

## Borough of Ben Avon Heights

### Tuesday, May 9, 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: Davis, Eadie, Isherwood, Radcliffe, Smith

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Vogel, Tucker Arensberg

Engineer: Brett and Heyl, Lennon Smith Souleret

Avalon Fire: Chief Berie and Assistant Chief Silay

NorthWest EMS: Dudash

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

ALCOSAN: Kimberly Slater-Wood

Residents: Mike DiNuzzo, Lee Hebert, Martin Knuth Sr. Martin Knuth Jr.

Mr. Davis began the meeting at 7:01 PM.

**1. March 2017 Minutes:**

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

**2. March & April 2017 Treasurer's Report**

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

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

**3. Police Report:** Chief Micklos called in a report earlier today in case he was unable to attend. The Emergency Management paperwork will be submitted to the County within the next few weeks and Sergeant Adam Beck has been appointed BAHB Emergency Management Coordinator. The Chief will bring completed documents to the next meeting.

**4. Fire Report:** Chief Berie reported that there were no fire calls last month. There were 2 CO2 calls and one dangerous tree removal.

**5. EMS Report:** 4 calls were recorded last quarter. A report was submitted.

**6. Alcosan Report:** Kim Slater-Wood introduced herself and informed Council of several programs that are available to the Borough and our residents. She noted that the stenciling program for marking storm inlets is now the only program they are supporting as educational MS-4

qualifications because the discs were dislodging and falling into the drains. Fliers for two week long camps available to students in the Alcosan area were received for distribution to our residents as well as portable water bowls for dogs and leashes to promote the green by choice mission.

Mayor Dismukes questioned her regarding regionalization and DCED connection. The regionalization process is continuing in Phase 2 of the Consent Decree. She stated that there was no connection and that the grow cycle 2 green infrastructures could be a consideration for this next phase. There are programs to aid in sewer costs and can be accessed on our municipal website.

7. **Engineer's Report:** Mr. Brett recapped the work on our Consent Order (ACO) and Mayor Dismukes asked him what his predictions were for the future. Mr. Brett stated that a 40-year time frame is now anticipated regarding the progress of the Consent Order. He also stated that we are in good shape regarding our sewer system but it will important to stay on top of our O&M. Mr. Brett suggested that the next step would be for us to add a home lateral testing Ordinance since 75% of the personal laterals fail. He has an ordinance to submit for our review and consideration and Council would need to determine what the parameters of the lateral would be. (outside of house or from trap to main line).

Mayor Dismukes asked if Mr. Brett would anticipate individual water treatment; however, Mr. Brett was not certain this would happen for several reasons but also that "the EPA likes regional treatment in one location."

2016 Road work. A member of LSSE's staff reviewed the punch list. Liberoni was to get started on the work this week. Mr. Radcliffe noted that the center line was installed on Wilson Drive on Tuesday and it "looks good".

The sewer line at the Banbury Lane, Mr. Brett received the video of the sewer line issue under Banbury Lane. It is his opinion that a push camera could successfully get past the obstruction and the 22-degree bend in the line. If that is possible then Council agreed to have that completed to determine the condition of the line and to discover where that line ends. If not, then Council agreed to get Liberoni to submit a change order to install a manhole at the obstruction location to be able to complete dye testing and televise that part of the line before adding the wear layer to that roadway.

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.

2017 Roadway project: LSSE submitted an opinion of probable cost for various options of roadway resurfacing for review. Mrs. Raves reported that Columbia Gas company has decided to replace all their lines in the Borough next year. A map of the streets involved was distributed to Council. They are the full length of Lynton, Canterbury, Banbury, Briar Cliff and a section of Oxford as well as New Brighton and Perrysville. The gas company asked the Borough to bid the projects for them and they would pay for the work before it started. The Mayor and Council stated that they would like to have that in writing. It was noted that this very type of work is taking place in Avalon this year.

Council asked LSSE to look at the end of Briar Cliff Road to determine how much work would need to be done to the base of that roadway for successful top coat work. They will submit their findings.

Grease Trap Ordinance: Mr. Vogel has drafted an ordinance for LSSE's review and comment. This review will be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Public Comment: Mr. Lee Hebert of 3 Penhurst requested council consider a spring leaf collection. After discussion, it was decided to add one pick up in the spring, date to be determined, and this estimated cost will be placed in the budget.
- Mr. Mike DiNuzzo of 12 Lynton requested Council consider adding a Dead-End sign at the intersection of Penhurst and Lynton to inform unfamiliar drivers of the barrier at the border. Mrs. Raves noted that a price estimate of \$205.00 was obtained for this work. Council agreed to have the sign installed. Discussion took place about adding a stop sign to the intersection of Oxford and Clovelly. Chief Micklos's opinion and guidance on this matter will need to be obtained.
- Martin Knuth Jr. presented his Eagle Scout park renovation project to Council. Mr. Radcliffe volunteered to meet with Marty to review what boards around the mulch areas require replacement and other items that will be needed such as bench repair, mulch distribution and trimming. Mr. Radcliffe stated that the asphalt basketball court surface would need to be sealed before the court was repainted, he will work on obtaining quotes. When asked what Master Knuth's time frame was, he stated the end of the summer.
- Discussion regarding other park matters: Mrs. Raves informed Council that Walter had told her that spring clean-up would be completed at the Park by Friday this week, including replacement of the damaged tree and tennis court sweeping. He stated that trimming weeds along Banbury, Briar Cliff and Cambridge Roads would be completed by Friday as well. She was instructed to contact Walt's to see if the replacement tree could be planted elsewhere since the "damaged" tree looked like it might live.
9. Allegheny County (Community Block Grant Program): - A motion was made by Mr. Davis to adopt the Resolution participating in this program. Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. A vote took place. One abstained from voting, Smith and Isherwood voted for and Davis and Eadie voted against. Mayor Dismukes broke the tie and voted in favor of adopting the Resolution.
10. Road line issues: Mr. Radcliffe presented his concern regarding the crosswalk at New Brighton and Perrysville. Council discussed the matter and asked him to contact the State regarding this matter.
11. Executive Session: Council entered into Executive Session at 8:51 PM
12. Council resumed session at 8:59 PM

This meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

The next monthly meeting is Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at Shannopin Country Club.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Raves, Secretary/ Treasurer