

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Tuesday, July 11, 2017 - 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, Isherwood, Radcliffe, Smith

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Vogel, Tucker Arensberg

Engineer: Heyl, Lennon Smith Souleret

Avalon Fire: Chief Berie

OTPD: Chief Micklos

NorthWest EMS: Nicholas

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

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

1. June 2017 Minutes:

- ***A motion was made*** by Mr. Cuteri to approve the June 2017 Minutes previously distributed to Council by email. Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

2. June 2017 Treasurer's Report

- ***Mr. Davis made a motion*** to approve the June 2017 Treasurer's Report previously distributed to Council by email. ***Mr. Cuteri seconds the motion.*** The ***motion passed unanimously as distributed.***

3. Police Report: The Chief had nothing to report. All was quiet in the Borough.

4. Fire Report: Chief Berie reported that there were no fire calls; however, the Chief requests that Shannopin Country Club notify them before they plan to set off fireworks in the future; that way if something goes wrong they are on site. Mrs. Raves will notify the club.

5. EMS Report: Mr. Nicholas reported that there were no calls in June; 2 in April and 1 in May. A new contact list was distributed but Mr. Nicholas reminded all that 911 is the best number to call in an emergency. No questions were asked of Mr. Nicholas.

6. Engineer's Report: 2016 Roadway Project: Mr. Heyl reported that the 2016 roadway work has not moved forward due to a backordered manhole for Banbury Lane. Once the manhole is installed over the obstruction in the sewer that line can be CCTV'ed. The result of that video will determine how we should proceed with this area of roadway and sewer line. Mr. Cuteri noted that one of the drains revised through the curb located at 25 Oxford is partly positioned below the road surface and is concerned that it will eventually undermine the road. This outlet, as well as others like it, will need to be replaced and are probably the result of the curbs not being 6" above the roadway surface as specified. The Engineer and the contractor are to verify and correct all needed locations.

Mr. Heyl reported that he is to meet with the owners of 11 Wilson, the Pools, regarding the apparent backing up of their downspouts. He was thinking of recommending a vertical riser with grade on top. Mr. Radcliffe suggested that daylighting the line to the road may be easier. It was reported by Mr. Radcliffe that the new street name signs were damaged by the contractor's equipment (Photos were submitted by email) at the corner of Banbury and Briar Cliff Roads. At least the lower sign will need to be replaced. A closer inspection will be conducted to verify extent of the damage to all parts. (both signs, the pole and the connections) The Borough will replace the parts and bill the contractor for them and labor. MS-4: DEP has notified us that a PRP Plan is not needed therefore the engineers expect that we will receive a waiver.

Street Opening Ordinance: **Mr. Cuteri made a motion** to advertise the amended Street Opening Ordinance, adding the needed language pertaining to the saw cut joints and their restoration. **Mr. Davis seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Flow Rate Comparison: Mr. Heyl submitted to Mrs. Raves a jump drive with the flow rate monitoring from years previous. Council asked him to schedule new flow rate for the two outflows.

GIS mapping was updated based on information from the Borough.

2017 Roadway improvements: It is too late in the year to get a project out to bid regarding roadway work in 2017. The engineers will review the end of Briar Cliff Road and submit a report on the extent of base they feel will require repair prior to the Columbia Gas line restoration. In the meantime, the Borough will do pothole repair work on Briar Cliff.

7. Public Comment: No public in attendance this evening.

8. Park Work: Mrs. Raves will check with Lutz Tennis and Asphalt to verify when they will submit their quote for this year's work

Marty Knuth Jr. will be working with the grounds crew of Shannopin Country Club and several other volunteers next Tuesday July 18th to spread the mulch at the playground surfaces. In preparation of that work he has replaced rotten mulch boards. Due to this work schedule, Mr. Radcliffe has rescheduled the crack repair and sealing of the basketball court to Thursday July 20th.

Mr. Radcliffe again reviewed the fountain restoration work and presented the granite selected for use. Donatelli Monuments will recut the top for \$1,800.00. Mr. Davis recommended Mr. Radcliffe contact Fox Chapel Stone to price the fountain base reconstruction and Mr. Cuteri suggested that he contact Bunting Graphics regarding the refurbishing of the existing plaques and the manufacturing of a new plaque. The new plaque will be in honor of the generous donation from the Centennial Committee.

Mrs. Raves noted that the dogwood tree closest to the flagpole, a memorial tree, is dying. Council asked Mrs. Raves to have the tree removed.

Mr. Radcliffe reported that the mysterious tree sapling planted at the park was moved by its original planters because it was not able to handle full sun. The family lives down on Newgate Road.

9. ACORD Park: Mrs. Raves reported that the Borough received a phone call from Eric Schultz, ACORD Park manager, requesting she inform Council of a need for a Resolution needed to extend the life of the Avonworth Municipal Authority. They are hoping to draft the Resolution shortly and have Council pass it at the August meeting

10. Delinquent Property Letters: Mrs. Raves informed Council that second notices were delivered to those properties who have not complied with Council's first request. Several properties have still not complied; Council asked Mrs. Raves hire a contractor to remedy the situation.

11. Executive Session: Council entered Executive Session at 7:47 PM.

12. Council resumed session at 7:51 PM

This meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

The next monthly meeting is Tuesday August 8th at 7:00 at Shannopin Country Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Raves, Secretary/ Treasurer