

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Wednesday, February 13, 2013 - Council Meeting Minutes

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

A quorum is in attendance

Present:

Council Members: Cuteri, Davis, Georgalas, Keelan

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Vogel

Ohio Twp. Police: Chief Micklos

Avalon Fire: Chief Carney, Berrie

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Mr. Davis:

1. January 2013 Minutes:
- ***A motion was made*** by Mr. Keelan second by Mr. Cuteri to approve the January 2013 Minutes. They were ***approved unanimously***.
2. January 2013 Treasurer's Report: - ***A motion was made*** by Mr. Georgalas, and second by Mr. Cuteri to approve the January 2013 Treasurer's Reports which was ***approved unanimously*** as distributed.
A question was raised by Mr. Davis regarding line #420.00 indicates \$20,000.00 spent for Health and Sanitation that was not budgeted for? Mrs. Raves will look into that item and report back to Council.
3. Fire Report: One call, fallen tree on Cambridge Road. Avalon will be having a Fish Fry this Friday as well as a Monte Carlo Night March 8th and another Fish Fry on Good Friday. Mr. Berrie will get the information to Mrs. Raves for distribution to the residents. The Christmas tree sale went well.
4. Police Report: Usual calls, Home Alarm, Road Call Outs, Vacation Checks, sick animal. Chief Micklos noted that the Avalon Police Chief is interested in purchasing and renovating the house at 10 Stratford Road.
5. Public Comment: No public present.
6. Discussion RE: Ordinance 300: as it pertains to the question raised by Chief Kokoski, by phone, regarding dealing with trash generated by possible renovations at 10 Stratford Road. Mrs. Raves will forward Ordinances No. 300 and No. 260 for his review. During this discussion a ***motion was made:*** by Mr. Davis to "Rescind Ordinance No. 300". No second was made. ***The motion failed.***

7. Engineer's Report:

- a. The Borough's ACO, Semi-Annual Progress Report was sent in July and the Borough received a letter of "Incompleteness" from the County in October of 2012. The Feasibility Study is due July 31st. LSSE will provide Service Order Authorization for the March 2013 meeting.
- b. 2012 Road Work is almost complete. Currently outstanding is the Punch List work from the December 18, 2012 meeting. That work is restoration work that will be completed in the spring, probably by April or May depending on weather.
- c. MS4 Map is incomplete since the outfall locations must be indicated on the map. Discussion took place and Council has decided to hire LSSE to complete the work necessary to map the outfall locations. Mrs. Raves will notify LSSE of this decision.
- d. FEMA proposing changes to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps. LSSE previously urged Council to consider adoption of an Ordinance that meets the National Flood Insurance Program requirements.

8. Revenue Review: Mr. Davis called Council's attention to the fact that all the money borrowed for the 2012 Roadway/ Sewer Improvements was not spent. The difference reported by Mrs. Raves is \$94,384.12. Council will need to decide what will be done with that money. Mrs. Raves reported that if the AIM loan is repaid in full, it will save the Borough approximately \$1,600.00 and if the money was put toward the 2012 loan, the quarterly payments would be reduced by \$3,000.00 per quarter. Council does not need to decide this matter at this time, but consideration of the options for future discussion is noted.

9. Real Estate Value Review: The figure has not changed much since January. We are still waiting for Shannopin's review to set our Final Millage. Mrs. Raves was instructed to complete all outstanding annual reports with a 5.4 millage.

10. Zoning Hearing Board Appointments: Kati Von-Lehman has indicated her desire to take the position left open by Heather O'Brien. And Lee Hebert has indicated desire to be appointed as an alternate. Council questioned the need for an alternate, and it was noted by Mrs. Raves that Mr. Jason Brown travels extensively for work and is frequently unavailable to meet; therefore, an alternate would help to alleviate that issue. Council has requested that both candidates attend the March meeting for review and possible appointment. If their schedule does not permit attending that meeting, it was asked that they discuss their desire and qualifications with a member of Council before that date.

11. Building Inspection Underwriters: Council reviewed the fact that there are open Building Permits as far back as 2007. Mrs. Raves was asked to send BIU a letter stating that they are to get all paperwork in order within 30 days and to submit a report regarding their progress for the March meeting.

12. Planning Commission Update: No update reported.

13. Executive Session: Council went into Executive Session at 8:30 PM.

The Meeting resumed at 8:40

14. Keystone Collections Bonding: Mrs. Raves was asked to contact Keystone Collections to secure a copy of their bond.

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

This meeting adjourned at 8:46 P.M.

The next monthly meeting is Wednesday March 13Th at 7:00 at Shannopin Country Club.

Submitted by Denise Raves, Secretary