

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 - Council Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of council was held at Shannopin Country Club at 7:00 P.M.

A quorum is in attendance

Present:

Council Members: Cuteri, Davis, Eadie, Isherwood, Radcliffe

Solicitor: Vogel, Tucker Arensberg

Avalon Fire Chief: Carney

Ohio Twp. Police Chief: Micklos

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

NorthWest EMS: Tuscan

Mr. Davis began the meeting at 7:00 PM.

1. Vote to approve February Minutes: Mr. Cuteri ***made a motion*** to approve the February Minutes as presented to Council earlier by E-mail. ***Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***
2. Vote to approve the February Treasurers Reports: Mr. Isherwood ***made a motion*** to approve the February Treasurer's Report that was submitted to Council by email. ***Mr. Cuteri seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***
3. Vote to approve March Special Meeting Minutes: Mr. Cuteri ***made a motion*** to approve the March Special Meeting Minutes as presented to Council earlier by E-mail. ***Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***
4. Vote to approve the March Treasurers Reports: Mr. Isherwood ***made a motion*** to approve the March Treasurer's Report that was submitted to Council by email. ***Mr. Cuteri seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***
5. Police Report: Chief reported that other than the usual items to report that several trophies were stolen from Shannopin Country Club. Camp Horne Road closure was discussed. Mr. Davis asked the police to post officers and provide extra patrols in the neighborhood once the detour is set up to deter issues. Chief Micklos states that overtime has already been added to the schedule for officers.
6. Fire Report: Chief Carney stated that there was nothing to report other than a tree down in the backyard of a property.
7. EMS Report: No calls in January; 2 Calls in February with average response time of 4 minutes 45 seconds; 5 calls in March with an average response time of 7 minutes and 4 seconds. Mr. Tuscan noted that in January NorthWest EMS was purchased by Ohio Valley Hospital but this will not cause any changes in the service that is provided to Ben Avon Heights Borough and that patients will still have the choice of hospital.

8. Engineer's Report: The County has announced that they will take over ownership of sewer lines over 10" in diameter and multi-municipal lines. Even though our shared line with Ben Avon is 8" they have agreed to take it over as well.

PWSA, Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority sent a letter to the Borough regarding a plan to work together. It was discussed that we, BAHB, will not be interested in that offer.

The engineering firm conducted night flow metering of the sewer lines and are currently analyzing the data.

2016 Roadway project will be out to bid shortly. Mr. Firek reported that the probable cost for the Wilson Drive work has increased from \$178,000 to \$184,000 due to widening of the road to create a uniform width along the entire length. The Storm sewer at the lower end of Wilson ties into a line outside of the Borough's limits and is of a smaller diameter than our lines. LSSE has designed a loop in the system to avoid backups during heavy rain.

The drawings were reviewed and Mr. Cuteri noticed that the closed inlet along Oxford Road was not eliminated. Discussion took place regarding this and the removal of the inlet will be added to the project.

Discussion took place regarding the Add Alternate work at Banbury Lane. There is a new "sink hole" developing at the bottom of the driveway to 11 Banbury. Mr. Firek will review the area and verify that all storm inlets in the area are included in the project. One of the inlets has collapsed and could be the source of this issue.

Mr. Radcliffe suggested that messages be emailed to the affected homeowners before the work along Wilson begins to better communicate the required information regarding Belgium block removal.

Sewer line connection to 4 Kent Road was discussed. The project does not seem to be moving along at this time and it is Council's concern that interference may occur with our repaving project. Mrs. Raves was instructed to forward a letter stating that their project must be completed by May 31st or it will not receive the needed approvals from the Borough.

Street Opening Permit Ordinance Changes were discussed. Mr. Firek suggested that the revised document require 15'-0" curb to curb roadway resurfacing in order to encourage the utility company to bring in the proper paving equipment for the project. Mr. Davis requested that the Ordinance state paving equipment must be used.

9. Mr. Cuteri ***made a motion*** to advertise the Ordinance 332 revising Ordinance 310 as discussed for Council to pass at the May meeting. ***Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

10. Public Comment: No public was present.

11. Park Improvements: Bids were reviewed for the planting of new trees and removal of three trees at the Park. Walt's Landscaping was the lowest bidder. Mr. Cuteri noted that he wanted to meet to discuss the project directly with Walter and to verify that the bid does include the species and caliper of trees specified. Mr. Cuteri ***made a motion*** to approve accept Walt's Landscaping's bid of \$3,200.00 for the tree changes. ***Mr. Radcliffe seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

Mr. Cuteri noted that he would get the fountain design moving.

Mrs. Raves noted that new mulch was not added to the playground last year. It was decided that ½ truck of mulch should be added to the play areas. Mrs. Raves will discuss this work with Walt's.

Mrs. Raves noted that Bethlehem Wire & Fence looked at the hole in the tennis court fence and will be submitting a quote soon for its repair.

12. Road Signs: Mr. Radcliffe noted that the new street name signs will be completed the first week of May. Mr. Cuteri stated that he and Mr. Radcliffe were going to add a silicon bead to the edges of the signs for added durability.

Mr. Davis noted that he thought he had a few bidders who would be interested in bidding the sign erection project. Mr. Radcliffe asked if Bethlehem Wire & Fence would be interested in bidding this type of a project. Mrs. Raves will inquire and noted that the breakaway base design was not yet selected. Mr. Cuteri located the Dent Breakaway Bolt and forwarded the website to Mrs. Raves. Mr. Cuteri also stated that since the new sign poles would be erected in the same locations as the existing poles there would be no need for PA One call notification.

13. At 8:30 Council went into Executive Session

This meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

The next monthly meeting is Tuesday May 10th at 7:00 at Shannopin Country Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Raves, Secretary/ Treasurer