need direction as to where we will store all the excess salt. Our salt sheds are full.

PROPERTY & SUPPLIES – CHARLES KULBACKI

109 North Avenue Demolition Grant Update – Asbestos Survey Results

Mrs. Fleming announced there was an asbestos survey done on 109 North Avenue. After analyzing 34 samples, asbestos was found in the indoor window caulking. The specimen was undersized and not regulated therefore an asbestos removal contractor is not needed for the demolition. The next step is the ACED will now complete an environmental review and the county will finalize the paperwork and once the county has the contract, Shoup Engineering will prepare the bid documents for the demolition of this property.

Announce Closure of Borough Park during construction of the Park Improvements funded by the DCNR Grant

Mr. Kulbacki reported that Borough Park is closed for the beginning phase 1 of the New Pavilion construction. This Phase will start demolition of the old pavilion and get ready to install the new pavilion along with a new concrete pad. We are hoping this to be complete by end of May weather permitting.

GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATION – LANE GRAFTON - Excused

State Representative Valerie Gaydos' Letter of Support Request for the Funding of a Study to Investigate Options of Route 65 and River Road

Mrs. Fleming reported the support letters are in the packet addressed to Mr. Jason Zane and to Mr. Rich Fitzgerald. This is to bring awareness and hopefully can gather financial resources for the study of infrastructural enhancements at the intersection of Route 65 and River Road in Allegheny County. Members from PennDOT (District 11) recommended that all municipalities concerned with the intersection write a letter requesting a study to investigate options at that intersection.

ZONING – GREGORY MOLCHEN

Mr. Molchen reported the Planning Commission will be utilizing the Comprehensive Plan and in conjunction with the EAC to gather more information for the trails throughout the borough.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 02122024 – Renumbering Certain Ordinances

RESOLUTION NO. 02122024

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
RENUMBERING CERTAIN ORDINANCES

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 02122024 was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discuss the Comcast Cable Franchise Renewal Services Proposal from Cohen Law Group
If Council takes action: A motion to engage in the services of (Cohen Law Group or with Comcast directly) to renew the Comcast Cable Franchise Renewal Contract was made by____, seconded by_____

No motion needed.

The discussion was to keep and renew the Comcast Cable Franchise Contract directly with Comcast.

Select and appoint a Quaker Valley Council of Governments (QVCOG) Delegate to the 2024 QVCOG Board

A motion to appoint Lane Grafton as the Quaker Valley Council of Governments (QVCOG) Delegate to the QVCOG Board was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

Select and appoint a Quaker Valley Council of Governments (QVCOG) Alternate Delegate to the 2024 QVCOG Board

A motion to appoint Gregory Molchen as the Quaker Valley Council of Governments (QVCOG) Alternate Delegate to the QVCOG Board was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

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 Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Molchen. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of Personnel Issues

Respectfully submitted,

Jill A. Palko
Borough Secretary