

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Wednesday October 21, 2015 – Special Budget Meeting Minutes

The meeting of The Finance Committee was held at Shannopin Country Club at 7:00 P.M.

Present:

Council Members: Berardi, Davis, Isherwood, Keelan, Smith

Mayor: Dismukes

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

Resident: John Radcliffe, 14 Wilson

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

Mr. Davis arrived a few minutes into the meeting and reviewed the two spreadsheets presented by Mrs. Raves. One sheet indicates revenue and expenses based on the current tax millage of 7.95 mills and the alternate sheets change the tax rate back to 5.75 mills. None of the committee members were in favor of lowering taxes at this time due to needed roadway repairs.

A quick review of what can the Borough do to reduce annual costs took place. It was determined that none of the committee was in favor of eliminating crossing guards or to have residents pay for trash pick-up.

Mr. Davis questioned the ability of using the Sewage Fund to pay for O&M expenses. Mayor Dismukes did not agree with this strategy; however, it was agreed that ACO expenses could and should be paid out of that fund.

Council will look into borrowing additional money again this year to pave the remainder of Wilson Drive and Oxford Road. These loans will be added to the 5 year budget spread sheet and presented to Council at the November 11th meeting.

Finance Committee will recommend a 7.95% millage rate to Council at the November meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

The next monthly meeting is Wednesday November 11th at 7:00 at Shannopin Country Club.

Submitted by Denise Raves, Secretary