

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Tuesday August 11, 2015 - 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

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Vogel

Ohio Twp. Police: Chief Micklos

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

Residents: Robert Eadie

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

1. Vote to approve July Minutes: Mr. Cuteri ***made a motion*** to approve the July Minutes as presented to Council earlier by E-mail. Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously.***
2. Vote to approve the July Treasurer's Reports: Mr. Davis ***made a motion*** to approve the July Treasurer's Report submitted previously by email to Council. Mr. Keelan seconds the motion. Mr. Cuteri asked why the Earned Income Tax figure was so high at just over half way through the year. It was noted that the December 2014 collections are showing in the account at this time and that now that employers are required to withhold our collections have raised. ***The motion passed unanimously.***
3. Police Report: Chief reviewed the report forwarded earlier to Council by email. As a follow up to last month's meeting the police department had an officer on Canterbury Road and the result was one citation in 183 vehicles. The Chief had a discussion with Magistrate Smith who stated that she would enforce the 15 MPH speed limit.
4. Fire Report: Chief Carney called Mrs. Raves to inform Council that there was nothing to report this month.
5. Public Comment: Robert Eadie was in attendance to discuss the data obtained last month from the police's "black box" It was his observation that during the dates when the unit was installed it rained. Mr. Edie noted that he witnessed the police presence in the last month and was glad for that.
Mr. Davis noted that the "phantom" crosswalk at Perrysville was repainted again this year. Discussion took place noting that this could be a liability to the Borough. Mr. Davis ***made a motion*** to have Avalon paint over the crosswalk. Mr. Cuteri seconds the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously.***
Chief Micklos stated that he would reinstall the black box on Canterbury Road.
When asked the Chief's opinion of speed humps, the Chief noted that there were only two in all the municipalities that they patrol. They have good and bad results, citing that they can cause accidents, plowing issues and noise complaints.

6. Engineer's Report: ACO – Emails were forwarded regarding the newest ACO guidelines and a meeting that LSSE hosted for their clients to discuss the matter. Mr. Davis noted that if Council decided to sign a letter siding with the group asking for extensions regarding the previous ACO, he would resign as president and from Council. Mr. Cuteri noted that he would do the same. Discussion took place regarding the crafting a letter stating that we will continue to comply with the good faith requirements of the ACO to send to PA DEP.

Discussion then took place regarding the need to meter the flow from our lines. Mayor Dismukes and Mr. Isherwood noted their concern that we might not get credit at a later date for the reduction if we meter now.

One of the possible items the new ACO might include is the testing of all laterals to the main sewer lines in the Borough. Council discussed crafting an ordinance to have laterals tested at the time of property sales. Mr. Isherwood was concerned that the Ordinance must define the endpoints of the laterals and it was determined that the house trap should be the end point in the house. Mr. Cuteri and Mr. Davis will meet with Bob Firek, of LSSE, to begin the writing of an Ordinance.

Mr. Cuteri ***made a motion*** to craft and Ordinance concerning testing of laterals. Mr. Davis ***seconds this Motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

2015 Roadwork. Final walkthrough took place on August 5, 2015. Partial Payment No. 1 was submitted for payment in the amount of \$78,748.96. Additionally, LSSE will prepare Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$19,111.50 for the concrete sidewalk.

Mr. Isherwood ***made a motion*** to approve draw down from the A.I.M. loan in the amount of \$78,748.96. Mr. Keelan ***seconds this Motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

Mrs. Raves was instructed to draw down from the AIM loan for this payment which will mean opening a new Sinking Fund.

Mr. Davis stated that during the punchlist walk through, he noted that he believes there is a low area known as a "birdbath". Since we have not had rain lately he has not been able to confirm this. We will wait for rain to determine if additional work is needed.

7. Street Sign Replacement Project: Mrs. Raves was instructed to have both signs installed by Avalon's crew as soon as possible. We will discuss voting at the September meeting.

8. September meeting location: Mrs. Raves noted that the Country Club will be closed September 8th when our meeting is scheduled. We can either change the date, or the venue. It was determined that we should ask if the Avalon Fire Hall would be available on the 8th and to change the venue. All were in agreement. Mrs. Raves will coordinate.

9. Roadway Crack Sealing: Mr. Davis reviewed the proposal from Tough Seal of Pittsburgh. Their proposal to seal the new cracks on Clovelly, Penhurst and a portion of Wilson is \$1,685.00. They also stated that they would stand behind the work that they did last year and replace that work for free this season. Council approved this work. Mrs. Raves will schedule.

10. Executive Session: Council did not need to meet in Executive Session.

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

This meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

The next monthly meeting is Tuesday September 8th, 7:00 at Avalon Volunteer Fire Station.

Submitted by Denise Raves, Secretary