

## Borough of Ben Avon Heights

### Wednesday, March 9, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes

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

#### Present:

Council Members: Berardi, Cuteri, Davis, Dickson, Isherwood, Kolenda

Solicitor: Vogel, Tucker/ Arensberg Attorneys

Fire Chief: Buckman

Ohio Twp. Police Sergeant: Beck

Borough Engineers: Brett and Firek (both of Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc.)

Secretary/Treasurer: Phelps & Raves

Residents: Frances Harpst & Anna Rice along with Julie St. John (of the Clean Water Action)

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

A moment of silence was held in memory of Norman Ward Jr.

#### February 2011 Minutes

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

#### February 2011 Treasurer's Reports

- A motion was made to approve the February 2011 Treasurer's Reports which was approved as distributed.

#### Public Comment:

Frances Harpst asked Council to consider writing a letter to Dr. Burke, of The Health Department, asking him to consider scheduling his Committee's presentation of their findings regarding the "Allegheny County Air Toxic Guidelines" in one of the North Borough's.

After discussion it was determined that council would support a letter with wording asking the committee to come to the North Boroughs for their meeting along with publishing the website address of the "Neville Island Good Neighbor Committee" on the Borough's website and in the Heights Herald.

Anna Rice requested that council consider paving Wilson Drive this summer and asking Kilbuck Township to share in the cost. Council stated that unless a joint grant was obtained there would be no way for them to ask another borough to share the cost of our roadwork. Council assured all present that they are considering all roads within our borders and that road resurfacing is studied and prioritized accordingly.

Police Report: Police Sargent Beck

- The written police report was provided to Council.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Buckman

- Written monthly fire report was provided to Council.

Executive Session: Council entered into Executive Session to discuss legal matters at 8:05 pm. Executive Session ended at 8:50 pm at which time the meeting resumed.

Motion was made to accept the Resignation: Of Cindy Phelps as Borough Secretary/Treasurer and Tax Collector effective 3/31/11 which was “approved with extreme regret.”

Motion was made to accept the Appointment: Of Denise Raves as Borough Secretary/Treasurer and Tax Collector till end of term 12/31/11 which was approved. Mrs. Raves will need to be bonded for the Tax Collector position.

Engineers’ Report: Engineer Brett enlightened Council of key transition items from Gateway to Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineers. They will handle all Consent Decree items and finalize the Clovelly Rd. paving project punch list items with T.A. Robinson and Columbia Gas.

Discussion: regarding the Real Estate Reassessment Moratorium took place. A motion to table this discussion was approved. Council tabled this discussion till next month

Emergency Management Cost Reimbursement: Cindy Phelps brought forward a bill from Ben Avon for \$1,500.00. A motion was made and approved to table this issue until Mayor Dismukes has time to review this matter since he has been the point of contact for this issue.

Statement of Financial Interests Forms: Mrs. Phelps provided Council with the required forms which are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. This meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Raves, Secretary/ Treasurer