

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

June 9, 2009 Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Ben Avon Heights Council was held at Shannopin Country Club at 7:30 pm and was called to order by Mr. Davis.

Present: Council Members Berardi, Davis, Dickson, Cuteri, Grubbs, and Isherwood, Solicitor Vogel, Police Chief Micklos, resident Frances Harpst and news reporter Paul Cusick.

Police Report: Chief Micklos

- Reports of unlocked vehicles with change, electronics and misc. other items stolen
- One domestic disturbance was reported
- Police Officers will watch for illegal parking along roadways and issue warnings
- Council Thanked Chief Micklos for providing letters and information to support our insurance claim for the damage to our retaining wall at Clovelly/Briar Cliff

Streets: Mark Davis

- Engineer was asked to prepare estimates for repaving Penhurst, Wilson & Clovelly, at a figure not to exceed \$100K; however they were not received prior to the meeting.
- DCED Infrastructure Grant is still pending and considered eligible. Mrs. Phelps will obtain letters of support from Mustio and Pippy to assist in obtaining the grant.

Consent Decree: Al Grubbs

- **Fleming Walker Change Orders:** FW (Fleming Walker) is not interested in renegotiating the \$14K in change order items as requested by Council and our Engineer
- Council would like our engineer to attend our July 14, 2009 meeting to provide chapter and verse from the contract which defends why BAH should pay FW for the change order items
- **Newgate/Wilson Sanitary Sewer Problem:** Verizon placed a new pole 8 feet to the left of their pole which punctured our sanitary line (Wilson/Newgate) and is in the process of relocating the wires to the new pole. Once that process is complete, the Borough will most likely need to hire a contractor to correct the damages to the sanitary line and then file a claim with Verizon.
- **Year 5 CCTV Inspection Contract:** Insight Pipe recently finished televising lines along Banbury Rd., Briar Cliff Road and a portion of Stratford Road
- Our engineer will review the tapes and then let us know of any deficiencies found
- The borough has about 1,000 feet left to televise in the next round of camera work

ACHD Air Toxin Resolution

- **A motion was made to approve** the ACHD Air Toxin Resolution which supports Allegheny County adopting the newer Air Toxin Guidelines
- The Motion died for lack of a second

May 2009 Minutes: Cindy Phelps

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

May 2009 Treasurer's Report: Cindy Phelps

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

Bookmobile Funding Discussion

- Council is considering funding the Bookmobile for 2010, but can't guarantee that the budget will allow.
- Mrs. Phelps will send a letter to Ben Avon to let them know that Council is interested in funding the bookmobile again next year, but will need to review our budget plan first.

Liquid Fuels On-Line Filing System Resolution

- PENNDOT is now requiring that municipalities use PENNDOT's on-line filing system to submit their annual Liquid Fuel reports
- In order to be granted access to the on-line system, municipalities must first pass a resolution and sign their agreement to authorize electronic access to PENNDOT systems
- Council passed the resolution and signed the agreement

Zoning Hearing Board Chair Resignation

- Council accepted the resignation of Zoning Hearing Board Chair, Kent Culley
- Current Zoning Hearing Board Member, David Raves, was appointed as the new chair
- Mr. Raves will look to fill the vacant board member position ASAP
- Solicitor Vogel informed Council that a Council Member may not serve on the Zoning Hearing Board

Negligence Property Ordinance

- Council discussed the negligence property ordinance and made a few minor changes
- A motion was made to advertise the ordinance (with the minor changes) prior to next month's meeting
- The motion passed. Mrs. Phelps will submit the ordinance for advertising as legally required.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Phelps, Secretary/Treasurer