

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Wednesday February 12, 2014 - 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, Davis, Keelan, Kolenda, Smith

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Voltz

Ohio Twp. Police: Sgt. A. Beck

Avalon Fire Chief: Carney

Lennon Smith Souleret Engineers: Firek

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Mr. Davis:

1. Vote to approve January Minutes: Mr. Cuteri ***made a motion*** to approve the January Minutes. Mr. Kolenda seconds the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously.***
2. Vote to approve the January Treasurer's Report: Mr. Cuteri ***made a motion*** to approve the January Treasurer's Report as submitted. Mr. Kolenda seconds the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously.***
3. Fire Report: One call to note from Shannopin Country Club there was a water line break and five feet of water in the basement.
4. Police Report: The usual calls and patrols took place in addition to multiple snow call outs.

Mayor Dismukes noted that he had received calls that motorists have been speeding around the curve on Wilson again and asked if the radar sign could be set up again soon. Sargent Beck will discuss this with the Chief. Motorists speeding along Oxford was discussed as well.

In the spring, we will ask Avalon to repaint the yellow center line around the curve since it seems to help to slow motorists as well.

5. Public Comment: No public present.
6. Engineers Report: Mr. Firek recapped what was completed in 2013 then Mrs. Raves noted that she attended the High School in the morning regarding the Junior Class Project, during which time she noted to the students that we have a project installing decals and distributing informational fliers to residents that we could use help with. Mr.

Firek reminded Council that we were not required to complete the MS-4 educational requirements per the waiver received in 2013.

A discussion then began regarding the Borough's signs and Mr. Firek noted that the Borough is out of compliance regarding sign management requirements. Mr. Keelan stated the Mr. Isherwood has the survey on his computer and he will discuss with him to have it submitted to the Borough Office. All street signs are required to be changed to meet the retro-reflectivity guidelines set by the government. Mayor Dismukes wanted to note that he felt it important that the Community get a vote on the esthetics of the new signs when we get to replacing the "street signs".

7. Dog Ordinance Report: Mr. Voltz distributed copies of BAHB Ordinance No. 150 adopted on June 8th, 1961 that discusses licensing of dogs and keeping dogs and cats from running loose in the Borough as well as an example of an Ordinance from Brentwood. Our current Ordinance does not discuss the owner's requirement to clean up after the dog. Council is in favor of developing such an Ordinance and asked Mr. Volts to have Mr. Vogel develop a new Ordinance that would supersede Ordinance 150 that would include the content of Ordinance No.150 as well as the need for cleaning up of waste and updating the fines and penalties. Council asked that a copy of the proposed Ordinance be distributed to Council for review before the next meeting so it can be discussed in detail.
8. Park Update: Mr. Cuteri noted that he had discussed the matter of the fountain design with Mrs. O'Brien and found that her firm does not do the type of work needed for this project. He will work to locate another design firm. A question was brought to Mrs. Raves regarding the existing plaques and would they be included in the new design. Council does intend for those plaques to be incorporated in the new fountain as well as a new plaque commemorating the Centennial Committee for their work and donation.
9. Executive Session: Council entered into Executive Session at 7:28 PM
The meeting resumed at 7:35.
10. Mrs. Raves was asked to develop an Executive Protocol regarding the handling of delinquent Sewage Accounts and present it to Council for review and approval.

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

This meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

The next monthly meeting is **Wednesday** March 12th at 7:00 at Shannopin Country Club.

Submitted by Denise Raves, Secretary