

BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 15, 2024

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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 15, 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 6:03 p.m.

COUNCIL

- (X) David Renfrew - President of Council
- (X) Brock Meanor - Vice President of Council
- (X) Christopher Abell
- (X) Matthew Horton - via phone
- (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

None

INVITED GUESTS

Gary Irwin - Chairman, Bell Acres Municipal Authority - Updates

1. The Audit was delayed the numbers were fine as there was a new contractor Thomas Bibby for our maintenance engineer.
2. The grant money - BAMA applies every year. We did receive \$300,000 in 2023 for the Hawthorne acres area and we will tie into a pump system starting at the Ball field. BAMA will give a tap in for no charge to the QVCOG that they will eventually need in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the Ball Field and construction of the new fields and new facilities complex. The project will take approximated 4 to 6 months. Mr. Irwin is hopeful to receive more grant money to fulfil the entire project - which is upwards of costing 2.5 million dollars. However, we will work with what we have and for now we received the grant to start with the work at the Ball field and place some of the pipe in.
3. Fagan case - this will be discussed further in Executive session. Mr. Irwin wants Council to be aware of this case as Bell Acres should be aware of all the information.

Mr. Renfrew asked if Mr. Irwin met with possibly the board of Health and our State representative Valerie Gaydos office. Mr. Irwin stated he met along with BAMA engineer and recording secretary.

Mayor Alvania asked if there will be grinder pumps placed in the Ball field. Mr. Irwin stated the well station will be low enough and a lot of this will be on a hill side and be gravity fed.

Mr. Abell asked about the cost for this project is 2.5 million dollars. BAMA receive a grant for \$300,000. Mr. Abell wants to know the plan going forward for other grants. BAMA is going to go for get smaller grants going forward, in hopes of getting those first.

MAYOR'S REPORT

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

Mayor's Announcement- Trick or Treating in Bell Acres will be Thursday October 31st from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

### APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 9, 2024, was made by Mr. Meanor seconded by Mr. Molchen. All in favor. Motion carried.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted for September 2024 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$304,103.50 out of the General Fund and \$165.03 out of the State Fund was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Renfrew – asked if any movement on Backbone Road? Mrs. Fleming announced the state did clear Little Sewickley Creek Road, which was down to one lane because of Backbone road's landslide. Mr. Abell saw another tree down in the area; however, Mr. Abell has not seen anymore movement thus far in the past few months. Mr. Meanor plans on attending Sewickley Heights Council meeting that is to be held on Monday October 21, 2024.

### COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

#### Budget & Finance – Michelle Veeck

Preliminary work for the 2025 Borough Budget is in progress.

Establish a 2025 Preliminary Budget Meeting Date in November 2024

A motion to authorize the Borough Secretary to advertise the Budget Meeting as a special meeting to be held on Tuesday November 12, 2024 at 4:00 PM was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### 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. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Molchen. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### PlateSmart Technologies Agreement

A motion to enter into a Pricing Agreement and End User License Agreement with Cyclops Technologies, Inc. d/b/a PlateSmart Technologies for a one-year free trial subscription for the backend access connection for license plate readers for the Police Department that is being provided by the Quaker Valley Council of Governments (QVCOG) through the Keystone Communities Grant was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

*Mr. Junker stated that looking over the agreement we must adhere to the one-year terminology that there is a 90-day termination notice in advance to cancel this agreement.*

Mr. Meanor announced he along with Mayor Alvania met with Chief Korol. The police department purchased several new laptops for the police cars. Also, for this year before prices go up, a new police car preferable an SUV Ford Explorer 2024 can be available now at \$33,450. With the upfit will cost another \$10,200. Mayor Alvania stated there may be a Charger on a lot available as well – but moreover we are looking into an SUV. As we approach the Budget for 2025, we should place this into Public Safety for a Police Vehicle, as the oldest vehicle has over 115,000 miles on as of beginning of October.

#### Public Works – Christopher Abell

Mr. Abell announced Youngblood, Inc. who was contracted out to do the paving for Witherow and Dilworth created a blacktop pad area so we will have a place for our salt. We will purchase a salt top as it will not get wet from rain and or snow. We will be getting a lot of salt delivered before year end and need a place to store the salt.

Property & Supplies – Charles Kulbacki

Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Nelko of Shoup Engineering, myself and our Regional Director from DCNR went to the park to complete a final Site Inspection. Everything from Phase I was great, we will be getting a letter from DCNR to close out this Grant.

Government & Legislation – Matthew Horton

No report.

Mr. Renfrew asked about the mail in ballots. Mr. Meanor stated the ballots should be out very soon as they were scheduled to be out my mid-October. Most of them have been sent out.

Zoning – Gregory Molchen

Mr. Molchen reported the Planning Commission is reviewing the fencing order.

NEW BUSINESS

Oakmont Capital Management – Investment Consulting & Advisory Agreement for the Non-Uniformed 401(a) Pension Plan

Mrs. Fleming stated the agreement was first made with Oakmont Capital they had come back and

If Council takes action: A motion to authorize the Borough Manager to sign the Oakmont Capital Management, LLC Investment Consulting & Advisory Agreement for the Non-Uniformed 401(a) Plan via DocuSign was made by\_\_\_\_\_, seconded by\_\_\_\_\_

Tabled for next meeting.

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 Mr. Kulbacki. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Legal Matters

Public Works Labor Negotiations

Respectfully submitted,

Jill A. Palko

Borough Secretary