

BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 8, 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, April 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. Renfrew President of Council, at 6:00 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

Curt Hobbs 1674 Big Sewickley Creek Road

Mr. Hobbs reported his neighbor's property behind his is causing soaking in Mr. Hobb's yard much of the time. The neighbor has been agreeable to take action so the water flow does not cause this issue in Mr. Hobbs property. However, Mr. Hobbs asks Council if his neighbor agrees to place a drain across the yard and tap into the system that is owned by the borough, can this be done. Will permits be needed? Any help is appreciated. Mr. Renfrew suggested to Mr. Hobbs to reach out to Mrs. Fleming, borough manager for information.

Invited Guest

William Bender - Emergency Management Coordinator

Mr. Bender EMS Coordinator of Bell Acres Borough. Mr. Bender was informed it is time to update the Emergency Management Plan. The Council members names and terms of each members needs updated every two years. Mr. Renfrew asked if the plan needs any revisions, Mr. Bender said not at this time. The Emergency Management Plan will be available at the borough office.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's report for the month of March 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 on March 11, 2024, was made by Mr. Kulback, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted for February 2024 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$117,605.36 out of the General Fund \$20.49 out of the State Fund was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discuss Pension Plan Issues

## OLD BUSINESS

### Proposed Ordinance No. 326 – Amending and Restating the Non-Uniformed Employees' Pension Plan

#### PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 326

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING AND RESTATING THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES NON-UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN TO ADD A 401(A) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN FEATURE FOR EXISTING EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYEES HIRED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024.

A motion to enact proposed Ordinance No. 326 was made by Mr. Molchen, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### Consideration of 401(a) employer contributions

A motion to authorize the Borough Manager to prepare and make the 2023 401(a) employer contributions, plus an interest amount of 7%, in accordance with the plan documents, and the 2024 catch-up 401(a) employer contributions that will be administered by Oakmont Capital Management, LLC, was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

## COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Budget & Finance – Michelle Veeck

No report.

Public Safety – Brock Meanor - *excused*

No report

Public Works – Christopher Abell

Rock Salt - Exercise of Second Option Year for the bid Cargill, Inc. submitted to the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance on June 30, 2022

A motion to Exercise the Second Year Option to extend its contract for an additional one (1) year term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025 was made by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mr. Molchen. All in favor. Motion carried.

2024 Major Road Improvement Project Bids. Bids were opened at 11:00 AM on April 8, 2024.

A motion to reject the bids for the road work and concrete replacement necessary for the 2024 portion of the Borough's 15-Year Road Improvement was made by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

NOTE: A new bid package along with advertising will be available in May. Scott Shoup will have the advertising out and gather bid documents for a May 6, 2024 bid date.

Property & Supplies – Charles Kulbacki

Mr. Kulbacki reported the Bell Acres Road department will start on April 22<sup>nd</sup> weather depending for the Borough Park. Concrete for the Pavilion and the new Pavilion. The new parking lot will be started as well.

Government & Legislation – Lane Grafton - *excused*

No report

Zoning – Gregory Molchen

No report

NEW BUSINESS

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 Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill A. Palko

Borough Secretary