BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2026

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 10, 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 6:01 p.m.

COUNCIL

(X) David Renfrew - President of Council
(X) Brock Meanor - Vice President of Council
( ) Christopher Abell - *excused*
(X) Matthew Horton – *via teleconference*
( ) Charles Kulbacki - *excused*
(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 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 July 13, 2026, was made by Mr. Molchen, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted for July 2026 as distributed and ratify payments totaling $163,169.17 out of the General Fund and $158.95 out of the State Fund was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Molchen. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Budget & Finance – Michelle Veeck

Mrs. Veeck gave an update for council in regard to legal fees for the Austin/Holt appeal, as of August 1st, 2026, our borough has dispersed an amount of $7,328.

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.

Resolution No. 08102026 – Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Municipal Assistance Program

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 08102026 – Authorizing and supporting the Big Sewickley Creek Firemen's Association's grant application to the Pennsylvania Municipal Assistance Program for shared mobile technology laptops and to develop a unified public website for the Quaker Valley Fire District was made by Mr. Meanor, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works – Christopher Abell

Mr. Renfrew asked Mrs. Fleming regarding Beadnell Drive Road work and the updates. Public Works are preparing for the seal coating work being planned for later this fall.

Mrs. Veeck asked Mrs. Fleming of any updates regarding Backbone Road. Sewickley Heights had awarded the project to GeoStabilization International for $869,770. The contractor is currently working with the engineer to review and approve the final design. The project is expected to proceed once the final design is completed.

Property & Supplies – Charles Kulbacki

Announcement – Sealed bids will be received on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. for the Borough Park Improvements – Phase II 2025-GEDTF-018

Mr. Renfrew asked Mrs. Fleming for the timeline of the Borough Park improvements, based on the grant requirements. Mrs. Fleming reported the improvements must be completed by May of 2027.

Government & Legislation – Matthew Horton

No report.

Zoning – Gregory Molchen

No report, as there is no planning commission meeting this month.

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. Meanor, seconded by Mr. Molchen. Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held after the council meeting to discuss Police Personnel, Public Works Labor position and QVRA Conditional Use Appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Palko
Borough Secretary