

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 - Council Meeting Minutes

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

A quorum is in attendance

Present:

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

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Voltz, Tucker Arensberg

Avalon Assistant Fire Chief: Silay

Ohio Twp. Police Chief: Micklos

NWEMS: Tuscan

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

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

1. December 2016 Minutes:
- ***A motion was made*** by Mr. Cuteri to approve the December 2016 Minutes previously distributed to Council by email. Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously.***
2. December 2016 Treasurer's Report
- ***Mr. Isherwood made a motion*** to approve the December 2016 Treasurer's Report previously distributed to Council by email. ***Mr. Cuteri seconds the motion.*** Mr. Davis asked if a review of the 2016 Budget was in good standing. Mrs. Raves stated that it was. The ***motion passed unanimously as distributed.***
3. Police Report: No crimes were reported. The general report was distributed to Council earlier in the day by email.
4. Fire Report: Mr. Silay noted that he is now the new Assistant Fire Chief and Mr. Charles Berie the new Chief. The Chief had a safety committee meeting to attend at this time but will be here later in the evening if anyone needs to talk to him. No calls came in last month to report. Mrs. Raves requested telephone number contacts for both the Chief and Assistant Chief. The Santa in the Park event went well from the Fire departments perspective.
5. EMS Report: Mr. Tuscan gave a recap of 2016 and distributed reports to all. Their company has expanded their coverage and has added crews to cover the additional service area.
6. Public Comment: Mrs. Smith reviewed Alex Smith's progress with Council regarding the auctioning of the old street name signs. The website was reviewed as well as the starting bid price and bid increase increment as well as the need for successful bidders to cover any shipping costs. The money raised will go to the Park. Mr. Radcliffe will be named as a second administrator of the website. Mr. Voltz noted that we will need to advertise the auction and Council asked Mrs. Raves to put out an email blast.

Mr. Isherwood made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-01 noting that Council has approved the right to sell off the old street signs at public auction. **Mr. Cuteri seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

7. **Engineer's Report:** submitted by email earlier today. –
No hauling permits were reviewed this month.
2016 Road work. LSSE submitted Change Order No.1. **Mr. Cuteri made a motion** to approve Change Order No. 1 increasing the project amount by \$17,516.97. **Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
Mrs. Raves reported that Mr. Firek stated that the CCTV work on the Banbury sanitary sewer line should be scheduled in the near future.
Mr. Cuteri noted that the roadway contractor knew about the invisible dog fence at 20 Oxford and broke it twice. At that time the contractor instructed the homeowner to have it repaired and forward the bill. Mrs. Raves will contact the contractor to get the invoice paid.
8. **Emergency Operations Plan:** Mayor Dismukes noted that our plan is out of date and must be updated and submitted to the County's Emergency Management Coordinator. Currently, the Mayor does not have time available for this important document. Council discussed hiring someone to handle this matter. Mr. Davis will contact Ohio Township Manager to see if we could hire them to complete this for us. Establishing a chain of command is of major importance.
9. **Council Terms:** Mrs. Raves reported that there are 7 positions opening in the Borough in 2018. Mayor, 4 council seats, Real Estate Tax Collector and Judge of Elections. Council asked Mrs. Raves to find out when petitions were due in the County Elections Board for the primary election.
10. **Park Improvements:** It was noted that some unknown person has drilled holes in the bottom of the triple slide at the Park. This was probably done to stop water from pooling on the bottom of the slides; however, it has now opened the enclosed slide structure which will now fill with water. Mr. Cuteri noted that the Park rules will need to be updated to include a notice that no one is to complete work at the park without approval.
11. **New Computer for Borough:** Mrs. Raves noted that \$3,000 was put into this year's budget to replace the over 6 year old computer. Council agrees that a Dell will be fine and Mrs. Raves can order as long as it remains in budget.
12. **Executive Session:** Council entered into Executive Session at 7:28 PM
13. **Council resumed session** at 7:33 PM

This meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

The next monthly meeting is Tuesday February 14th at 7:00 at Avalon Volunteer Fire Company.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Raves, Secretary/ Treasurer