

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Tuesday September 8, 2015 - Council Meeting Minutes

The meeting of council was held at Avalon Volunteer Fire Company at 7:00 P.M.

A quorum is in attendance

Present:

Council Members: Cuteri, Davis, Isherwood, Kolenda

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Vogel

Ohio Twp. Police: Sgt. Beck

Avalon Fire Chief: Carney

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

Engineer: Firek

NorthWest EMS: Gorge Dudash III, Owner

Residents: Robert Eadie, Hugh Eadie, John Radcliffe, David Raves

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

1. Vote to approve August Minutes: Mr. Cuteri ***made a motion*** to approve the August Minutes as presented to Council earlier by E-mail. Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously.***
2. Vote to approve the August Treasurer's Report: Mr. Cuteri ***made a motion*** to approve the August Treasurer's Report submitted previously by email to Council. Mr. Kolenda seconds the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously.***
3. Police Report: Chief reviewed the report forwarded earlier to Council by email.
4. Fire Report: Chief Carney stated that there was nothing to report.
5. Public Comment: Mr. Dudash informed Council that the Borough did not currently have a contract with NorthWest EMS and he presented a sample contract for their consideration. Mr. Vogel will review the sample and report to Council.
Robert Eadie was in attendance to hear the report from the Police regarding the speeds recorded last month on Canterbury Road. Sergeant Beck reported that the average speed recorded was 19 MPH. Mr. Eadie stated that he had found more progressive speed humps that would be less objectionable and would forward the information to Council for review.
6. Engineer's Report: Mr. Firek reported that the 2015 Roadway project was completed and that T. A. Robinson had purchased the manhole frame for the Cambridge/ Briar Cliff manhole, they were hopeful that its installation would be sometime this week. Mr. Davis reported a low area in the roadway in the intersection of Wilson and Penhurst. The area may, however, be too shallow to patch properly. Mr. Firek stated that he would note the area and put it on record. Mr. Kolenda reported hairline cracks in the concrete curbs. Mr. Firek will review and report on

these. Mrs. Raves noted that several of the areas needed to be reseeded. Change Order 1 was reviewed and approved.

The ACO was discussed.

7. Street Sign Replacement Project: The sign mock-ups have been erected and Mrs. Raves was instructed to create a survey instructing the residents to indicate their preference on text color and sign construction so Council will have the residents input regarding this matter.

8. Donation to North Borough's firework display: Mr. Davis ***made a motion*** to donate \$200.00 dollars annually to the North Borough's Firework Display and to include this amount in future budgets. Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

9. Comprehensive Plan Project List Request – David Raves informed Council that work on the Comprehensive Plan is moving forward and a list of projects from each community has been requested. These can be long range planning projects not just short term considerations. A draft of the document should be created by next month and when completed will serve as a grant funding mechanism. Council listed the following items: Street Reconstruction, Walkable Community, Bike able Community, Cambridge Road's hillside it's paving and rainwater runoff solutions, parking at the Park, tree replacement at the Park, water fountain at the Park, using porous pavements, changing street lights to LED fixtures, bus stop safety, sewer Infrastructure, traffic calming and maintaining the residential character of the community.

Mr. Raves noted that the Board would need community input and requested that a link be made available to residents for their review and input. Council agreed that an email blast could be forwarded as well as adding a link to the Borough's webpage for this purpose.

Mr. Raves informed Council that there was going to be a Zoning Hearing Board meeting Wednesday September 23, 2015 to consider certain dimensional variances for the erection of an accessory structure at the Property located at 7 Biddeford Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15202.

10. October Budget Meeting: The date selected for the 2016 Budget meeting scheduled for Wednesday October 21, 2015. Mrs. Raves will verify with Shannopin Country Club the date and time.

11. West View Water Street Opening Permits: Council reviewed and signed permits for West View Water to begin working on line replacement along Wilson Road from Kent to Newgate and on Courtney Mill Road from New Brighton Road to the Borough's border. At this time, Council held off on signing the Permit for work along Oxford Road till the Borough's Engineer can review the drawings and comment on the fire hydrant relocation proposed by the Authority.

12. Kilbuck Township's Request for information in the location of the Borough's boundary along Courtney Mill Road. The 1952 Borough Map will be sent to them.

13. Executive Session: Council went into Executive Session at 8:29 PM.

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

This meeting adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

The next monthly meeting is Tuesday October 13th, 7:00 at Shannopin Country Club.

Submitted by Denise Raves, Secretary