

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

August 10, 2010 Council Meeting

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

Present: Council Members Berardi, Cuneo, Cuteri, Davis, Isherwood, Kolenda, Mayor Dismukes, Solicitor Vogel, Police Assistant Chief Adams, Fire Chief Buckman, and Gateway Engineer Emily Gaspich, P.E., LEED.

Council President Davis called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

July 2010 Minutes

- A motion was made to approve the July 2010 Minutes. They were approved as distributed.

July 2010 Treasurer's Report

- A motion was made to approve the July 2010 Treasurer's Report which was approved unanimously. The 2010 Year-To-Date Budget Overview Report was reviewed for informational purposes only.

Public Comments: None

Police Report: Assistant Police Chief Adams

- The written police report was provided to Council and Assistant Police Chief Adams said that it was a normal month with only a few routine calls. He informed Council that we will start seeing a new logo on their police cars.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Buckman

- A written fire report was provided to Council and Fire Chief Buckman said it was a quiet month. He informed Council that he has not asked the Ben Avon Emergency Management Coordinator about being Ben Avon Heights' Coordinator yet. He will try to do so before our next meeting. The Fire Company will be at the Sleep Over in the Park event on August 21st.

Gateway Engineers Report: Emily Gaspich, P.E., LEED

Consent Decree

-Engineer Gaspich reported that Creative Enterprises completed the contracted work a few weeks ago and they now recommend payment.

- A motion was made to pay Creative Enterprises \$10,050 for the contracted consent decree work and the change order in the amount of \$1,500 for the storm inlet repairs at Clovelly & Banbury. The total is \$11,550. The motion passed.

-Tri-State Maintenance is scheduled to do the contracted televising work next week. Once that work has been completed the Borough will only have three segments left to televise – a map of the areas was provided. Council asked why those segments were not scheduled to be televised this year. She explained that they broke it into two years to help with budgeting because the remaining sections will require more advanced methods of televising since the conventional methods have been unsuccessful. Smoke testing and sonar testing with Redzone Robotics was discussed. Council expressed an interest to get it all done this year since the budget will allow. A motion was made to proceed with Gateway Engineers to finish televising all of the sewers in the borough via various methods (including sonar with robotics) within the consent decree budget to comply with the Consent Decree. Council authorized Mr. Isherwood and Mr. Davis to work directly with Gateway to authorize further televising work, as needed, in between meetings.

The motion passed.

– The Feasibility Study *Split Time* invoices will be reviewed during a separate meeting with Gateway and Council. Aug. 31st was discussed and will be confirmed at a later date. Mr. Davis and Mr. Cuteri plan to attend those meetings.

- Preliminary Flows were submitted to Allegheny County in early July. The final flows are due September 30th. The preliminary flow figures include Ben Avon Heights, Ben Avon, Avalon, Bellevue and Kilbuck; however the final flows should reflect each municipality separately.

Paving Program

- T.A. Robinson should mobilize the week of August 23rd and the preconstruction meeting will be the week before.

- Council discussed the need for a Community Meeting to discuss the long term paving plan. The plan will need to be refined in September. Mrs. Phelps will coordinate the meeting between Council and Shannopin.

Banbury Sidewalk

- Creative Enterprises provided a rough estimate of \$43K to replace the sidewalk along Banbury Road adjacent to the Mihalko's home. The specs have been passed along to T.A. Robinson and they plan to review the project while out for the preconstruction meeting later this month. Gateway would like to confirm certain aspects of the specifications prior to soliciting prices. Ms. Gaspich reminded Council that this project might need to go out for competitive bid due to the high cost of the project. Mr. Cuteri suggested that we get three concrete contractors to provide the bids since their pricing would most likely be better. Council informed Ms. Gaspich to wait for authorization from Council before moving forward with any plans for the sidewalk.

-Mr. Cuteri and/or Mr. Davis will fine tune the sidewalk specifications to allow the Borough to move forward with properly

advertising for bids to be opened on or before September 14, 2010, so that Council can be in the position to accept a bid during the Sept. Council meeting.

Zoning Officer Report

- Zoning Officer Tom Price reviewed the above ground pool which is located at 2 Perrysville Road and believes that it is not in compliance with the Borough's Zoning Ordinance. He will send the homeowner a letter requesting that they complete the zoning application since they did not secure the proper permit when the pool was installed. They will have 30 days from the date on the letter to submit the application. Mr. Price will keep Council informed.

Emergency Management Coordinator Resignation

- As discussed last month Mr. Wichmann resigned as the BAH Emergency Management Coordinator effective 8/1/10. Mr. Ken Kroen also sent a letter of resignation which is effective August 1, 2010. Fire Chief Buckman offered to ask Ben Avon's Emergency Management Coordinator if he would have an interest in serving Ben Avon Heights as well. Mrs. Phelps reviewed the plan to determine the requirements of the coordinator and learned that the coordinator does not need to reside in the community and that there is not a required period of time to replace the coordinator. Once the new coordinators are secured the County will need to be notified. Our plan is up-to-date with the exception of naming our coordinators.

Delinquent ALCOSAN Accounts

- A motion was made to approve the advertised, proposed Ordinance #307 which will allow the Borough to collect the delinquent ALCOSAN Accounts and charge the appropriate fees for doing so. The motion passed.

Utility Company Meeting

- Mr. Cuteri and Mrs. Phelps met with the utility companies in July to inform them of our updated street opening procedures/permit and to let them know of the long term street paving plan within the borough. The utility companies all received two notices about the Clovelly Road paving plan. Once the Borough has refined their long term paving plan the utility companies will be informed. Mr. Cuteri is working with Solicitor Vogel to possibly tweak the newly passed ordinance and/or the permit itself. It was discussed that we might want to incorporate some penalties or high fees into the ordinance to prevent openings AFTER a road is newly paved. Solicitor Vogel will look into Edgeworth's and/or Sewickley's street opening permit for their language.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Phelps, Secretary/Treasurer