

**Borough of Ben Avon Heights**

**Tuesday, November 13, 2018 - Council Meeting Minutes**

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

A quorum is in attendance

**Present:**

Council Members: Berardi, Cuteri, Hebert, Radcliffe, Stiller

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Voltz, Tucker Arensberg

OTPD: Chief Hanny

Avalon Volunteer Fire: Chief Berie

Secretary: DiNuzzo

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

1. **October 2018 Minutes: A motion was made** by Mr. Radcliffe to approve the October, 2018 Minutes previously distributed to Council by email. **Mr. Stiller seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
2. **Appoint new secretary: A motion was made** by Mr. Radcliffe. **Mr. Berardi seconds the motion. The motion is passed unanimously.**
3. **Official Borough address:** Mr. Cuteri announced to the council that the new official Borough address is 12 Lynton Lane, Pittsburgh PA 15202.
4. **Appoint Dennis Piper Associates for accounting services:** Mr. Cuteri also announced that the Borough has appointed Dennis Piper Associates for all Borough accounting purposes such as payroll and keeping the financial reports in order. A question was raised if they would be controlling any of the budget, but Mr. Cuteri informed the council they could assist if we requested, but the Borough will continue to oversee this. Mr. Cuteri also reminded members that Kim Gourley was appointed the Borough tax collector.
5. **Vote to approve the October financial reports: A motion was made** by Mr. Radcliffe to approve the October financial reports previously distributed to council by email. **Mr. Hebert second the motion. The motion is passed unanimously.**
6. **Fire Report:** Chief Berie reported that in the month of October there was one call at the Shannopin Country Club for an alarm. This is the second type of call they have received recently. The alarm company came out to assess the situation, and came to the conclusion it was a faulty sensor. They immediately fixed the faulty sensor. Chief also announced to council that Christmas tree sales will begin the Friday after Thanksgiving (November 23, 2018), they are currently putting up signage for tree sales as we speak. Chief will also provide a flyer for Ms. DiNuzzo to send out to the community.
7. **Police Report:** Chief Hanny reported to the committee that in the month of October there was a fire alarm at a resident's, they assisted with an ambulance and also assisted with some downed trees. Chief also reported to the committee that he has completed his emergency training, and is awaiting the results. He will keep us informed.
8. **Engineers Report:** A memo was provided by email and Mr. Cuteri reported, LSSE requested quotes from three contractors to complete the sewer line repair along Banbury Lane. The Borough has authorized Soli Construction, Inc. to complete the work. LSSE met with Soli Construction on site the week of September 24, 2018 to identify the location of the damaged sewer. Soli Construction has completed the sewer repairs. LSSE transmitted an invoice from Soli Construction to the Borough on October 29, 2018. The

original repair scope included replacement of an estimated 12 linear feet of VCP sewer line. Once the damaged pipe was removed it was discovered that approximately 5 linear feet of sanitary sewer directly below the storm sewer was damaged as well and had to be replaced. The total invoice is for \$10,700.00: \$8,700.00 for the original scope and \$2,000.00 for the additional repairs.

9. **Public Comment:** There was no public present at the meeting for comment.
10. **Zoning Application Report:** There were no applications submitted at the time of the meeting to report to the council.
11. **Vote to approve proposed 2019 budget and advertise 2019 budget and millage:** Mr. Cuteri announced that Ms. Raves did advertise the budget after last months' meeting. It is unclear what the verbiage of the ad stated and per Tucker Arsenberg's request, a new ad should run with the revised verbiage provided by Tucker Arsenberg. **A motion was made by Mr. Berardi. Mr. Radcliffe second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.** Mr. Cuteri will email council the voted budget for their records.
12. **Rob Spoharski is officially resigning from Avonworth Authority:** Rob is officially resigning due to time constraints regarding his work, which leaves Kati Von Lehman and Damian Liska as current active members for our community. Ms. Lehman had voiced to Mr. Stiller that with Mr. Spoharski resigning there are now 3 out of 5 open seats on the board. She is hoping the Borough can help get the word out, possibly sending the residents another email blast about the open seats. Once Mr. Stiller has the information, he will provide this for Ms. DiNuzzo to send out through email to the residents.
13. **Storm Water Ordinance:** Mr. Voltz sent the council a copy as well as in person the ordinance to review. The ordinance presented is an adaption of an ordinance in place by Allegheny county. The council questioned whether this 39-page drafted document pertained to our small Borough. Mr. Dismukes mentioned that for any ground disturbance within 5,000 square feet, this ordinance would apply.. **A motion was made by Mr. Berardi to advertise in the citizen. Mr. Radcliffe second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
14. **Avon Club Foundation signage for Spring 2019:** The Avon club sent Ms. DiNuzzo an email requesting permission to post signage in front of the park advertising their upcoming event this Spring. The council approves.
15. **2018 Christmas Luncheon:** Council believes the luncheon is on December 14<sup>th</sup>, Ms. DiNuzzo will confirm.
16. **Review 2019 meeting dates:** The 2019 meeting dates are as follows: 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10. Ms. DiNuzzo will confirm with Shannopin country club as to when they begin to close early.
17. **Executive Session:** Council entered into executive session at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:36 P.M.

This meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

The next monthly meeting is Tuesday December 11, 2018 at the Avalon Volunteer Fire Company.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica DiNuzzo, Secretary