

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Tuesday May 13, 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: Davis, Isherwood, Keelan, Kolenda, Smith

Solicitor: Vogel

Ohio Twp. Police: Chief Micklos

Avalon Volunteer Fire Company: Chief Carney

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

Residents: Danielle Blackburn, 7 New Brighton Road

Bob Frisch, 15 Devon Lane

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Mr. Davis:

1. Vote to approve April Minutes: Mr. Davis ***made a motion*** to approve the April Minutes as presented. Ms. Smith seconds the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously.***
2. Vote to approve the April Treasurer's Report: Mr. Kolenda ***made a motion*** to approve the April Treasurer's Report as submitted, by emails. Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. Mr. Davis reviewed the two loans and their outstanding balances which were added to the Treasurers Report as requested. ***The motion passed unanimously.***
3. Fire Report: There was nothing to report in the Borough last month. Mr. Vogel informed Council that the agreement addendum submitted by the Avalon Fire Department to extend our contract for 10 years (to 2027) still requires revisions and will be presented to Council once complete. We will add this matter to next month's Agenda.
4. Police Report: The usual calls and patrols took place.
5. Public Comment: Danielle Blackburn attended to ask permission to host an "End of School Year" party, at the park, for her son on May 30th from approximately 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Nothing else is scheduled for this date and the request was approved. Mrs. Raves will contact the Police to inform them of the activity. Note: other residents are able to use the park during this time.

Bob Frisch attended to discuss the condition of the section of Wilson Road from Perrysville Road to Penhurst. Mr. Davis stated that the brutal winter weather had taken a toll on all the roads especially Courtney Mill Road. Mrs. Raves noted that Avalon was

contacted to patch potholes throughout the Borough they estimated that, weather permitting, the work should be done in a week or so.

Mr. Frisch asked what section of road was up next for repair and Council informed him that this year's budget does not have any road replacement slated due to the expense of the sewer work completed over the last few years. Mr. Frisch requested that Council look into overlay projects rather than totally rebuilding the roads in order to get more roadway resurfaced at a lower cost.

Mr. Frisch stated that he would be in favor of raising taxes in order to work on the roads in the area.

6. Joint Comprehensive Plan: Mr. Davis stated that there has been confusion regarding the meeting dates and times. He believed that the next meeting is Tuesday May 27th.
7. Floodplain Resolution: Mr. Vogel noted that an Ordinance was not necessary so he forwarded Resolution 2014-03 for Council's review and approval. Mr. Keelan ***made a motion to pass Resolution 2014-03 as forwarded and Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***
8. Ordinance No. 325: Was advertised and reviewed by Council previously. Mr. Kolenda brought up the point that Mr. Cuteri had made regarding the requirement of the properties being added to the sewers to be dye tested. Council agrees that each property in Kilbuck will need to be tested and Mrs. Raves stated that she will pursue sending notification to the residents once the agreement is completed. Mr. Kolenda ***made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 325 as advertised and Mrs. Smith seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***
9. Sign Replacement Discussion: This matter has been tabled till next month.
10. Duquesne Light: Submitted a LED Municipal Cobrahead Street Lighting Conversion Pilot Program Letter to Council. Mr. Isherwood, who had looked into converting the street lights last year, was asked to review this program. Mr. Isherwood reported that this is a voluntary program where we would be eligible to convert up to 10 street lights in a contiguous location. He is attempting to verify their definition of "contiguous" and whether the conversion would be worth the cost. "It is a good thing to do from an energy standpoint", he said. This matter will be discussed in more depth next month. In the meantime, Mr. Isherwood and Mr. Keelan will survey the street lights in the Borough
11. Mr. Davis stated that we should have the engineers submit a "maintenance program outline" for the roads that have been resurfaced.
12. Mrs. Smith asked if Walt's had completed the work at the property on Briar Cliff Road and Mrs. Raves stated that they had. She will find out if there was any evidence of rodent infestation and report.

13. County CDBG Home Programs: Council reviewed this program Mr. Davis ***made a motion to opt into the CDBG Home Program and Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

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

This meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

The next monthly meeting is **Tuesday** June10th, 7:00 at Shannopin Country Club.

Submitted by Denise Raves, Secretary