

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Tuesday, June 13, 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 entered at approximately 8:30 PM)

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Vogel

Ohio Twp. Police: Chief Micklos

Engineer: Robert Firek

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

Residents: Erin Barranger, Diane Daniels, Ed Cummins

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Mr. Cuteri:

1. May 2012 Minutes:

- A motion was made to approve the May 2012 Minutes. They were approved unanimously as distributed. Mark Davis has abstained from voting.

2. May Special Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to approve the May Special Meeting Minutes. They were approved unanimously as distributed.

3. April 2012 Treasurer's Report:

- A motion was made to approve the May 2012 Treasurer's Reports which was approved unanimously as distributed.

4. The Budget Overview: –No discussion regarding the Budget Overview took place.

5. Police Services Contract: - Mayor Dismukes has been negotiating with Ohio Township since our current contract is up at the end of this year. A copy of the 3 year contract with two, one year extensions was emailed to Council today for their review. The only real change in the new contract is the cost of "Special Patrols". This is not a service that we have used in the past and should not have much effect on the Borough in the future. The overall police coverage is the same as currently provided.

Mayor Dismukes wanted to note that there is a provision to change this contract in the event Ben Avon would like to share patrols.

All were in favor of this contract; therefore, the Mayor will notify Ohio Township so they can review and approve at their June or July meeting as well. We will add this to our July Agenda.

6. Police Report: Another quiet month... 1 harassment call, 1 Soliciting call, 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 Suspicious Circumstances, 2 ambulance Assists
The company "One Call Now" has been sold to ECN. Chief will notify Mrs. Raves when a meeting happens to review the emergency call system.
7. Fire Report: No report was given.
8. Public Comment: Erin Barranger asked about the Wilson Road work timeline and cost. Mr. Cuteri reviewed the project and noted that bids will be reviewed in a few minutes. The work that Columbia Gas has done has not completed, but Diane Daniels and Erin Barranger stated that their yards have not been restored. Mrs. Raves will contact them and verify that restoration is on their agenda.
9. Engineer's Report:
ACO: LSSE met with sewer committee and they are revising the O&M Plan for resubmission.
Newgate Road, Martino has completed the patch work and submitted a final bill Invoice #43731. The project is now closed.
2012 Road and Sewer Improvements, Bids were opened May 24th indicating Bridges & Company Inc. as the low bidder for the Base Bid in the amount of \$255,868.85
Council reviewed the bids and discussed the Add Alternates noting that no matter what the combination, Bridges would be the low bidder. P. Keelan *made a motion to Award the Base Bid and Add Alternate No.3 to Bridges & Company for the amount of \$560,142.63 provided the loan for \$560,000.00 is approved. J. Georgalas second the motion. No additional discussion took place. The motion passed unanimously with M. Davis abstaining due to the fact that he is one of the owners of Bridges & Company.*
Garvin Boward Beitko submitted a proposal for Consulting Services for monitoring of the retaining wall construction. *A motion was made by R. Berardi to award the monitoring contract to Garvin Boward Beitko at the rates outlined in their proposal dated June 5, 2012. P. Keelan seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously with M. Davis abstaining.*
10. Hauling Permits: Mr. Vogel had not yet reviewed this matter... it will be tabled till next month.
11. Executive Session: Council entered Executive Session and then resumed the meeting.
12. Allegheny County Designations for property in the Borough. Allegheny County has somehow listed several parcels in the Borough as "Commercial". Our Zoning map indicates that all parcels are designated Residential.
13. Comprehensive Plan with Kilbuck: Mr. Georgalas will work with the Planning Commission of Kilbuck to see if we can join into a Comprehensive Plan with them.
14. Zoning Ordinance Change: Mr. Cuteri will draft language for Council's review to update our Zoning Ordinance. This language will include a material list and their limitations.
15. New Ordinance restricting Cell Phone Towers. – A motion was made by J. Georgalas to authorize Mr. Vogel to provide language for review regarding the restriction of Cell Phone Towers within the Borough. A. Cuteri seconds the motion. *The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Davis voted.*

16. New Logo for Ben Avon Heights Borough: Mrs. Raves noted that the Borough is using the State of Pennsylvania's Logo as its own. The thought is that new logo designs could be solicited from the residents and a new logo selected and unveiled at the Centennial Celebration June 22, 2013. We will need to outline requirements of this contest before it is sent to the residents.
17. Update Canvassing and Solicitation Ordinance: Mr. Vogel was asked to provide verbiage to update our current Ordinance to increase fees, impose fines, limit dates and times for Solicitation, and add a list of addresses who sign up for an No Solicitation List.
18. Keystone Collections Group Review: Is there a way we can submit a list of addresses to Keystone Collections to see if they can let us know what addresses they have that do not pay Earned Income Taxes. Mrs. Raves will ask.
19. Audit Review: D. Raves handed out copies of the 2011 Audit of the Borough's Finances as provided by Hozack, Spect, Muetzl & Wood CPA's.
20. ACORD Board Appointment: R. Berardi has talked with Jennifer Flanagan and she has agreed to join the Board for BAHB. A. Cuteri *made a motion to approve the appointment of Jennifer Flanagan to the ACORD Board. M. Davis seconds this motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
21. Centennial Committee presented by P. Keelan asked if Council would like to add something to next years planned festivities. The unveiling of the new Borough logo and fireworks were discussed. D. Raves will contact Arlene Grubbs to let her know these decisions. A cost will need to be determined for the fireworks.
22. Delinquent Properties: A question has come up regarding 10 Stratford Road. No notification of Sheriff Sale was received for this property. J. Vogel suggested contacting the Avonworth School District to initiate a sheriff sale and to contact Berkheimer to see if there are any outstanding taxes on the property.
Several other property owners will be contacted to notify them that some portion of their property is falling out of compliance with the Ordinance.

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

This meeting adjourned at 9:46 PM.

The next monthly meeting is Tuesday July 10th at 7:00 at Shannopin Country Club.

Submitted by

Denise Raves