

## **Borough of Ben Avon Heights**

### **July 14, 2009 Council Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Ben Avon Heights Council was held at Shannopin at 7:30 pm

Present: Council Members Davis, Dickson, Cuneo, Cuteri, Grubbs, Mayor Dismukes, Solicitor Vogel, Police Chief Micklos, Fire Chief Buckman, and Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator Wichmann.

**Council entered into executive session to discuss legal matters at 7:30 pm. Executive session concluded at 8:27 pm.**

**Council President Mr. Davis called the meeting to order**

#### **June 2009 Minutes**

- A motion was made to approve the June 2009 Minutes. They were approved as distributed.

#### **June 2009 Treasurer's Report**

- A motion was made to approve the June 2009 Treasurer's Report which passed unanimously

#### **Police Report: Chief Micklos**

- A few non-routine calls included the theft of golf clubs, a stolen credit card report, and a DUI
- Chief Micklos explained that if a resident's credit card number is stolen, they will be instructed by the credit card company to obtain a police report
- Chief Micklos mentioned that they have received a few calls related to raccoon sightings which they handled

#### **Fire Report: Chief Buckman**

- Ben Avon Heights had one fire call which was because of wires being down from the storm

#### **Street Repaving: Mr. Davis and Engineer Gaus**

- Engineer Gaus provided estimates to construct concrete curbs along Wilson Dr. from Penhurst Road to New Gate Road. Paving of the road surface along this stretch of the road would occur in future years. The estimated cost for the curb construction came in at \$223K.
- Council only budgeted \$103K for 2009 and therefore decided to direct the Engineer to prepare estimates and bid documents for milling and repaving Penhurst Road to include curb reconstruction on the one side.
- Engineer Gaus will work with Mr. Davis to get the bids back prior to the August 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting so that Council can vote to approve bids at that meeting
- Council discussed the possibility of securing financing for future road resurfacing projects
- Council asked Engineer Gaus to provide a cost estimate to mill, resurface, and construct curbs throughout the borough so that Council has an idea of how much will need to be borrowed

#### **Tennis Court Lock & Keys: Mr. Cuteri**

- Mr. Cuteri arranged for a new tennis court lock and keys to be made
- He prepared a tennis court usage and rules document which residents will need to agree to by signing before they will receive their new key
- A community e-notice will be sent out to residents to let them know about the new lock and keys and the dates/times that Mr. Cuteri will be at the park to distribute the keys

#### **Emergency Management: Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator Mr. Wichmann**

- The updated Emergency Management Plan is just about complete

- A motion was made to pass resolution #2009-02 which adopts the updated Emergency Management Plan and executes the Promulgation. The motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Wichmann will get copies of the updated plan to everyone necessary

### **Consent Decree: Mr. Grubbs and Engineer Gaus**

- A motion was made to pay Creative Enterprises \$3,895 for repairs to the Wilson/Newgate sanitary sewer and Cambridge Road sanitary sewer. The motion passed unanimously.
- Mayor Dismukes asked Engineer Gaus to inspect the Cambridge Road sanitary sewer to determine if any further repairs are necessary. The blockage was due a piece of the sewer falling inside and clogging the pipe. Engineer Gaus agreed to inspect the sanitary sewer.
- Mr. Grubbs reported that the 5 Year CCTV work uncovered an estimated \$82K in necessary repairs which will need to be budgeted for 2010. Some of these repairs include the installation of new manholes. The Borough has a balance of approximately 1,000 feet of camera work yet to be done.
- Gateway sent a letter informing the Borough of an increase to the projected 2009 feasibility study work budget. The increase is because ALCOSAN is being required to accelerate the study work. Another letter with the amount of the increase will be sent in the very near future.
- A motion was made to pay Patricia and John Schneider \$340 to reimburse them for supplies purchased to clean up their basement after our sanitary sewer overflowed. The motion passed.
- A motion was made to pay Insight \$5,489 for the completed camera work. The motion passed.
- After discussion, Council authorized payment to Fleming Walker for the retainage on the Wilson Drive Storm Sewer Project and the 2008 Sewer Open Cut Repair Project. Engineer Gaus will send Mrs. Phelps the final paperwork with the figures and his recommendation to pay.

### **Briar Cliff/Clovelly Insurance Claim**

- Solicitor Vogel reported that the insurance company is waiting for a report from their adjuster

### **PA One Call**

- Council asked Mrs. Phelps to get some information on contractors or service providers to mark our lines in the event of PA One Call Notices.

### **Nuisance Ordinance Discussion**

- The proposed ordinance was advertised in The Citizen during the first week of July
- No action was taken during the July Council Meeting
- Solicitor Vogel informed Council that they have 60 days to take action on the ordinance before it would need to be readvertised

### **Zoning Hearing Board**

- Our Zoning Hearing Board Chair, David Raves recommended Jason Brown to fill the vacant position on the Zoning Hearing Board. A motion was made to appoint Jason Brown to the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion passed. Resident Jim Georgalas is interested in serving on the Zoning Hearing Board. Council will discuss reappointments to the Zoning Hearing Board in January 2010.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Phelps, Secretary/Treasurer