

BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 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, September 8, 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- *via teleconference*
(X) Charles Kulbacki
(X) Gregory Molchen
() Michelle Veeck - *excused*
(X) Kenneth Alvania - Mayor
(X) Sandy Nelko - Borough Engineer
(X) Robert Max Junker - Babst Calland

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Susan Kalinyak - 2491 Pleughal Road Sewickley, PA

Traffic on Henry Road - this is a result of Fern Hollow Road detour. Mrs. Kalinyak is concerned of the speeding on Henry Road. This has been a continuing issue; although when there is police presence it has really helped; however, the concerns are the walkers and the children waiting for school busses. Mrs. Kalinyak would like the Borough to reach out to PennDOT to conduct a speed study to have the state reduce the speed limit to 30 mph.

Mrs. Judy Downing - 2430 Henry Road Sewickley

Mrs. Downing has concerns of the traffic and speeding on Henry Road. She reported the speeding on Henry Road. There are more children and multiple bus stops. This roadway really needs to be at a 30mph. There are folks walking, bicycling, and dog walkers as well. Mrs. Downing lived here since 1985 and stated this has changed, there are more children in the area.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's Report for the month of August 2025 has been submitted in writing and made part of the minutes. *Mayor's Announcement - Halloween - Friday, October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.*

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 11, 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 August 2025 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$112,561.30 out of the General Fund and \$11,675.71 out of the State Fund was made by Mr. Molchen, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and Possible Motion – Purchasing Flags and Flag Poles

The Mayor mentioned he would like to have flags on Big Sewickley Creek Road. Mr. Horton reported he would check with the QVCOG and find out if there are others ordering flags if there is a bigger discount. Mrs. Fleming will have Mr. Carl Bohn of Public Works department get the full count and cost for the rest of the flags.

Discussion – Sell or Donate Existing Three (3) Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs). Discussion ensued regarding possibly keeping the AEDs.

These were purchased on a grant, Mr. Kulbacki suggested to donate the AEDs. We may need to check on donating if allowed since they were purchased with a grant. Mr. Korol of the police department reported the AEDs are 23 years old. This discussion will continue next Council meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Budget & Finance – Michelle Veeck - excused

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 and \$23,500 from budget line item 411.740 (Capital Purchase-Fire Truck) 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

Compass Minerals America, Inc.- Articles of Agreement for the Supply and Delivery of Rock Salt to be purchased from Compass Minerals America, Inc. through the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance effective August 1, 2025 until June 30, 2026

A motion to accept the Compass Minerals America, Inc. Articles of Agreement for the supply, purchase and delivery of Rock Salt at the lowest bid price of \$88.32 per ton from Compass Minerals America, Inc. through the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance effective August 1, 2025 until June 30, 2026 was made by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

Announcement – Allegheny County Conservation District's (ACCD) Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Road (DGLVR) Grant Application for Beadnell Drive was submitted on August 28, 2025 in the amount of \$245,555. This will help with Beadnell Drive up to where it is paved.

Discuss Sevin Road Repairs

Shoup Engineering received several quotes for Sevin Road repairs. The Public Works department can work the labor and we can order the asphalt and work the repairs as they are doing on Turkey Foot.

Property & Supplies – Charles Kulbacki

From storm damage we received insurance settlement to cover the salt shed which had torn due to wind damage. This will be installed within the next couple weeks.

Mr. Kulbacki reported there used to be a gate at the corner of the park. We did not have installed with the new fence, as we believed the four gates we have were sufficient. However, the fire department believes this will be needed. Mr. Kulbacki reached out to Borough Manager Mrs. Lisa Fleming and a quote to have a new gate installed is approximately \$2,450.

Property & Supplies – Charles Kulbacki

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When parties are at the Firehall or gatherings, the children can use the gate entrance instead of walking around. Also, when a helicopter lands on the landing pad, the medic staff can use this as well. This is for pedestrian use only. Mr. Kulbacki will have this motion for Council to take action at next month's Council meeting.

Government & Legislation – Matthew Horton

No report.

Zoning – Gregory Molchen

The Planning Commission meeting held in August had more discussions regarding the fencing ordinance and some revisions are being made.

NEW BUSINESS

2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans

A motion to acknowledge receipt of the 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) of \$108,335 for the Police Pension Plan was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Molchen. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to acknowledge receipt of the 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) of \$26,521 for the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to acknowledge receipt of the 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) of \$19,256 for the non-uniformed 401(a) Money Purchase Plan was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the Columbus Day Holiday observance, next month's Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14th at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Molchen. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Palko

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Borough Secretary