

## Borough of Ben Avon Heights

### Tuesday, November 8, 2016 - Council Meeting Minutes

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

#### A quorum is in attendance

#### Present:

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

Solicitor: Vogel, Tucker Arensberg

Ohio Twp. Police Sargent: Beck

Avalon Volunteer Fire Company: Chief Carney

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

EPD: Carolyn Yagel

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

1. Vote to approve October Meeting Minutes: Mr. Isherwood ***made a motion*** to approve the October Meeting Minutes as presented to Council earlier by E-mail. ***Ms. Smith seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***
2. Vote to approve the October Budget Meeting Minutes: Mr. Davis ***made a motion*** to approve the October Budget Meeting Minutes as presented to Council earlier by E-mail. ***Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***
3. Vote to approve the October Treasurers Report: Mr. Davis ***made a motion*** to approve the October Treasurer's Report that was submitted to Council by email. ***Mr. Cuteri seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously***
4. Fire Report: There were no calls last month. Christmas tree sale starts the day after Thanksgiving.
5. Comprehensive Plan Update: Carolyn Yagel, EPD, who is working on the Multi-municipal Comprehensive plan, presented a resolution that was drafted by Live Well Allegheny, who would like all municipalities to participate. This relates to public space improvements and to coordinate where public monies would go. The group will have discussions prior to Thanksgiving and will submit to us by mid-December.
6. Police Report: A written report was forwarded to Council earlier. There were a few calls; 2 theft calls, public intoxication, crash, ambulance assist and parking issue.
7. Engineer's Report: Bob Firek submitted a report by email.
  - ACO: LSSE will submit the required progress report to the ACHD by the December 1, 2016 deadline.
  - 2016 Roads A. Liberoni submitted payment request No. 3 in the amount of \$175,261.50. The paving will happen soon but it cannot be raining during installation of the wear course; however, the engineer will permit some rain for the

binding course. Mr. Isherwood stated that the backfill being used along the curb ditches is not acceptable. Mrs. Raves was asked to contact Mr. Firek to verify what is installed is in compliance with the specifications.

Mr. Davis reported that he met with John Fader of Kilbuck Township and he has determined that the Borough's border is in the middle of the intersection at Wilson/ Newgate; therefore, we will be paving the entire intersection.

MS4 Permit budget number was presented to Mrs. Raves

MOU's were discussed and Council decided to check the 2<sup>nd</sup> box on the submitted resolution. Mr. Davis ***made a motion*** to adopt Resolution 2016-05 that was presented to council earlier by E-mail. ***Mr. Cuteri seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

8. Revising Hauling Permit Ordinance. Mr. Firek reported that to run the testing for size limits on trucks in the Borough, the fee would be approximately \$20,000.00. Council decided that they were not in favor of spending that much money for the service. Mr. Cuteri reported that there is no available testing for the weight limit at Canterbury Road.

Mr. Berardi ***made a motion*** to advertise repealing Ordinance 314 requiring hauling permits for overweight trucks. ***Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4 yea to 3 nays.*** Members Eadie, Radcliffe and Smith voted against. Mr. Davis ***made a motion*** to have the Borough added as an "additional insured" to the contractor insurance policy for projects that require a permit. ***Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*** Discussion took place that BIU would need to be notified and verify the insurance certificates before issuing a building permit.

9. 2017 Proposed Budget submission; Mr. Berardi ***made a motion*** to approving advertising the 2017 tax levy at 7.95 mills. ***Mr. Cuteri seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

Mr. Davis ***made a motion*** to approve the 2017 Budget submitted by the committee and revised by Mrs. Raves including the MS-4 estimate submitted by the engineer's office. A Budget of \$542,875 as submitted earlier to Council by email. ***Mr. Cuteri seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously***

10. Street Light discussion: Council advised Mrs. Raves to assemble a list of issues with our billing and then request a formal audit.
11. Street Signs: Mr. Radcliffe and Mr. Cuteri will walk the neighborhood and discuss and mark the locations of all street sign posts. Installation should begin soon.
12. Executive Session: No executive session was needed.

This meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

The next monthly meeting is Tuesday December 13th at 7:00 at the Avalon Volunteer Fire Company.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Raves, Secretary/ Treasurer