

Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 - 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: Cuteri, Hebert, Radcliffe, Smith, Stiller

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Voltz, Tucker Arensberg

OTPD: Chief Hanny

Engineer: Heyl, Lennon Smith Souleret Engineering

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

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

1. **August 2018 Minutes:** **A motion was made** by Mr. Radcliffe to approve the August, 2018 Minutes previously distributed to Council by email. **Mr. Hebert seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
2. **August 2018 Treasurer's Report:** **Mr. Radcliffe made a motion** to approve the August 2018 Treasurer's Report previously distributed to Council by email. **Mr. Stiller seconds the motion.** The **motion passed unanimously as distributed.**
3. **Police Report:** Chief Hanny read the report submitted by email and added information regarding a burglary at Shannopin CC.
4. **Fire Report:** No representative from the Fire Company was in attendance.
5. **Public Comment:** No public in attendance.

Engineer's Report: Mr. Heyl reported that the Sewer Committee met the previous week to discuss 2019's work.

Consent Order: Mr. Heyl gave the Borough the flow monitoring report that was completed this past month and stated that the Borough is well below the "Gold Standard" line. So, the next 7 years should require no more work than our O&M Plan.

Mr. Heyl stated that LSSE does not have the flow monitoring information from 2008 at the Avalon end of the sewer line; therefore, no comparison can be made. Council asked Mrs. Raves to see if she could find any information regarding that report.

Road Program Mr. Heyl presented a letter from Shields Asphalt Paving indicating an estimated increase of \$34,231.17 to move their paving contract work into 2019. Council commented that is approximately a 20% increase. Mr. Cuteri noted that a letter would need to be written to Columbia Gas Company reviewing this increase and adding to their contract the need to cover all increases and penalties.

Service Order Authorizations Mr. Cuteri asked Mr. Heyl about the S.O.A.'s that were submitted for the 2019 roadway estimates and the Water Management Ordinance. The documents indicate a dollar amount that is "Per Diem". Mr. Heyl noted that that was a not to exceed cost for the project; however, Mr. Cuteri and Council see that term as a not to exceed *daily*. Till these documents are revised and resubmitted Council will not sign them. Mr. Cuteri stated that he needed to review our agreement with LSSE.

Sewer Work: The Columbia Gas crew unearthed a broken sewer line at the intersection of Briar Cliff and Banbury Roads. The area was not marked properly by our crew from Avalon; however, that is because they do not have correct information on our mapping plan

Mr. Heyl stated that a spot repair would be in order. Mrs. Raves noted that there was more than one hole in the line.

Council asked Mr. Heyl to get several prices to have this section of sewer repaired and Mrs. Raves to see if we could get a copy of the video of the line that Columbia Gas made.

Once the drawings are up to date, we will need to report it to the County.

Storm Water Management Ordinance Mr. Cuteri questioned Mr. Heyl regarding the drafting of an ordinance for our Borough. Mr. Heyl stated that it is their intention to draft an overall ordinance for a number of their clients and split the fees amongst them. Then they will tailor the ordinance to each municipality. It was Mr. Heyl's thought that our cost would be approximately \$1,500. The ordinance needs to be adopted by December so its approval will need to be obtained in November to allow time for advertising.

6. Zoning Application Report: Mrs. Raves reported that one application was submitted from the owner of 14 Devon for a freestanding garage. The application was denied and a Zoning Hearing Board meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2018.
7. Budget Meeting: Council reviewed the date of next week's meeting, 9/18/2019 at 7:00 at Shannopin Country Club.
8. Ordinance 70 Update: Mrs. Raves read a message from Mr. Brown, who could not attend the meeting, discussing his opinion regarding this matter. Council discussed the need to update the Ordinance then Mr. Cuteri asked the Solicitor if we could just adopt the State's new Ordinance. Mr. Voltz explained why that would not work. After discussion regarding the difference between Display and Consumer fireworks, Council asked the solicitor to draft an updated Ordinance for review at next month's meeting.
9. Fall Leaf Pick-up: Mr. Radcliffe reviewed the dates outlined in the contract with Walt's Landscaping. The first week will be October 15th and the last day will be December 10th. Council discussed adding a Spring Clean-up to the 2019 Budget. Mrs. Raves will add that line item to the budget list and place \$2,500 on that item.
10. Street Sealing: Tough Seal of Pittsburgh submitted a quote for work outlined in our letter to them. Council wanted their quote to state the extent of the work as well as the figure. Mrs. Raves will contact them.
11. Executive Session: Council entered into executive session at 8:09 P. M

The meeting resumed at 8:11 P.M.

12. Grant Submission: A motion was made by Mr. Stiller to sign the Stormwater Management Ordinance Grant offered by Allegheny County Economic Development. **Mrs. Smith seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Council instructed the solicitor to draft the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

This meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

The next monthly meeting is Tuesday October 9, 2018 at the Shannopin Country Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Raves, Secretary/ Treasurer