

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Tuesday, June 14, 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, Smith

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Vogel, Tucker Arensberg

Ohio Twp. Police: Beck

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

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

1. Vote to approve May Meeting Minutes: Mr. Cuteri ***made a motion*** to approve the May Meeting Minutes as presented to Council earlier by E-mail. ***Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***
2. Vote to approve the May Treasurers Report: Mr. Isherwood ***made a motion*** to approve the May Treasurer's Report that was submitted to Council by email. ***Mrs. Smith seconds the motion.*** Mr. Davis noted that we have anticipated receiving \$9300 this year in franchise fees from Verizon and Comcast. Mayor Dismukes questioned what the debt service was for the Borough at this time. Mrs. Raves noted that the loan balances are noted on the bottom of the treasurer's report "Other accounts" sheet and on the 5 year budget forwarded earlier in the week. The existing loans were reviewed. A July 26 deadline for the work on the Wilson Road project as a term of the 2016 AIM loan was discussed. ***The motion passed unanimously***
3. Fire Report: Chief Carney called earlier in the day to report that there was nothing to report.
4. Police Report: Nothing out of the ordinary to report. A written report was forwarded to Council earlier. A door to door solicitor was stopped due to his not having the proper permits. Prescription medicines can now be dropped off at the department. The residents were notified by email blast.
5. Engineer's Report: *forwarded by email earlier:* Council directed Mrs. Raves to submit the letter forwarded by Jason Stanton, of LSSE, requesting that ACHD release Ben Avon Heights from the Phase I COA, "demonstration project"; as well as directing LSSE submit the Biddeford Road project as our "demonstration project" before next month's meeting. (This action is due to the August 7th deadline for the sewer project's submission.)
4 Kent Road sewer line hookup: Concern is that this roadway will be repaved before this line is installed.

Wilson Road reconstruction must begin before the 26th of July per the AIM loan terms. Mrs. Raves was instructed to contact the previous owner of the property to inform them of the situation and to help move the project along and to send the Street Opening Ordinance to them for their information.

2016 Roadway project bids. Mr. Davis **made a motion** to accept A. Liberoni, Inc. low base bid and all six (6) add alternates totaling a sum of \$513,175.75. Mr. Isherwood **seconds the motion**.

Discussion took place regarding the add alternates and what they included. Mr. Davis stated that he will have in depth conversations with the engineers regarding the inclusion of curbs and drainage at the Banbury Road two alternates. Mr. Davis noted that the unit prices were submitted to make it easier to change the final billed price due to actual work performed in the field and not just the engineer's estimated quantities. Council agreed that drainage is imperative to the project. **The motion passed unanimously**

MOU, Allegheny County Conservation District - Council directed Mrs. Raves to contact LSSE to submit the pros and Cons to MOU's at next month's meeting.

Mr. Vogel noted that the easement for the sewer line regarding 4 Kent Road has not been signed as of today. Mr. Vogel will forward that for signature.

Resolution 2016-04 submitted for Council's review Mr. Cuteri **made a motion** to accept Resolution 2016-04 Revision to official facilities plan. Mr. Isherwood **seconds the motion**. **The motion passed unanimously**. Mr. Cuteri **made a motion** proposing that all future paperwork regarding the 4 Kent Sewer matter is approved to move forward subject to ratification at the next monthly meeting. Mr. Davis seconds the motion. **The motion passed unanimously**.

6. **Public Comment:** Mr. Cuteri reported that he received a letter from Mr. Buzz Hutchinson regarding the removal of a 1980 memorial tree that was planted in memory of his son. Mr. Cuteri stated that the tree was unfortunately not marked as a memorial. Council agreed that a new tree and plaque will be installed. Mr. Cuteri will reach out to Mr. Hutchinson.

Mayor Dismukes stated that he had a discussion regarding the possibility of publishing a list of the names of residents who have not paid their bills. Council discussed this matter and considered what guideline would be followed to place a name on the list, either a number of continuous times the resident is delinquent verses a dollar amount. This was tabled until next month.

Council requested that Mr. Vogel draft an Ordinance permitting the Borough to review the outstanding Earned Income Taxes from Keystone Collections.

7. **Leaf Collection Contract:** Mr. Vogel submitted a copy of the 2016 – 2018 leaf collection contract for Council's review. Compensation is noted at \$10,400 each year including renewals and outlines that the Borough will pay dumping fees if Walt's is charged them in the future. **Mr. Cuteri made a motion** to accept the contract after striking the \$4,000.00 limit for dumping fees from the contract. Mr. Davis **seconds the motion**. **The motion passed unanimously**.

8. Garbage Collection Contract: Must be bid due to the amount of the contract. Council instructed Mrs. Raves to put the contract out for bid now. No bid bond will be required.
9. Park improvements: Trees are planted and the others have been removed. Mr. Cuteri will get the fountain moving.
Mrs. Raves reported that she discussed the tennis court with Lutz. He stated that the court needs to be cleaned. Council directed Mrs. Raves to have Lutz clean the court.
10. Road Signs: Mr. Cuteri reported that once Mr. Radcliffe has recovered sealing of the signs will be completed. Mr. Davis **Made a motion** installation of signs by Bethlehem Wire and Fence per their May 2, 2016 proposal of \$5,650 plus applicable tax. Mr. Cuteri **seconds this motion. The motion passed unanimously**
11. Street light conversion. Mr. Isherwood noted that we do not own the streetlights; therefore, this project is confusing due to the fact that Duquesne Light owns the lights. The piolet is being used as a baseline to determine what the fee will be in the future. Mr. Isherwood was asked to determine what our fee would be if we were to convert and report the findings at next month's meeting.
12. ATT request to be added to the website. Mr. Davis noted that both Verizon and Comcast currently pay franchise fees to the Borough based on the contracts we currently have with them. The idea of eliminating the contracts to reduce the resident's fees by the franchise fee was discussed. Council instructed Mrs. Raves to ask ATT why they want to be on our website.
13. Executive Session: Council entered into executive session at 8:35. The meeting resumed at 8:40 PM.
14. Street sealing: Council instructed Mrs. Raves to obtain a proposal from Tough Seal of Pittsburgh to crack seal the newly paved streets.

This meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

The next monthly meeting is Tuesday June 14th at 7:00 at Shannopin Country Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Raves, Secretary/ Treasurer