

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Wednesday, April 10, 2012 - Council Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of council was held at Shannopin Country Club at 7:00 P.M.

A quorum is in attendance

Present:

Council Members: Berardi, Cuteri, Davis, Georgalas, Keelan, Kolenda

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Vogel

Avalon Fire Chief: Bill Carney, Dave Zivic, Bill Silay

Ohio Twp. Police: Chief Micklos

NorthWest EMS: Justin Webber and Mark Stauffer

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Mr. Davis:

1. March 2012 Minutes:
- A motion was made to approve the March 2012 Minutes. They were approved unanimously as distributed.
2. March 2012 Treasurer's Report:
- A motion was made to approve the March 2012 Treasurer's Reports which was approved unanimously as distributed.
3. The Budget Overview: –No discussion regarding the Budget Overview took place.
4. Public Comment: No public in attendance.
5. Fire Report: One call ended up being burnt food. Dave Zivic President of Avalon Volunteer Fire Company introduced himself to Council. Watch for community activities posted in the Citizen.
6. Police Report: 1 Ordinance Violation, 1 Motor Vehicle Accident and 1 Medical Emergency Assist, A water main leak, Traffic violations: Police have been sitting at the Oxford Road School Bus Stop due to issues reported by the Crossing Guard. Hauling Permit Violations reported. Chief has ordered hand held "Stop" Signs for the 4 Crossing Guards. We will request the Guard use her flashing lights on the cones at all times.
One Call Now: we have not received any notices from the Police, but all of our residents are in the system and ready for notices.
Violation of Hauling Permit – Police are on notice that there is only one active hauling permit to 22 Clovelly Road. Residents and Council have been notified to call the police if they see any large trucks on the roads.

7. EMS Report: 4 Responses Avg. Response time is 6.3 minutes. Membership subscriptions are out. If there are any questions please call the billing department at 412 331-3197. An email blast will be sent to the community regarding this and the Fire Company's fundraising campaign.

8. Engineer's Report:

O&M Plan, the letter received, from the County, was different than the discussion that took place during the meeting several weeks ago. At the time of the meeting, the only outstanding information the reviewer requested was a copy of the Budget and the list of Contractors. LSSE will verify with the County the discrepancies between the letter and meeting.

Advertisements for the summer construction will need to be submitted for publication on the 13th and 20th. LSSE has submitted this document to the Borough and it will be forwarded to The Citizen tomorrow. Bids are due Monday May 7th.

Right of Way Documents must be gained before work can begin on the retaining wall. The Nock's have stated that they would sign the papers and we have been notified that the buyers are aware of the situation. We will work to get the papers signed soon by both the Seller and the Buyer.

Meeting with utility companies took place Thursday April 5th requesting that they replace their lines along Wilson Road before we begin work. Columbia Gas attended. Meeting minutes will be transmitted to all who did not attend.

Wilson Lane Paving: M. Davis will forward personal letters to all residents along Wilson Road notifying them of the planned road work. Embankment along the lower part of Wilson can be filled in with #4 Rocks.

9. Financing of 2012 Projects:

First Niagara could not match the rates that were quoted by North West stated below:
Option A - is a 3.4% interest fixed rate with quarterly payments on principle and interest for 120 months each quarterly payment would be \$16,600.00.

Option B. - 2.65% interest rate for 60 months then the rate would change 1.75% above the 5 year Treasury bill maturity index with a cap of not lower than 2% and not more than 6%. Quarterly payments of \$16,000.00 are due for the first 5 years of this loan then payments will go up for the remainder of the term.

A motion was made by Mr. Keelan to accept Option A's terms to finance the summer work program. Motion was second by Mr. Cuteri. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Vogel will seek state DCD approval for this loan. We may need to have a special meeting to pass a debt ordinance. Financing may not be in order by early June.

A motion was made by Mr. Cuteri to approve advertising for the debt ordinance in connection with this loan. Mr. Kolenda seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Prevailing Wage Reform: A motion was made by Mr. Davis to pass this motion. Discussion took place. This item was tabled at this time.
11. Outstanding Alcosan Payments: All residents who have an outstanding bill for two consecutive quarters will have their accounts turned over to the Attorney to file a Lien.
12. Vote on Ordinance #310. A motion was made by Mr. Keelan to Pass Ordinance #310 as advertised requiring all utility companies to submit an annual bond for opening. Mr. Cuteri seconds this motion. The motion passed unanimously.
13. Resignation of Mark Hansen from the ACORD Board – Ed Gould is alone on this Board at this time. Invitations will be made to those who attended last year's April meeting who were interested in preserving ACORD Park.
14. Adopting FEMA Approved County Plan: Availability of FIMA Funds can be based on the adoption of this Plan. A motion was made by Mr. Keelan and second by Mr. Cuteri to pass this Plan. A roll call vote took place. Georgalas – No/ Kolenda – No/ Davis – No/ Keelan – yes/ Cuteri-yes /Berardi-yes. The vote was tie. Mayor Dismukes voted yes to break the tie. The motion passed.
15. Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement: A motion was made by Mr. Cuteri to advertise Ordinance #311 establishing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Avalon. Mr. Kolenda seconds the motion. This motion passed unanimously.
16. Signs at the park: Mr. Keelan questioned the practice of residents putting signs up at the Park. Discussion took place and it was determined that we will not control signs at this location.
17. Executive Session: Council went into executive session at 8:58

The meeting resumed at 9:12

18. Sewage Fee: Target date for this fee is January 1 2013. We need to get West View Water on Board. LSSE will need to be notified to help to get this moving.
19. Formally Rescind IGA with Ben Avon: All agree to send the letter of notice to Ben Avon Borough
20. Centennial Committee: has requested permission to add the dates for 2013 Council meetings. Permission approved.

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

This meeting adjourned at 9:22P.M

The next monthly meeting is Wednesday May 8th at 7:00 at Shannopin Country Club.