

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Tuesday, March 14, 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: Davis, Eadie, Isherwood, Radcliffe

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Vogel, Tucker Arensberg

Engineer: Firek and Heyl, Lennon Smith Souleret

Avalon Fire Chief: Berie

Ohio Twp. Police Chief: Micklos

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

ACORD Park Manager: Eric Schultz

Mr. Davis began the meeting at 7:02 PM.

1. January 2017 Minutes:
- ***A motion was made*** by Mr. Isherwood to approve the January 2017 Minutes previously distributed to Council by email. Mr. Radcliffe seconds the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously.***
2. January 2017 Treasurer's Report
- ***Mr. Radcliffe made a motion*** to approve the January 2017 Treasurer's Report previously distributed to Council by email. ***Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion.*** The ***motion passed unanimously as distributed.***
3. February 2017 Treasurer's Report: - ***A motion was made*** by Mr. Isherwood to approve the February 2017 Treasurer's Report previously distributed to Council by email. ***Mr. Davis seconds the motion.*** Mrs. Raves noted that she had made a mistake in February and had accidentally given herself a bonus. The Auditor, Mayor and President of Council were notified immediately upon the discovery of the error and all funds have been returned to the Borough ***The motion passed unanimously***
4. Police Report: Nothing new was reported. The general report was distributed to Council earlier in the day by email. Chief Micklos stated that Mr. Tom Larkin, of Ohio Township, was reported to be in favor of implementing BAHB Emergency Management Plan and is currently working on the documents that were submitted in both hardcopy and digital form.
5. Fire Report: Chief Berie reported that there were no fire calls in the last two months. The department has driven their new trucks through the Borough to verify their access along the roads.

Chief Berie noted that Ben Avon Heights Residents who would be interested in volunteering at the Fire Company would be welcome in either a Fire Fighter or non-fire fighter capacity. Mrs. Raves will send that to the community as an email blast.

6. **Public Comment:** Mr. Schultz, the new manager of the Avonworth Community Park, wanted to introduce himself to Council and personally invite everyone to the meet and greet scheduled for Saturday March 18th at the Park. He also reviewed the Annual Spring fundraiser, a comedy show, and the fact that they are currently hiring for this summer. Mrs. Raves will send the community an email blast.

7. **Engineer's Report:** Mr. Firek introduced Mr. John Heyl, P.E. who will be taking over the Borough's account since Mr. Firek is leaving the firm for a position elsewhere.

2016 Road work. Oxford Road was saw cut and sealed in the last month. Mr. Firek stated that the sealer is more of a filler material, not like the topical filler we use on cracks. This material may need to be replaced in 5 to 10 years and that we are not to have these joints sealed with the tar in the fall that is used on other cracks.

The sewer lines at the Banbury Lane, Briar Cliff intersection were televised. One of the lines was able to be televised to the manhole on Banbury, the other was only open for 35 feet due to a large calcium deposit which will require, "Heavy Cleaning". This type of deposit will need a cutter to remove it, jet cleaning will not be able to clear this type of clog. It is Mr. Firek's belief that 11 Banbury Lane ties into this section of pipe. He stated that this type of work should not prevent the installation of the wear course on that section of Banbury Lane. Council noted that they would prefer to have the sewer work completed before the road work in case unforeseen work arises. Mr. Firek and Heyl will get pricing for this work which will be under the sewer's O&M work.

This LSSE submitted Change Order No.2 which was for the pipe CCTV work along Banbury Lane. ***Mr. Isherwood made a motion*** to approve Change Order No. 2 increasing the project amount by \$11,331.73. ***Mr. Davis seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

Partial Payment Request No. 6 was submitted. ***Mr. Davis made a motion*** to approve Partial Payment Request No. 6 for the amount of \$3,993.00. ***Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

MS-4 waiver request was submitted, by LSSE, to the central office and was emailed back. The PRP Plan was waived at this time but the waiver request form is due January 2018. LSSE will submit this to the Southwest DEP who will eventually make their determination regarding our waiver request.

Service Agreement: ***Mr. Isherwood made a motion*** to approve and sign the Service Agreement submitted by LSSE to handle the MS-4 waiver submissions for BAHB as amended, eliminating Task 5 from the description. ***Mr. Davis seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*** The fees are indicative of the annual fees only if we do not get the waiver.

21 Wilson Drive rainwater lateral discharge: Samples of the discharge were sent to a lab for content determination and the testing determined that sewage was flowing from the rainwater leader. The homeowner was made aware of the situation and is in the process of correcting the problem.

2017 Roadway project: Mr. Davis informed the engineers that the Borough will have approximately \$90,000.00 in this year's budget for resurfacing work due to the first 2016 AIM loan payment moving to 2017. Mr. Firek cautioned that if we were to mill and add a ½" scratch course and a 1 ½" wear layer that base cracks could reflect through in approximately 2 years. Council asked the engineers to get an estimate regarding how much surface area could be completed using this method. Discussion took place regarding specific areas that this type of work could be used on. Briar Cliff Road was discussed as well as Cambridge Road; however,

Mr. Firek stated that due to the deteriorated state of the bottom of Cambridge Road this area would not be a candidate for this type of repair. Mayor Dismukes asked if we could plan to do sections of various roadways and the engineers stated that remobilization costs could be prohibitive but since the Borough is so small it might be a possibility. Discussion took place regarding having A. Liberoni do this work as a change order to the 2016 project while they are here to complete the work on Banbury Lane. This idea will be researched.

8. **Park Rules:** Updated Park rules were previously submitted to Council by email for their review. **Mr. Davis made a motion** to adopt the revised Park Rules. **Mr. Radcliffe seconds the motion.** The only change noted was to add a phone number for Mrs. Raves as the key contact. Mrs. Raves will forward the approved rules to the residents. **The motion passed unanimously.**
9. **Duquesne Light Billing Issues:** Mrs. Raves reported that Duquesne Light has requested an email outlining the Borough's request for a refund regarding the "signal" at Wilson and Perrysville. An outline was discussed and Mrs. Raves was instructed to submit a 4-year refund of \$649.42.
Mrs. Raves also notified Council that two of the street lights along Perrysville Road that have been listed on our bills for as far back as we have documentation (34 years) are actually located in Kilbuck Township. Harry Dilmore, Kilbuck's secretary/ treasurer, contacted Mrs. Raves asking if BAHB would be seeking a refund of any kind regarding this instance. Council discussed the matter and decided to overlook the billing mistake in the spirit of cooperation with our neighbors. Billing from Duquesne Light now reflects a lower price since these lights have been removed.
10. **Proclamations:** The Borough receives many proclamation requests and after much discussion, and on the recommendation of the Borough Solicitor, Council decided that if a resident submitted a request for a proclamation then it would be considered by Council, otherwise, no outside proclamations would be considered.
11. **Allegheny County Health Department Grease Trap questionnaire:** Mrs. Raves submitted this questionnaire for Council's review. It was determined that Council would consider adopting an ordinance regarding grease traps. The form was completed and signed by Mr. Isherwood, the sewer committee chair and will be submitted to the ACHD.
12. **Executive Session:** Council entered into Executive Session at 8:11 PM
13. **Council resumed session at 8:32 PM**
14. **Park Hedges:** Mr. Radcliffe requested that the hedges along Lynton Lane be cut down approximately 1'-0" now before the growing season begins. Council agreed. Mrs. Raves will contact Walt's Landscaping to have this work completed.

This meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

The next monthly meeting is Tuesday April 11th at 7:00 at Shannopin Country Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Raves, Secretary/ Treasurer