

## Borough of Ben Avon Heights

### Tuesday, March 13, 2018 - Council Meeting Minutes

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

A quorum is in attendance

#### Present:

Council Members: Berardi, Cuteri, Hebert, Smith (arrived at 7:03), Stiller

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Vogel, Tucker Arensberg

Avalon Fire: Assistant\_Chief Silay

OTPD: SGT. Beck

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

Residents: Martin Knuth Sr., Clayton Morris

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

1. February 2018 Minutes: ***A motion was made*** by Mr. Berardi to approve the February, 2018 Minutes previously distributed to Council by email. Mr. Hebert seconds the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously.***
2. February 2018 Treasurer's Report: ***Mr. Berardi made a motion*** to approve the February 2018 Treasurer's Report previously distributed to Council by email. ***Mr. Hebert seconds the motion.*** The ***motion passed unanimously as distributed.***
3. Fire Report: No calls to report.
4. Police Report: Sgt. Beck reviewed the report previously forwarded by email as well as the Emergency Management Plan.  
***Mr. Berardi made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-01, Emergency Management Plan of the Borough of Ben Avon Heights.*** Mr. Vogel reviewed the Resolution. ***Mr. Stiller Seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***
5. Engineer's Report: A written report was submitted to Council by email. Nothing new took place.  
Council agreed to sign the Reimbursement and Release Agreement from Columbia Gas Company for the 2018-line replacement and paving project.
6. Public Comment: Mr. Knuth expressed his concerns and asked Council to write a letter to PennDot regarding the condition of Ben Avon Heights Road knowing that the roadway is not in our Borough and it is a State Road. Council agreed to send a letter to PennDot and to see if we can persuade Kilbuck and Ohio Township to do so as well. We can contact State Representative Anita Astorino Kulik as well.
7. Zoning Application Submissions: Mrs. Raves stated that no new applications had been submitted. The retaining wall on Banbury Lane was completed and the Building Inspector has

received engineering reports for the wall and the fence and has seen that the water runoff was diverted away from the neighbor's property.

The Shannopin Country Club project has been sent downtown for a Status Conference due to its appeal. The date has changed and will take place in a week or so.

- 8. Zoning Hearing Board Applications:** Mrs. Raves reported that there were three letters of interest submitted for the Board's open position and that Mrs. Kati Von-Lehman had discussed with Mrs. Raves her desire to become the Board's alternate if there was enough interested residents to fill all positions. (This action would require Council to select two new members to the Board.) Council reviewed the letters submitted by Mr. Pat Bolam, Mr. Clayton Morris and Mr. Michael Rovitto. Mr. Hebert informed Council that he and Mr. Rovitto had discussed his qualifications and with his Real Estate Broker's License and Masters in Urban Planning, he felt Mr. Rovitto would be a good candidate.

Mr. Clayton Morris asked to speak to Council regarding his qualifications working as a Developer and Asset Manager for Sampson Morris Group (a Pittsburgh real estate developer) he felt he too would be an asset to the Board.

**Mr. Berardi made a motion** to move Mrs. Von-Lehman to the alternate position of the Zoning Hearing Board, subject to the Borough receiving written notice of her wishes and to appoint Mr. Clayton Morris to the remainder of Mrs. Von-Lehman's term. (the length of that term will be investigated.) **Mr. Stiller seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.**

**Mr. Berardi made a motion** to appoint Mr. Michael Rovitto to a three-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board. **Mr. Stiller seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.**

Council asked Mrs. Raves to notify Mr. Bolam of their decision and to thank him for his interest and that Council's decision was based on the other applicants Real Estate Occupations.

- 9. Digital Communications Committee:** Discussion of what can be placed on the Website regarding Megan's Law. Council determined that a link to the official site would be all that should be included on the website.

- 10. Spring Leaf Clean-up Schedule:** Council agreed that April 16, 2018 would be the date for spring pick-up. Mrs. Raves will discuss the date with Walt's Landscaping.

- 11. Vote to Advertise withdrawal from Emergency Management Intergovernmental Agreement with Avalon:** Mayor Dismukes noted that there has been no movement by Avalon since May 2012 to complete the plan. Sgt. Beck, of the Ohio Township Police Department has already been approved by the State to head our Emergency Management Plan and has completed the documents necessary for submission.

**Mr. Berardi made a motion** to advertise our intent to formally withdraw from the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Establishment of the Joint Emergency Operations Agency with Avalon Borough. **Mr. Hebert seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.**

- 12. Executive Session:** No executive session was needed.

This meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Raves, Secretary/ Treasurer