

BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 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, May 13, 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 6:01 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

Sarah Pietragallo of 110 Grouse Lane - Mrs. Pietragallo asked if Bell Acres would consider an intergovernmental contract with Sewickley Heights, to possibly get Backbone Road open much sooner. Mr. Renfrew suggested Mrs. Pietragallo attend Sewickley Heights Council meeting that is scheduled on Monday May 20, 2024. Although she may not be able to make any public comments, she can ask to be an invited guest.

Invited Guest

Brett Muccheck, General Manager - Sewickley Heights Golf Club.
Requesting a 3-year approval for Zambelli Fireworks Displays to be held at the Sewickley Heights Golf Club on the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend for the years 2024, 2025, and 2026.
Mr. Muccheck asked Council's permission to have fireworks with the inclusion of a Bell Acres police officer and the fire department to be on site the day of the event. *Council to take action later in this meeting to possibly approve of this request.*

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's report for the month of April 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 April 11, 2024, was made by Mr. Molchen, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted for April 2024 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$161,096.89 out of the General Fund \$143.50 out of the State Fund was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Budget & Finance - Michelle Veeck
No report.

Public Safety – Brock Meanor - *excused*

Resolution No. 05132024 – Adopting and Promulgating the Emergency Operations Plan

RESOLUTION NO. 05132024

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING AND PROMULGATING THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 05132024 – Adopting and Promulgating the Emergency Operations Plan was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr. Molchen. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works – Christopher Abell

2024 Major Road Improvement Project Re-Bids. Public Bids were opened at 11:00 AM on May 6, 2024. The Base Bid is for Witherow Road (Southern Portion), Alternate Bid “A” is for Witherow Road (Northern Portion), and Alternate Bid “B” is for Dilworth Road.

Bidder	Base Bid	Alt. Bid A	Alternate Bid B
	Witherow Rd (Southern Portion)	Witherow Rd (Northern Portion)	Dilworth Road
Folino Construction Inc	\$ 82,358.09	74,389.42	46,265.16
El Grande Industries, Inc.	\$ 92,278.50	82,184.00	52,931.50
Mele & Mele & Sons	\$ 96,067.50	86,867.50	49,995.00
Shields Asphalt Paving	\$ 73,968.00	68,840.00	47,159.00
Wright Asphalt Paving Inc.	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
Youngblood Paving, Inc.	\$ 73,631.80	68,060.20	48,191.35

Scenario Base Bid Only

Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc.	\$73,968.00	2 nd
Youngblood Paving, Inc.	\$73,631.80	1 st

Scenario Base Bid and Alt. A

			Total	
Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc.	\$73,968.00	68,840.00	142,808.00	2 nd
Youngblood Paving, Inc.	\$73,631.80	68,060.20	141,692.00	1 st

Scenario Base Bid and Alt. B

			Total	
Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc.	\$73,968.00	47,159.00	121,127.00	1 st
Youngblood Paving, Inc.	\$73,631.80	48,191.35	121,823.15	2 nd

Scenario Base Bid and Alt. A and Alt B

				Total	
Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc.	\$73,968.00	68,840.00	47,159.00	189,967.00	2 nd
Youngblood Paving, Inc.	\$73,631.80	68,060.20	48,191.35	189,883.35	1 st

A motion to award Youngblood Paving for the road work and concrete replacement necessary for the 2024 portion of the Borough’s 15-Year Road Improvement Project in the amount of \$189,883.35 for the Base Bid and Alternate “A” and “B” was made by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Abell reported we will have an extension to the end of the year to take our salt we have under contract with Cargill, Inc.

Property & Supplies – Charles Kulbacki

DCNR Grant Update – Borough Park – Phase I Improvements – Mr. Kulbacki

CDBG Grant Update – Borough Park – ADA Parking

Mr. Kulbacki reported the Bell Acres Road department finished the Borough Park pavilion; this was a process that took most of their time along with another seasonal worker. The parking lot was paved along Hitzel hill side of the park, although this will need to be addressed.

The new fence will be installed sometime in early June as this was delayed due to weather.

Government & Legislation – Lane Grafton - *excused*

No report

Zoning – Gregory Molchen

No report

NEW BUSINESS

Sewickley Heights Golf Club Fireworks Display Request

A motion to approve the Zambelli Fireworks Display to be held on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Sewickley Heights Golf Club on a three (3) year basis for the years 2024, 2025, and 2026 with the requirement that the fire department would be on site during the display was made by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mr. Molchen. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resignation of Lane Grafton, Council Member, effective May 13, 2024

A motion to accept the resignation of Lane Grafton, Council Member, effective May 13, 2024, was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

Council is accepting applications and will act to fill the vacancy at the June 10, 2024, regular 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 Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill A. Palko

Borough Secretary