

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Tuesday October 8, 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, Cuteri, Isherwood, Keelan, Kolenda

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Chris Voltz, Tucker Arensburg

Ohio Twp. Police: Chief Micklos

Avalon Fire: Chief Carney, President Zivic

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mr. Cuteri:

1. Garbage Bids: - Mr. Cuteri opened the two bids that were received for the three year garbage contract.

Valley Waste Services quoted:

Year 1 (01-01-14 – 12-31-14) Total Monthly Price \$1,924.10.

Year 2 (01-01-15 – 12-31-14) Total Monthly Price \$1,972.38.

Year 3 (01-01-16 – 12-31-16) Total Monthly Price \$2,021.69.

Back yard pick-up services are quoted at \$12.00 per month per unit for each of the three years.

References were submitted with the bid documents.

Waste Management quoted:

2014, \$15.05 per month per home with backyard service of \$23.05/ home/ mo.

2015, \$15.50 per month per home with backyard service of \$24.89 / home/ mo.

2016, \$15.96 per month per home with backyard service of \$25.88/ home/ mo.

Council will review the bids and discuss at next month's meeting.

2. Fire Report:

One call was reported last month at Shannopin Country Club. The Chief and President Zivic wanted to discuss that call, which came in on October 6th at 02:05 AM. Upon arrival to the clubhouse, many lights were on and the doors were locked. After unsuccessfully finding anyone in the building to unlock the doors, the Fire Company called for a key to access and clear the building. They waited approximately 45 minutes for someone to respond with the key, but had gained access by other means. Mr. Zivic was wondering if they could obtain a key to the

Clubhouse so this scenario could be avoided in the future. Mayor Dismukes found Mr. Jim Corcoran, manager of Shannopin Country Club, and invited him to the meeting. Mr. Corcoran agreed that a key should be in the Fire Department's possession. Telephone numbers were exchanged on order to facilitate this matter.

Another matter the Fire Company brought to Council was their plan to purchase a new fire truck and asked if BAHB would extend their contract. Mayor Dismukes stated he would be in favor of negotiating an extension to the contract but he would be unable to attend their October meeting, he will plan to attend the November 25th meeting. Mrs. Raves was asked to add discussion of the Fire Contract to November's agenda.

3. EMS Report:

There was no one in attendance from Northwest EMS to give a report.

Mayor Dismukes took this time to report that he has been in discussion with Mr. Dave Novak regarding our Emergency Management Services Coordinator position. Chief Micklos "highly recommended" Mr. Novak and has known him for a number of years he was involved in 911 dispatch for many years and is quite knowledgeable. Mayor Dismukes will forward our current plan and model plans to Mr. Novak for further discussion.

4. Public Comment: -No public attended to comment.

5. Police Report: The usual calls and patrols took place; however, there were a number of calls reporting car break-ins a week before the meeting. Chief Micklos reported that it seemed that only loose change was stolen and thanked Mayor Dismukes for the notification sent to residents reminding them to lock their vehicles overnight.

Discussion took place as to having the police department backing-up the crossing guards in order to remove Mrs. Raves from the insurance policy as a Crossing Guard thus saving the Borough approximately \$2,100 per year. Chief Micklos stated that they would be in favor of helping out when needed. The police officers would be paid by the Borough when the dates are known. Upon further council discussion, it was decided that the borough secretary would continue to serve as backup for crossing guards and we should renew the current unemployment compensation policy.

6. Vote to approve September Minutes: Mr. Keelan asked that Mrs. Raves remove the underline from "for the record" and to remove any specific names from the Minutes and to add, "The police will be asked to remain in attendance till after the Public Comment portions of the meeting."

With those changes, Mr. Isherwood ***made a motion*** to approve the September Minutes. Mr. Keelan seconds the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

7. Vote to approve the September Treasurer's Report: Discussion took place reviewing the Income portion of the report. Mrs. Raves reported that the Borough's Revenue is in alignment with where we should be in the calendar year. Mr. Isherwood ***made a motion*** to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Mr. Berardi seconds the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

A review of the Construction Loan Account took place... After finishing the punch list and paying the last Change Orders Mr. Cuteri stated that Phase One work of the Consent

Decree would be completed and noted that the total project is less than bid and included work that was not in the original scope of the 2012 road/ sewer improvement project. Council is grateful to Bridges and Company for their work and cost savings throughout the project and this year's additional sewer work Change Orders. It currently appears that there will be approximately \$33,000.00 left in the loan account due to savings from the original low bid provided by Bridges.

Executive Session: Council entered into executive session at 8:00 PM.
The meeting resumed at 8:04 PM.

8. Engineer's Report: Mr. Cuteri read the report to Council from Lennon Smith Souleret Engineers.

ACO Feasibility Study Report was submitted for the Borough on July 17, 2013. 2012 Road and Sewer Improvements – the work is 99% complete. Punchlist work has been completed. Mr. Kolenda stated that he had a discussion with a resident who was not happy with the restoration work on her property located at 12 Biddeford Road. Mayor Dismukes said he would review the work this coming weekend. Hauling Permits were reviewed, one issued for 20 Oxford and another completed for 19 Cambridge.

9. Planning Commission: Councilman Georgalas sent an email prior to the meeting as follows:

Denise,

I will not be attending the meeting tonight.

Also, please advise the council that, with regard to the planning/zoning discussions with Kilbuck Township, after reviewing the relevant memo and other documents, I am not interested in participating in those discussions. If the council wishes to re-visit the simpler path of amending our Borough ordinance etc., I will be happy to discuss that alternative.

Consequently, the council should feel free to substitute another member for me, who may be more in agreement with the Kilbuck alternative.

Thank you.

Jim Georgalas

Council discussed moving forward based on the proposal from Jim Pashek to engage in conversations with Kilbuk with regard to a joint comprehensive planning effort as presented by Mr. Pashek at the August council meeting. Council authorized proceeding with retaining Mr. Pashek on an hourly basis until we confirm Kilbucks intent to participate in the Joint effort, then we will negotiate a contract for services to completed the study.

10. Sewers: Mayor Dismukes reviewed a discussion he had with Mr. John Fader, Kilbuck representative and Mr. Chuck Means, Kilbuck Solicitor, regarding the need to develop an Intergovernmental agreement regarding the two Kilbuck houses who are hooked into

Ben Avon Height sewers. Mr. Cuteri asked why this action was necessary, and Mayor Dismukes stated that, "This action will clean up the question as to responsibility as to who pays for what." Mayor Dismukes and Mr. Vogel will work out this document.

11. Weed Treatment: Mrs. Raves heard from Kerry Paterson, of Avalon Borough, about a program they are beginning regarding eradication of weeds. Mrs. Raves had Mr. Jeffrey Tuma review the area along the Banbury/ Briar Cliff/ Cambridge roadways and submitted a three year bid of \$750 for 2013. \$600.00 for 2014 and \$600.00 for 2015 to spray and kill approximately a 5'-0" section of weeds along the road. Council decided to hold off on this matter.

Next a discussion took place regarding the monetary thresholds that require the Borough to bid out service providing work. Mr. Voltz will ask Mr. Vogel to bring this information back to Council next month.

12. Executive Session: Council entered into Executive Session at 8:25 PM

The meeting resumed at 9:20 PM

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

This meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

The next monthly meeting is **Wednesday** November 13th at 7:00 at Shannopin Country Club.

Submitted by Denise Raves, Secretary