

**BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES**  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 09, 2026**

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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, February 9, 2026, 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
- ( ) Brock Meanor - Vice President of Council - *excused*
- (X) Christopher Abell
- ( ) Matthew Horton - *excused*
- (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.

**INVITED GUEST**

**Matthew Franz, Executive Vice President of HHS DR Architects & Engineers**

**Presentation of the Municipal Complex Study**

Mr. Franz reported on the drawing and the three options for the Municipal Complex Study that was conducted back in late fall of 2025. Mr. Franz wanted to discuss all of the options with Council.

**Option 1:** Renovating existing facilities as is and not addressing adding additional space needs, and the code requirements. Cost: \$ 1,713,000

**Option 2:** Addition and alterations to the existing buildings, addressing some of the space needs for all departments. Cost: \$6,813,000

**Option 3:** Demolish building and build all new facilities. Cost: \$9,002,000

This report was looked at by council and are all hopeful to acquire future grant acquisitions for this project.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor's Report for the month of January 2026 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 January 12, 2026, was made by Mr. Molchen, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted for January 2026 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$128,935.95 out of the General Fund and \$172.33 out of the State Fund was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Molchen asked for an update on Borough Park Phase II, specifically whether the pickleball courts—originally included in the initial Phase II grant proposal—could still be added. He questioned whether the Borough might reconsider and restore the courts to the project. Mr. Renfrew explained that the Borough did not receive the full grant amount requested, which required the team to remove certain items from the plan. Mr. Kulbacki added that the pickleball courts could potentially be included in a future phase if another grant becomes available, noting that cost was the primary obstacle. Mrs. Veeck inquired about the estimated cost, and Mrs. Fleming reported that the quote for the courts is approximately \$116,500. Mr. Molchen wants to be certain that we do not lose sight of a new pickleball court. Mrs. Fleming assured Council that all items currently under discussion for the Borough Park remain preliminary and no final decisions have been made.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Budget & Finance – Michelle Veeck  
**None.**

### **Public Safety – Brock Meanor**

#### **Resignation of Part-Time Police Officer Larry K. Vierling**

A motion to accept and ratify the resignation of Part-Time Police Officer Larry K. Vierling, effective January 15, 2026, was made by Mr. Molchen, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.  
*Mr. Abell reported, Officer Vierling was a great Officer, was a pleasure to be around and, work with. Was an added value to Bell Acres Police force. Mr. Renfrew in agreement also added how Officer Vierling added how he did a lot for our residents.*

### **Public Works – Christopher Abell**

#### **Rock Salt Status Report**

Mr. Abell reported we have enough rock salt for five snow or ice events in the borough. The rivers froze which dramatically effects the way all boroughs not just Bell Acres receives salt. We had a tremendous amount of salt early in the winter, and now because of the many snow storms and ice, we have used plenty of salt so far this winter season.

Mr. Abell asked when Shoup Engineering will have the five-year road improvement plan ready. Mrs. Sandy Nelko of Shoup Engineering stated they had it ready that morning.

### **Property & Supplies – Charles Kulbacki**

#### **Eagle Scout Service Project – “Forging a New Path: Trail Refurbishment Project” at the Bell Acres Nature Park**

A motion to authorize and ratify the Eagle Scout Project of Aiden Quigley Dwyer to proceed with, “Forging a New Path: Trail Refurbishment Project” at the Bell Acres Nature Park was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

*This will take place near Sevin and Turkeyfoot Road. Mayor Alvania asked about a fence access – are we using the opening that is there. Mr. Kulbacki stated that public works will help with cutting the chain-link fence and make a wider opening.*

### **Government & Legislation – Matthew Horton**

**None.**

### **Zoning – Gregory Molchen**

The Planning Commission met with QVRA at last month’s meeting, as Mr. Molchen is a member. The Planning Commission wanted to ensure that the lighting would be maintained by QVRA and that no glare would project onto nearby residents. QVRA assured the Commission that this would not occur.

There will be a public hearing at the March 9, 2026, regular meeting for a Conditional Use Application from the Quaker Valley Recreation Association (QVRA) for a Lighting Project at the Bell Acres Park – Esmark Baseball Field located at 1867 Camp Meeting Road.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**None.**

**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. Molchen. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill Palko".

Jill Palko  
Borough Secretary