

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Tuesday, April 10, 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: Berardi, Brown, Cuteri, Hebert, Stiller, Radcliffe

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Vogel, Tucker Arensberg

OTPD: Detective Hanny (newly elected Chief)

NorthWest EMS: Dudash

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

Residents: Clayton Morris, Michael Rovitto

Security Consulting Solutions, Inc.: John Hudson

Open Pittsburgh. ORG: David Tessitor

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

1. **March 2018 Minutes: A motion was made** by Mr. Radcliffe to approve the March, 2018 Minutes previously distributed to Council by email. Mr. Berardi seconds the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**
2. **March 2018 Treasurer's Report: Mr. Radcliffe made a motion** to approve the March 2018 Treasurer's Report previously distributed to Council by email. Mr. Berardi seconds the motion. The **motion passed unanimously as distributed.**
3. **EMS Report:** Mr. Dudash reported that there were no calls in the 1st quarter of 2018.
4. **Fire Report:** No fire representative present. Mrs. Raves stated it is probably due to the fatal fire they were involved in early this morning.
5. **Police Report:** Detective Hanny introduced himself as an OTPD Detective and the new Chief Elect. Mr. Cuteri officially welcomed and congratulated the New Chief. The official report was read and then Detective Hanny introduced Mr. Hudson of Security Consulting Solutions Inc... Mr. Hudson presented his companies plan for security cameras at the two main intersections in BAHB along with their camera's capabilities for license plate reading and capturing the type and color of the vehicles that traverse the intersections. These cameras are capable of capturing license plates at night without light; however, the image is in black and white. The footage captured would be linked and stored in a central hub in the North Side. At this time there is approximately 20 months of footage stored at that location.

Mr. Brown asked if we could issue citations to drivers who do not stop for the stop signs at the bus stop? Chief Elect Hanny stated that they would not issue citations using this equipment; however, they could contact the violators and discuss the situation with them. The police would need a time and partial description of the vehicle and its infraction.

Resident Morris asked about privacy issues. The answer was that the cameras would be focused on the roadway and see approximately 100 yards.

Mr. Hudson showed examples of the cameras view on the projection screen.

The estimate submitted by Mr. Hudson would include 2 servers on site that would remotely transmit the footage to the North Side hub. We can see the hardware at the Arnt / Mt. Nebo intersection if interested.

Mr. Brown asked about annual reoccurring costs. Mr. Hudson stated that with his system the first two years would be covered and after that the costs would be approximately \$3,500 per year. (that figure takes into account power and internet.)

Mr. Vogel asked what other communities have been using this system. Mr. Hudson listed... Jefferson Hills, Franklin Park, Bethel Park, Mr. Lebanon, D.A's Office.

This system is integrated with Allegheny County and is a sole source supplier.

Mr. Hebert asked if this would increase our findings and Chief Elect Hanny spoke about the systems successes to date with our police department as well as other local departments.

6. **Engineer's Report: 2018 Roadway Project: A motion was made** by Mr. Radcliffe to approve the bid submitted by Shields Asphalt Paving in the sum of \$171,582.10. **Mr. Brown seconds the motion.** Discussion took place regarding the delayed start date of Columbia Gas' project. Council agreed to hold off on signing the contract till next month's meeting and asked Mrs. Raves to contact Columbia Gas regarding the project's projected start and to inform them that they may be responsible for any additional costs due to the delay. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Radcliffe asked Mr. Heyl if he had received the email updating Penn Dot's approved asphalt changes. Mr. Heyl stated that the contract was written using language that references the current Penn Dot publications and sections and would cover any changes.

3 Rivers Wet Weather – requested new flow data which LSSE will provide once our monitoring project is completed, he believed that would be next month.

Request from Kilbuck Township- Mr. Cuteri noted that Kilbuck asked BAHB if we could consider opening Cambridge Road during their project rebuilding the Wilson Road retaining wall along Perrysville Road. Mr. Cuteri asked Mr. Heyl if the roadway could handle the traffic? Mr. Heyl stated that borings would need to be scheduled and a Geotechnical Consultant would need to weigh in on that issue. It was agreed that work could not be completed before the Monday April 16th start date; therefore, Council unanimously agreed that BAHB could not open the roadway to that much traffic. Mayor Dismukes will contact Mr. Dilmore to discuss this decision.

7. **Public Comment:** Michael Rovitto, 1 Wilson Drive came to introduce himself since he was appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board last month. David Tessitor of Open Pittsburgh.org, who spoke to council several months ago and is now requesting that Council write a letter of support for their work toward getting Allegheny County to purchase voting machines that provide a paper trail. Council unanimously agreed that at letter could be written. Mr. Vogel will write this letter.

8. **Zoning Application Submission Report:** Mrs. Raves reported that three submissions were received and approved this month. One was for the partial rebuilding of a retaining wall at 7 New Brighton Road. This acceptance letter stated that if they decided to replace the sections

of wall that were 4'-0" or higher that they would be required to obtain a building permit. A second was for a pergola at 22 Clovelly and the third was for a shed at 17 Stratford.

- 9. Adoption of Ordinance No. 338: A motion was made** by Mr. Berardi to approve the adoption of Ordinance No. 338, withdrawing from a joint emergency operation agency with Avalon Borough. **Mr. Hebert seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 10. A Motion to Authorization to Advertise Ordinance 339 -** to enter into a joint emergency operations agency with Ohio Township was made by Mr. Radcliffe. **Mr. Berardi seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 11. Change to the Zoning Application –** Mrs. Raves asked Council to consider rewording the application for a zoning permit. Currently the form is written implying that the submission needs to be drawn by an engineer or architect. Mr. Vogel will review what they have on file in their office and submit examples of other community's forms.
- 12. Bidding of Security Cameras:** Mr. Vogel stated that the Borough will need to bid the security cameras. Council asked him to review the project and put it out for public bid. Clayton Morris questioned why Council was considering the camera system. Mayor Dismukes recounted the fact that one of our crossing guards was hit by a car several years ago and were not caught. This system can help with this as well as larger implications.
- 13. Executive Session:** No executive session was needed.

This meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

The next monthly meeting is Tuesday April 10, 2018 at the Shannopin Country Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Raves, Secretary/ Treasurer