

**BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 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, December 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 6:02 p.m.

COUNCIL

- (X) David Renfrew - President of Council
- () Brock Meanor - Vice President of Council- *excused*
- (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

Mr. Wayne Fortuna – 108 Hamilton Drive

Mr. Fortuna announce he will no longer be the Fire Chief; Mr. Fortuna is stepping down and will be a volunteer fire fighter. Mr. Casey Marek will become the Fire Chief in 2026.

INVITED GUEST

Mr. Casey Marek - Big Sewickley Creek Volunteer Fire Department – Discuss possible merger of Leet Township and Leetsdale Borough fire departments

Mr. Marek reported the possible merger of several fire departments in the area. This is the first stage of talking points. Mr. Marek wanted to let Council know of the idea and the process will take some time; however, it will be a process and take some patience and guidance to get this going in the next couple years.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's Report for the month of November 2025 has been submitted in writing and made part of the minutes. The Mayor will be sworn in on Friday January 2, 2026.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 10, 2025, was made by Mrs. Veeck seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on November 10, 2025 was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted for November 2025 as distributed and ratify payments totaling \$136,345.95 out of the General Fund and \$169.72 out of the State Fund was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Budget & Finance – Michelle Veeck

On November 10, 2025, the proposed 2026 Bell Acres Borough Budget was prepared, filed, and subsequently advertised with:

Receipts of \$2,325,472.44 and a carryover of \$90,736.06

Expenditures of \$2,416,208.50

Resolution No. 12082025 – Adoption of Budget for Year 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 12082025

ADOPTION OF BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2026

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 12082025 for the adoption of the Borough Budget for the Year 2026 was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Abell wanted to discuss public works road projects budget amount was on the lower side and would like to discuss this further, however Mr. Renfrew stated the money is basically in the budget for other road expenditures.

Ordinance No. 328 – Fixing the Tax Rates for the Fiscal Year 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 328

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026.

A motion to enact Ordinance No. 328 – Fixing the Tax Rates for the Fiscal Year 2026 was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 329 – Senior Citizen Tax Relief

ORDINANCE NO. 329

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 153 IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, "TAXATION", TO AMEND THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES "TAX ASSESSMENT LIMITATION PROGRAM"

A motion to enact Ordinance No. 329 – Tax Assessment Limitation Program was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Molchen. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Safety – Brock Meanor

Safety Notification – E-Bikes and Scooters

There is information in the packet regarding E-bikes and Scooters. Where they are legal and where they are not legal. Mrs. Fleming reported Sewickley Youth connect contacted Mr. Meanor to place this information publicly so folks are aware of the laws surrounding E-bikes and scooters.

Resolution No. 12082025A – Eliminating Contributions by Members of the Police Department into the Police Pension Fund for the Year 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 12082025A

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ELIMINATING CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT INTO THE POLICE PENSION FUND FOR THE YEAR 2026.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 12082025A was made by Mr. Molchen, seconded by Mr. Horton. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 12082025B – Part-Time Police Officers

RESOLUTION NO. 12082025B

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN M. JAMESON, DALTON JANICKI, THOMAS A. LIBERTY, MATTHEW J. PICCININI, LARRY K. VIERLING AND RONALD L. WILSON AS PART-TIME OFFICERS; SETTING FORTH THEIR RESPECTIVE TERMS OF OFFICE, COMPENSATION, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 12082025B was made by Mrs. Veeck, seconded by Mr. Molchen. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 12082025C – Recognizing the Big Sewickley Creek Volunteer Firemen’s Association, Inc. as the Borough’s Fire Company, authorizing payment of the proceeds of the Tax on Foreign Fire Insurance Premiums, and requiring annual budget and financial reports prior to disbursement of Fire Tax funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 12082025C

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELL ACRES, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, RECOGNIZING THE BIG SEWICKLEY CREEK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION, INC. AS THE FIRE COMPANY WHICH RENDERS SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS AND INHABITANTS OF THE BOROUGH, AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT BY THE BOROUGH TREASURER OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE TAX ON FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE PREMIUMS RECEIVED FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO THE RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE BIG SEWICKLEY CREEK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION, INC., OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS THE BOROUGH COUNCIL SHALL DETERMINE, PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND SETTING FORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RECEIPT OF FUNDS GENERATED BY THE FIRE TAX, FOR THE YEAR 2026.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 12082025C was made by Mr. Molchen, seconded by Mr. Horton. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works – Christopher Abell

Request for Payment – Daquelente Paving, LLC Invoice – Sevin Road Asphalt Repairs

A motion to authorize the Borough Manager to disburse \$12,500.00 for Daquelente Paving, LLC’s Invoice No. 1350 as recommended by Shoup Engineering, Inc. for the asphalt repairs on Sevin Road was made by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mr. Horton. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sevin Road Repairs - Guide Rail Replacement & Installation Project

A motion to authorize Fence by Maintenance Service to install 237’6” of new guide rail on Sevin Road in the amount of \$5,402.00 as recommended by Shoup Engineering, Inc. was made by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mr. Molchen. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Abell reported the Public Works department will help with some of the repairs. Mrs. Veeck also asked about the other portion of Sevin if going to be fixed in the future, ad

State Liquid Fuels Account Funds Transfer to General Fund for Expenditures of the 2025 Road Improvement Project

A motion to authorize the Borough Manager to appropriate the use of the State Liquid Fuels Account Funds in the amount of \$19,720 for the expenditures of the 2025 Road Improvement Project was made by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mrs. Veeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

Property & Supplies – Charles Kulbacki

Announcement – Gaming & Economic Development Tourism Fund (GEDTF) Grant Award
Borough Park Improvement Project - Phase II in the amount of \$200,000.

This grant will be used for Phase II for the Borough Park. This will be used to place rubber playground mulch; newer basketball courts; pickleball court; ADA walkway.

Request for Payment – HHSDR Architects’ Invoice – LSA Grant No. C000090794

A motion to authorize the Borough Manager to disburse \$9,932.00 for HHSDR Architects’ Invoice No. 1 for the Local Share Account Statewide Grant No. C000090794 - Municipal Complex Study was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr. Molchen. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Horton asked regarding the presentation

Government & Legislation – Matthew Horton

Our council packet has the information regarding Mr. Patrick Connors resigning as President of the QVCOG and going to SHACOG. This is now an opening for President of the QVCOG.

Zoning – Gregory Molchen

Villas at Bell Acres update – the Planning Commission will be meeting on Monday December 22, 2025. The Villas update is on the agenda, the engineers for this project asked for an extension.

NEW BUSINESS

Establishment of 2026 Reorganization Meeting and 2026 Regular Meetings

A motion to hold the Reorganization Meeting on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Borough Building was made by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mr. Horton. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to establish the 2026 Regular Council Meetings to be held the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., except if that Monday is a Federal Holiday, then the meeting would be held the Tuesday after the holiday, was made by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mr. Horton. Council Meetings will be held at the Big Sewickley Creek Fire Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reappointment of Steve Pietropaoli to the Environmental Advisory Council

A motion to reappoint Steve Pietropaoli to a 3-year term as a member of the Environmental Advisory Council beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028, was made by Mr. Kulbacki, seconded by Mr. Abell. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reappointment of Chris Popovic to the Environmental Advisory Council

A motion to reappoint Chris Popovic to a 3-year term as a member of the Environmental Advisory Council beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028, was made by Mr. Abell, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reappointment of Roy Kraynyk to the Planning Commission

A motion to reappoint Roy Kraynyk to a 4-year term as a member of the Planning Commission beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2029, was made by Mr. Abell, 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. Horton, seconded by Mr. Kulbacki. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Palko

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Borough Secretary