

BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2025

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 14, 2025, preceded by a Public Hearing 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
(X) Christopher Abell
(X) Matthew Horton
(X) Charles Kulbacki
(X) Gregory Molchen
(X) Michelle Veeck
(X) Kenneth Alvania - Mayor
(X) Sandy Nelko - Borough Engineer
(X) Harlen Stone - Babst Calland

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's report for the month of March 2025 has been submitted in writing and made part of the minutes.
Bell Acres Nature Park Litter Cleanup Report

Mayor Alvania reported the Nature Park Clean-Up was a success. A thank you to Darci Saracco of the Environmental Advisory Council who coordinated this event. We had over 50 volunteers at the site to help with the trash clean up. Also, a thank you to RNS Roll Off services for the use of the dumpster, we filled it up to the top. Ambridge Do it Best donated buckets and garbage bags for our use to have as there was a lot of glass to pick up. Mr. Powner of the Big Sewickley Creek Fire Department helped with the Kubota to gather the large buckets from top of the hill to bring down to the dumpster.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 10, 2025, was made by Mr. Meanor seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted for March 2025 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$141,468.29 out of the General Fund and \$14,141.37 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
No report.

Public Works – Christopher Abell

Property & Supplies – Charles Kulbacki
Act 152 Blight Remediation Project - Final Completion

A motion to approve Shoup Engineering, Inc. Invoice No. 25-057 in the amount of \$2,448.00 for engineering services provided on the Act 152 Blight Remediation Project at 109 North Avenue was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

Staining of New Borough Park Pavilion

A motion to approve the staining services of Image Works Painting, Inc. at a cost of \$1,950.00 for the labor, equipment and materials for the new Borough Park Pavilion was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

Government & Legislation – Matthew Horton
No report.

Zoning – Gregory Molchen
Review Proposed Ordinance No. 327

Proposed Ordinance No. 327 – Fencing Regulations

Discuss enactment schedule, potential revisions, possible referral back to the Planning Commission, and rescheduling of May 12, 2025 public hearing.

A motion to reschedule the public hearing and refer the proposed Ordinance No. 327 – Fencing Regulations back to the Planning Commission was made by Mr. Molchen, seconded by Mr. Meanor. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Health Reimbursement Arrangement

A motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough and Chief Kristopher Korol subject to an employment agreement, which will address the changes to the health reimbursement arrangement, was made by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough and Full Time Police Officers subject to an employment agreement, which will address the changes to the health reimbursement arrangement, was made by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough and Carl Bohn, Supervisor of Public Works subject to an employment agreement, which will address the changes to the health reimbursement arrangement, was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough and the Public Works employees subject to an employment agreement, which will address the changes to the health reimbursement arrangement, was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to amend the immediately previous motions regarding the proposed MOUs to provide that the reimbursement provision in the HRA will be subject to a final employment agreement, was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

Commercial/Liability, Public Officials, and Police Professional Insurance Package Renewal

A motion to renew the Commercial/Liability, Public Officials, and Police Professional Insurance Package with the Willard Lewis Insurance Agency for the term effective April 18, 2025 through April 18, 2026 in the amount of \$52,503.00 was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Molchen. All in favor. Motion carried.

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. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr. Meanor. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Announcement of Executive Session held on March 31, 2025 to consult with the Solicitor on privileged matters and potential litigation regarding mandatory sanitary sewer connections.

Announcement of Executive Session to be held after tonight's meeting to discuss potential litigation regarding mandatory sanitary sewer connections and the Chief of Police Contract Negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Palko
Borough Secretary