

BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
August 11, 2025

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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 11, 2025, 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  
(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) Robert Max Junker - Babst Calland

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's Report for the month of July 2025 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 July 14, 2025, 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 July 2025 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$165,348.91 out of the General Fund and \$153.76 out of the State Fund was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion - Purchasing and Installing Flags, Flag Poles, and Veterans' Banners  
Mrs. Fleming reported our Borough Public Works Supervisor Mr. Bohn is in process of obtaining several quotes for the flags, and Duquesne Light will advise on what permitting will be needed. Mr. Bohn reported there are 96 telephone poles. The flags will be most likely be placed at every other pole. The Public Works Department will do the installation of the hardware and the poles. The Veterans' Banners will be included in this - these will be purchased by a resident who requests they would like to honor a Veteran.

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. Molchen. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Discussion – Options to Either Sell or Donate Existing Three (3) Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs)**

Mrs. Fleming reported the donations suggestion is Legacy Fields, Borough Park, Bell Acres Nature Park. Mrs. Farbacher, an employee of Sewickley Heights Golf Club reached out for an AED donation for her church the Freedom church of the Nazarene.

Council members discussed the possibility of placing an AED at the Borough Park, and near the trail. The discussion will continue next meeting.

Mr. Meanor spoke with Chief Korol and public safety have been doing some enforcement on Henry Road and no violations. However, Camp Meeting is having violations issued due to speeding. Mr. Meanor suggested while Fern Hollow Road is closed, we place some temporary signs stating the area is strictly enforced. This is a County Road and Mr. Junker stated we must talk to the County to have the signs in place.

**Public Works – Christopher Abell**

Mrs. Downing sent Mr. Abell an email appreciating the great job the road crew did at the top of Hunt Road and the Police Department presence on Henry and Hunt Road. Since Henry Road is the designated detour for Fern Hollow closure, we were having issues with major speeding on Henry and folks were taking a short cut on Hunt that were causing major ruts in the road. Bell Acres Road Department fixed Hunt Road and the Police Department has made their presence along this route and the speeding has gone down. The salt shed that had damage from the April 2025 storm will be repaired within the next month. Public Works department staff will be working on Turkey Foot Road intermittently for the next month. *While working on the road, it will be closed to traffic.*

**Discuss Allegheny County Conservation District's (ACCD) Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Road (DGLVR) Grant Application for Beadnell Drive due August 31, 2025.**

Mr. Abell reported Allegheny County has technically run out of dirt roads and normally they have funds of \$80,000 per year, however this year there is \$220,000. Bell Acres is one of very few areas in the County with dirt roads. This Grant is specifically for Dirt and Gravel, and the amount is for \$220,000.

This grant will provide Tar & Chip and fixing the cross drains for Beadnell Drive. Mrs. Fleming, Mr. Renfrew, Mr. Bohn of the Road Department met with Riley Kinney Program Coordinator for ACCD's Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Roads Grant Program. This is the last year for this type of funding, and Beadnell Road qualifies for this project.

A motion to apply for the Grant with Allegheny County Conversation District Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Road for Beadnell Drive was made by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Veeck asked regarding Sevin Road repairs. Mr. Abell stated Mr. Shoup did get an estimate of approximately \$11,000 to repair the worse area on Sevin Road.

Mr. Abell reported in 2025 the Allegheny County Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund gave out 10.3 million to 72 projects and the money is still coming in from all gaming funds.

Property & Supplies – Charles Kulbacki

Resolution No. 08112025 – Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC) Grant Application

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 08112025 authorizing the filing of a Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund (GEDTF) application for grant funds with the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC) in the amount of \$365,210.00 for the Borough Park Improvements – Phase II was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

This will include ADA walkways, asphalt parking demolition of the smaller asphalt courts for larger basketball courts, sports servicing, milling of an asphalt pad.

New Eagle Scout Project #2 at the Bell Acres Nature Park

Mr. Kulbacki reported the Borough was approached by another Eagle Scout of Leet Township to perform a Project. This Eagle Scout is interested in replacing the first bridge at the Bell Acres Nature Park. Mr. Bohn asked if the Eagle Scout can make the new bridge 6 feet wide so Public Works department can get the tractor through to the other side for mowing. Hoping to being this project in the Fall.

Government & Legislation – Matthew Horton

No report.

Zoning – Gregory Molchen

No report.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Schedule of Fees – Add Police and Borough Video Fees of \$600.00 per Video to Section F – Miscellaneous Fees of the Borough's Schedule of Fees.

A motion to add Police and Borough Video Fees in the amount of \$600.00 per video to the Borough's Schedule of Fees was made by Mr. Meanor, 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.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Abell. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jill Palko*

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Borough Secretary