

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

September 14, 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, Dickson, Isherwood, Kolenda, Mayor Dismukes, Solicitor Vogel, Police Assistant Chief Adams, and Fire Chief Buckman

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

August 2010 Minutes

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

August 2010 Treasurer's Report

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

Public Comment Via Email

- Resident John Barranger sent an email to Council asking what the plans might be for the Belgium blocks in front of his driveway because he is considering resetting them to accommodate the height difference between his driveway and the street. Council asked Mrs. Phelps to let Mr. Barranger know that they do not currently have any plans at this time for the Belgium block in front of his driveway.

Police Report: Assistant Police Chief Adams

- The written police report was provided to Council and Assistant Police Chief Adams said there were approximately 100 calls in August with only two of those calls being suspicious in nature. The other calls were routine calls. The suspicious calls were from residents calling in to report suspicious people or vehicles in the neighborhood. The police investigated those calls but did not find anything out of the ordinary because the suspicious vehicles could not be found when the officers patrolled the area.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Buckman

- A written fire report was provided to Council and Fire Chief Buckman said it was a quiet month.

Consent Decree: Mr. Isherwood

- The sewer committee met with Gateway Engineers earlier in the day to get clarity about some of their billing methods. It was discussed that Council needs to get a new engagement letter from Gateway with all of their fees spelled out in detail.
- The current challenge is locating the sanitary lines along Stratford Road. Engineer Gaspich will arrange for smoke testing of those lines since the robotics was unsuccessful due to the majority of our pipes being 6" instead of 8". 6" pipes are too small for the robotics equipment.
- Council discussed putting Gateway ON NOTICE to get the remainder of the camera work done this year. Mr. Isherwood offered to send Mr. Davis the ON NOTICE information.
- Gateway was asked to project out the costs associated with the consent decree to assist with 2011 budgeting.
- Tri-State Maintenance performed the contracted televising work but had some troubles getting through some areas along Banbury & Briar Cliff even though we recently had manholes installed in some of those areas. Gateway is going to ask them to televise those areas again because they feel they should have been successful.
- Our flows will be submitted to the County at the end of September. Mr. Isherwood will be monitoring the flow report closely and will keep Council informed.

Paving Program

- T.A. Robinson started the Clovelly Road paving project. The curbs on the north side of Clovelly have been excavated to prepare for the new curbs. The contractor hit the water and gas lines in a number of places. French drains are to be installed under the curbs.
- Mrs. Phelps was asked to call the Columbia Gas supervisor in Rochester, PA to let them know that their line has been hit and has been leaking for a number of years.

Banbury Sidewalk

- Prior to the Council Meeting, at 7:15 pm, Council opened sealed bids for the Banbury Road Sidewalk Project Number 2010-03. Two bids were received, as follows: Kishmo, Inc. – \$54,750 with Segment One being \$28,000 and Segment Two being \$29,000. W.A. Hoy Construction, Inc. - \$92,508 with Segment One being \$48,000 and Segment Two being \$47,000. After discussion, a motion was made to reject both bids because they were too high. The motion passed.
- A motion was made and seconded to remove 315 lineal feet of sidewalk along Banbury Lane and replace it with a curb. After discussion, the motion died.
- After more discussion, a motion was made to bid the removal of 315 lineal feet of sidewalk along Banbury Lane and to install a new curb. An alternate option will be included to install a temporary asphalt curb and to rebid the same specifications as the Sidewalk Replacement Project Number 2010-03 with a later completion deadline. The motion passed. Dickson opposed.

Long Term Road Repair & Paving Plan

- Council discussed the Long Term Road Repair & Paving Plan to develop meeting objectives for the October 20th Community Meeting which will take place at Shannopin Country Club at 7:00 pm in the Pub Room.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Phelps, Secretary/Treasurer