

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Tuesday June 11, 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: Berardi, Davis, Georgalas, Keelan, Cuteri by phone

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Vogel

Engineer: Firek, LSSE

Ohio Twp. Police: Chief Micklos

Avalon Fire: Chief Carney

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Mr. Davis:

1. Fire Report: -none
2. Police Report: One incident of Solicitation without a permit. Several routine calls. Council asked Chief Micklos to write a short note reminding residents to be careful regarding who works for them and who is permitted in their house. A discussion regarding the enforcement of the Obnoxious Vegetation Ordinance took place. Chief Micklos was requested to cite the offending resident who has ignored the Borough's compliance letters noting vermin infestation as well as obnoxious vegetation in his citation. Mayor Dismukes as asked if we can cite then fine and then provide self-help. Mr. Vogel assured Council that each of the measures mentioned are available under the Ordinance. Mrs. Raves was asked to locate a company who would be willing to bring the offending property into compliance if needed. If 2 weeks pass after the property is cited and progress is not noted, Mayor Dismukes will forward a letter outlining the steps that the Borough will take to bring the property into Compliance.
3. Public Comment: Mr. Keelan read a note from Al Grubbs regarding the Centennial Celebration. There are currently 277 attending on Friday evening and 388 on Saturday evening's picnic. Requested that we provide a crossing guard from 2:00 PM till 11:00 PM. Permission to park at Shannopin is being requested at this time.
4. Engineer's Report:
 - a. ACO: submitted report in January, Feasibility Study is due July 31, 2013. A draft will be available for Council's review early July. Once it is reviewed a draft should

be available to the public. Specialist from LSSE will attend the July meeting to address any questions.

- b. 2012 Road and Sewer Improvements: Final Walkthrough was completed. Final issues will be addressed soon.
- c. MS4's: draft of written plans will be prepared over the next 4 months for the Borough's review.
- d. Hauling Bonds: 10 Clovelly Road and 19 Cambridge Road were reviewed and bond amounts were released. Mr. Firek requested that the Borough make sure applicants are videotaping the roads in the same direction for pre and post review.
- e. Consent Decree Phase 1 Completion. Mr. Firek presented the plan again to Mr. Georgalas who had questions regarding the work and the need to include all the work outlined. (Specifically the addition of a manhole #805-1003.) Mr. Firek noted that the only way for the cameras to get to certain portions of the sewage lines is to add a manhole. Standards for sewer lines have changed since our lines were installed and the cameras cannot make the bends and turns that exist in some of our lines causing the need to install new manholes. Several manholes noted on the old drawings are not visible and must be brought to grade for access for mapping and cleaning. One way to find these missing manholes is to go through the existing sewage lines with camera equipment.
Mr. Cuteri and Mayor Dismukes both stated that the Borough was mandated to complete all of Phase 1 by the year 2011. "We are two years behind schedule, completion is not optional." Mr. Cuteri had given Bridges and Company authorization to proceed based on the Engineers contract documents and the time and material schedule submitted by Bridges. Mr. Georgalas objected to the Change Order.
Mr. Davis of Bridges gave a quick overall schedule as to what areas will be opened and reviewed. Starting on Newgate then proceeding to Devon then onto Penhurst, and finally Banbury. Notice will be emailed as to when the work will begin.

- 5. Banbury Curb Repair: Avalon was asked to repair curbs using asphalt but they stated that that will not be a viable solution. Mr. Cuteri stated that this is a safety issue and the curbs will need to be repaired. Mr. Davis will obtain an opinion of probable cost for discussion at next month's meeting.
- 6. Sewage Fee Penalty Report: Mr. Vogel reviewed the contents of the new Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 318. This Ordinance will amend the Borough and Alcosan's sewer charges or rental and charges for delinquent sewer bills. Council agreed with the amended Ordinance and agreed to advertise the new Ordinance for vote at July's meeting.
- 7. Executive Session: Council entered into Executive Session at 8:32 PM. The meeting resumed at 9:04 PM.
- 8. Work at 45 Wilson: ***A motion was made*** by Mr. Cuteri that the Borough hire Tri State Maintenance to repair the collapsed pipe at the corner of Wilson and Devon and fill the

hole with gravel and dirt for an estimated \$500.00. Mr. Berardi seconds the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. Planning Commission: no progress was reported.

10. **A motion was made** by Mr. Keelan and second by Mr. Cuteri to approve the advertising of the Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 318. **The motion passed unanimously.**

11. May 2013 Minutes:

- **A motion was made** by Mr. Keelan, second by Mr. Berardi to approve the May 2013 Minutes. They were **approved unanimously** as distributed.

12. May 2013 Treasurer's Report: - **A motion was made** by Mr. Berardi, and second by Mr. Keelan to approve the May 2013 Treasurer's Reports which was **approved unanimously** as distributed.

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

This meeting adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

The next monthly meeting is Tuesday July 9th at 7:00 at Shannopin Country Club.

Submitted by Denise Raves, Secretary