

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Tuesday July 14, 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, Kolenda, Smith

Solicitor: Vogel

Ohio Twp. Police: Chief Micklos

NorthWest EMS: Chief Carl Tuscan

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

Residents: Mary Kay Anderson, Hugh Eadie, Robert Eadie, John Radcliffe

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

1. Vote to approve June Minutes: Mr. Cuteri ***made a motion*** to approve the June Minutes as presented to Council earlier by E-mail. Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously.***
2. Vote to approve the June Treasurer's Reports: Mr. Cuteri ***made a motion*** to approve the June Treasurer's Report submitted previously by email to Council. Mr. Keelan seconds the motion. Mr. Davis noted that the Budget to Actual Report looks to be in good shape. ***The motion passed unanimously.***
3. Police Report: A written report was forwarded to Council by Email. Discussion regarding the chipper and the company who own it took place and Mrs. Raves stated that the owner said they will work to obtain a Hauling Permit.
The Chief then gave a detailed report outlining the results of the traffic study completed on Canterbury Road. Traffic study indicated that 3197 cars were clocked on the roadway over a 7 day period. In accordance with State Title 75 Section 3368 (C) (3), 2 vehicles could have been cited for Section 3362 (Relating to Maximum Speed Limits) This study is based on a speed limit of 25 MPH according to State Title 67 Section 212.108, the current speed limit of 15 MPH is unenforceable. The Chief noted that specific time patterns were not defined.
Council has asked the Engineers to review the use of speed humps along Canterbury Road. Then a discussion took place regarding the Chipper incident. Council asked Mrs. Raves to notify the residents of Newgate and The Knob annually regarding the weight limit restrictions on Ben Avon Heights Borough roadways. Mrs. Raves stated that starting this week, in light of the chipper incident, she is notifying all PA One Call notices of the weight limits and Hauling Permit procedures.
4. Fire Report: Chief Carney called Mrs. Raves to inform Council that he was unable to make the meeting due to another meeting regarding a new fire truck. Mrs. Raves forwarded the Chief's report to council by email. -

5. EMS Report: Mr. Tuscan noted that he has been a Chief at NorthWest EMS for quite some time but this is his first attendance at one of our meetings. An average response time to all calls is 6.0 minutes. The average response time to Highest Priority is 5 minutes. Council thanked Mr. Tuscan for his attendance.
6. Public Comment: Robert Eadie and his son Hugh, 17 Canterbury Road, were in attendance to obtain the data from the traffic study along Canterbury Road. Chief Micklos reviewed the forms with Mr. Eadie.
Mary Kay Anderson, 15 Canterbury Road, was attending to speak about the speed of the vehicles and the safety of the children along Canterbury Road.
Discussion regarding speed humps took place. Council asked the engineer to review the Canterbury roadway for speed humps.
Mr. Vogel will review the current ordinances for parking on sidewalks and look into necessary changes to prohibit parking on sidewalks.
Mr. Eadie noted that when parking on the street off the sidewalk, his mirror was clipped.
7. Courtney Mill Road Discussion: Mr. Davis forwarded to Council, earlier in the day, a message from West View Water stating that West View Water would like to place the new water line along only our side of the roadway and not deal with Kilbuck Township at all during this project.
8. Engineer's Report: ACO - Regionalization information requested by Alcosan was submitted yesterday.
Mr. Firek spoke with George Koleck, of from West View Water, regarding the remainder of Wilson Road and Oxford Road projects. West View Water is planning to have those projects out to bid and approved by the board by late September or early October for construction. Mr. Firek suggested BAHB postpone bidding the Wilson Road and Oxford projects till January so we are on the contractors list first for the 2016 season.
Mr. Isherwood and Mr. Cuteri will walk the roads and update the roadway priorities. We will work to notify the utility companies a year in advance of any of our roadwork. Mr. Firek will see if West View Water will review and replace their line along the entire length of Oxford.
9. Street Sign Replacement Project: After considerable discussion regarding meeting the conflicting State and Federal requirements for road signs Council authorized purchase of two different signs that they feel will comply with the applicable requirements. These signs will be placed at the Wilson/Penhurst intersection. Residents will be asked to provide feedback on the selection between the sign construction and the color (black on white or white on black) via a survey.
10. Joint Emergency Management Agency: Mrs. Raves noted that the Mayor needs a backup committee member to attend meetings if he were unavailable. Council volunteered Mr. Rick Berardi the Mayor's backup. Mrs. Raves noted that Mr. Berardi is rarely in attendance due to work requirements and that this appointment might not be a good idea.
11. Executive Session: Council entered into Executive Session at 8:21 PM.

The meeting resumed at 8:39 PM.

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

This meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

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

Submitted by Denise Raves, Secretary