

BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
August 12, 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, August 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  
(X) Brock Meanor - Vice President of Council  
( ) Christopher Abell - *excused*  
(X) Matthew Horton  
(X) Charles Kulbacki  
( ) Gregory Molchen - *excused*  
(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 June 2024 has been submitted in writing and made part of the minutes. The Mayor asked regarding what steps need to be taken for Chief Korol to hire a part-time officer. This will be placed on the agenda for our next meeting September 9, 2024.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 8, 2024, was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted for July 2024 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$136,013.95 out of the General Fund and \$0 out of the State Fund was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Budget & Finance – Michelle Veeck

No report.

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. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works – Christopher Abell – excused

Mr. Renfrew announced we are in process of paving Witherow Road and Dilworth Road. Our Public works department started their process. The milling and paving will begin soon after our work is done.

Property & Supplies – Charles Kulbacki

Request for Final Payment – Borough Park Pavilion - DCNR Grant

A motion to authorize final payment be made to Jeffrey Associates for the Borough Park Pavilion Package in the amount of \$22,545.00, as recommended by Shoup Engineering, Inc., was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

Request for Final Payment – Borough Park Fence – DCNR Grant

A motion to authorize final payment to be made to Schrock Fence Company, Inc. for the Borough Park Perimeter Fence and Gates in the amount of \$56,086.00 as recommended by Shoup Engineering, Inc. was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

Borough Park Updates – DCNR Grant & ACED Grant

Phase II of the park to refurbish the basketball courts with new hoops, purchase a Gazebo near the basketball court. Replace swings and update some of the playground equipment and replace the concrete benches with several new benches. Possibly have a new smaller pavilion on the other side so more folks can have other picnic lunches if parties are in the larger one.

The Removal Grant Project – 109 North Avenue

Shoup Engineering provided bid opening papers for the project and gather bids for the above project. The bid was awarded to J.R. Moran the low bidder, although they did not complete the bid documents, Mr. Scott Shoup of Shoup Engineering will follow through with the completed documents from J.R. Moran.

Government & Legislation

Zoning – Gregory Molchen - *excused*

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Rex Dietz to the Bell Acres Municipal Authority

A motion to appoint Rex Dietz to a 5-year term as a member of the Bell Acres Municipal Authority ending December 31, 2028, was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There are other items that should be noted but do not need action at this time.

Discussion

Mrs. Veeck wanted folks to know about a scam alert! Mrs. Veeck's husband received a phone call from a county sheriff office stating that Mr. Veeck did not show up for jury duty and a warrant out for his arrest for violating a jury duty notice. They wanted \$500 up front and then more money after first payment. Please be aware of scams out there. There are many and they will use whatever tactic they feel they can to scam you out of hundreds or thousands of dollars. Be careful.

Mr. Kulbacki announced Quaker Valley High School Alumni Class of 1967 will be honoring their sportsman class. The honoree is Mayor Ken Alvania! Mr. Alvania was a star quarterback!

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill A. Palko  
Borough Secretary