

## Borough of Ben Avon Heights

### Tuesday May 14, 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, Isherwood, Keelan, Kolenda

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Vogel

Engineer: Firek, LSSE

Ohio Twp. Police: Chief Micklos

Avalon Fire: Chief Carney, Assist. Chief Berie

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

Residents: Nancy Fardo, Susann Schneider, Kati Von-Lehman

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM by Mr. Davis:

#### 1. Engineer's Report:

- a. ACO: submitted report in January, Feasibility Study is due July 31, 2013
- b. 2012 Road and Sewer Improvements: Final Walkthrough is scheduled for May 20, at 1:30 PM. To close out the project. Mrs. Raves asked if the broken street sign was reinstalled. Mr. Davis stated that it was not.
- c. MS4's: draft of written plans will be prepared over the next 4 months for the Borough's review. These drafts are being completed in conjunction with other municipalities to save all of us money.
- d. Consent Decree Phase 1 Completion. Mr. Firek presented a plan and Opinion of Probable Costs to complete the CCTV phase of the work. A total of \$33,600.00 was the estimate. Bridges and Company will put together a Change Order to quote the completion of all work. This will be presented at a later date when they have time to review the scope of work.

#### 2. April 2013 Minutes:

- **A motion was made** by Mr. Cuteri second by Mr. Keelan to approve the April 2013 Minutes. They were **approved unanimously**.

#### 3. April 2013 Treasurer's Report: - **A motion was made** by Mr. Cuteri, and second by Mr. Kolenda to approve the April 2013 Treasurer's Reports which was **approved unanimously** as distributed.

#### 4. Fire Report: 1 False alarm at Shannopin Country Club.

#### 5. Police Report: 1 Alarm; 2 animal complaints; a sign down.

Discussion took place regarding providing the Police department with Citations for distribution regarding illegal parking. The draft Citation the Mrs. Raves forwarded several weeks ago will be resent for Council's consideration and publication.

#### 6. Public Comment:

- a. Kati Von-Lehman presented the results of her survey of the community regarding the walking trail. At this time it seems that the majority of the responders were not in favor of

the trail. And the Centennial Committee stated that they were not in favor of fundraising during the celebration in June. Ms. Von-Lehman thanked Council for their support and Mayor Dismukes thanked Ms. Von-Lehman for her interest and efforts to improve the community. Council requested that Ms. Von-Lehman to continue to be involved!

7. Park Report: Mr. Cuteri stated that he has a digital copy of the Topographical Map of the park that he will email to the Borough for their files.
  - b. The resident interested asking for use of the park did not attend the meeting.
8. Signage Update: Mr. Keelan and Mr. Isherwood surveyed and mapped all the road signs within the Borough. There are a total of 73.

Mayor Dismukes reviewed for the residents that the State has mandated that all signs meet a specific Retro Reflectivity aspect that none of our signs comply with. We will need to replace them all sometime in the future, but at this time we are getting a replacement program started.

Mr. Isherwood and Mr. Keelan will complete their work and send a digital file to Mrs. Raves for the Borough's file.
9. Sewage Fee Penalty Report: Mr. Vogel has worked out the details of implementing the fees with Jordan Tax Services and bills will be mailed to the community very soon. Mr. Vogel asked for Council's permission to work to revise the Ordinance to add a penalty for late payment. Council was in agreement with this work.
10. Building Inspection Underwriters: Mrs. Raves had forwarded an email from BIT earlier in the day for Council's inspection. They are continuing to complete their inspections and will be notifying the Borough when all is completed.
11. Planning Commission: Mr. Georgalas was not in attendance.
12. Obnoxious Vegetation: Council will get addresses of violators to Mrs. Raves to issue letters.
13. Public Education: Consent Decree - RE: Storm water catch basins. Mrs. Raves had obtained markers and door hangers at no cost to the Borough that will fulfill part of the education requirement for the Consent Decree. Mayor Dismukes and Mr. Davis believe that we can contact the High School and arrange for the students to distribute and install these items.
14. Executive Session: Council entered into Executive Session at 7:30 PM  
The meeting resumed at 7:49 PM

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

This meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

**The next monthly meeting is Tuesday June 11th at 7:00 at Shannopin Country Club.**

Submitted by Denise Raves, Secretary