

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Tuesday, August 9, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of council was held at Shannopin Country Club at 7:30 P.M.

A quorum is in attendance

Present:

Council Members: Berardi, Cuneo, Cuteri, Keelan, Kolenda,

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Vogel, Tucker/ Arensberg Attorneys

Fire Chief: Buckman

Ohio Twp. Police Chief: Micklos

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice President Cuteri:

1. July 2011 Minutes

- A motion was made to approve the July 2011 Minutes. They were approved unanimously as distributed.

July 2011 Treasurer's Report

- A motion was made to approve the July 2011 Treasurer's Reports which was approved unanimously as distributed. During a review of the budget overview, a question has come up regarding the fact that accounts 401.00 General Government is not currently over budget at, but will be over budget by years end. We are also still carrying the grant money for planning commission in the budget and that should be deleted from the \$75,000 budget for 401.

2. Public Comment – None.

3. Contract for work on Banbury: - Mr. Cuteri will research and put together a contract for Mr. Mihalko's firm to construct a curb and repair the Storm Sewer Inlet near his house.

4. Police Report: There was 1 DUI, 1 Domestic call, 1 Disabled Vehicle, 2 Citations, 1 Fire call, and one Animal Disturbance.

A review of where Ben Avon Heights is regarding the One Call Now system took place. Mrs. Raves reported that our "map" has been loaded and we have input the community email addresses... but no one from One Call Now has input the telephone numbers. Nor have they responded to our messages. Chief Micklos is going to put together a meeting with one of his IT guys for training. Mrs. Raves will be notified of that date.

The Chief also brought the raincoats and light wands for the crossing guards.

5. Fire Report: -There was 1 fire call that turned out to be burnt food. 2 Alarms at Shannopin Country Club that turned out to be a faulty alarm system and a downed tree at the Knob and New Gate Roads.
6. Website: - A review of the website went favorably. Mrs. Raves will contact Mrs. Phelps and Mr. Brown for training and to see where our server is located.
7. Emergency Management – Mayor Dismukes and Chief Micklos reviewed a possible change in the way our community is serviced by the Ohio Township Police Department. There will be no apparent negative changes to our coverage in the future if Ben Avon renegotiates their contract in the manner that they are currently working toward.
8. Engineer’s Report: - Mr. Cuteri read the report forwarded by LSS Engineering. There was no need for them to attend this evening.
 - A. The Municipal Planning Information submittal was sent regarding Alcosan POC O-18-00 (Girty’s Run) on August 1, 2011.
 - B. Long Term Planning needs to take place. Please forward several dates that would be available for meeting in late August.
 - C. O&M Plan – The Health Department has stated that review of the O&M plan will be completed by the end of 2011
 - D. A Hauling Permit was issued for work at 8 Lynton Lane
 - E. Briarcliff Repair: LSSE is obtaining three proposals for geotechnical Investigation at the site of the sagging roadway. Reports of these proposals will be read to Council at the September meeting.
9. Centennial Planning Committee: - Due to the resignation of J. Dickson, Council will need to appoint a representative to this Committee. Mrs. Cuneo is currently on the committee and is willing to be Council’s liaison for this committee after her term has expired.
10. Three Men and a Truck –The work done thus far has been of good quality. Mrs. Raves will contact Avalon to verify how many hours are still outstanding on our week’s work within the Borough. Clean up at the Mihalko’s property and Crosswalk repainting is of primary concern.
11. Christmas Decorations: - Mrs. Cuneo volunteered to get decorations and approximately 10 volunteers together to decorate the communities sign posts for the holidays.

A motion was made to permit the expenditure of up to \$150.00 for decorations for community sign posts. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mrs. Cuneo will also look for a volunteer to decorate the Christmas tree at the park.

Another volunteer will be sought to continue the “Santa in the Park” tradition as well.

12. Sleep over in the Park: - is scheduled for Saturday August 27th. Mrs. Raves will get information for a community email blast.
13. New Planning Commission Member: - The Borough is in need of another member on this committee. Mr. Cuteri will seek a new member.
14. Executive Session: Council entered into Executive Session to discuss legal matters at 8:05 pm. Executive Session ended at 8:25 p.m. at which time the meeting resumed.
15. Statement of Financial Interest Forms: - Mrs. Raves will notify those members who have not submitted their forms.
16. November Ballot: - Mrs. Raves will contact the Election's Division to see who has successfully submitted the necessary paperwork to be placed on the Fall Ballot for the empty Council seats. (Note: Wednesday August 10th, it was discovered that only Peter Keelan has submitted his paperwork. Any other candidates will need to run a write-in campaign.)
17. Gateway Engineering: - It was determined that the Borough will cut a check for the \$1,000.00 agreed upon for transfer of documents to LSSE. The check will be forwarded to Mr. Vogel so he can attach a letter stating this will be our FINAL payment to their firm.
18. Mr. Cuteri received an email from Bob Firek indicating they have received all information from Gateway.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. This meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Note: The next scheduled meeting of Council is September 13th at 7:30 P.M. at Shannopin Country Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Raves, Secretary/ Treasurer