

**Borough of Ben Avon Heights**

**Tuesday, February 11, 2020 - Council Meeting Minutes**

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

A quorum is in attendance

**Present:**

Council Members: Brown, Cuteri, Mihalko, Stiller, Radcliffe

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Vogel, Tucker Arensberg

OTPD: Sgt. Beck

Avalon Fire: Chief Berie

Secretary: DiNuzzo

Residents: Susan Dismukes, representing the Avon Club

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

- 1. Approval of January minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Mihalko to approve the January meeting minutes. Mr. Brown seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.** Mr. Stiller would like to note that he did not appose the approval vote for the community directory, and would like that corrected in the minutes.
- 2. Approval of December 2019 and January 2020 financials: A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe to approve the December 2019 financials. Mr. Brown seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.** Mr. Dismukes was not happy on how late he received the January 2020 financials as he has been extremely busy at work. Council decided that it would be best moving forward that council approves the financials from two months prior (ex: March 2020's meeting, we will review January 2020's financials). Because of this decision, council will review and discuss January 2020's financials at March's meeting. Mr. Brown also voiced that he would like a summary from the accountant.
- 3. Fire Report:** For the month of January there were no calls for the fire department.
- 4. Police Report:** For the month of January, there were a total of 98 calls.
- 5. Engineers Report:** ACHD issued a review letter dated February 15, 2018 accepting the Source Flow Study Report and requesting the Borough to continue to implement their Operation and Maintenance Plan. A 12-month documentation via flow monitoring has been established to document that the Borough meets the Gold Line Standard.

PaDEP approved the Interim CAP extension until June 30, 2020.

ALCOSAN submitted a 2019 Municipal Information Request to all tributary municipalities to comply with requirements of the Consent Order. This information is to be submitted to ALCOSAN by February 29, 2020. The information requested includes the following:

- general municipal information,
- updates to Source Flow Reduction Studies,
- planned source reduction project information,
- any new lateral or stormwater ordinances,
- any flow monitoring data collected in the past 10 years in specific ALCOSAN format,
- nighttime flow isolation studies,
- latest available sanitary sewer mapping GIS geodatabase, and
- any other supplemental data relevant to source flow reduction.

Contract was awarded to Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$171,582.10. LSSE held Pre-Construction Meeting September 27, 2019. Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc. to begin work October 9, 2019. Work has been completed. Minor punch list items remain. LSSE transmitted Partial Payment No. 1 in the amount \$153,192.34 as noted in letter dated December 6, 2019. LSSE preparing Final Change Order for project closeout. LSSE to request schedule from Contractor for outstanding items. LSSE completing field work of curb study review. LSSE finalizing table for Borough review.

- 6. Public Comment:** Susan Dismukes approached council about holding an Avon Club event in the park of Ben Avon Heights. The event would be called a porch crawl, with designated properties in Ben Avon Heights. There would also be food and beverages in the park. Council raised a concern about how people would easily get around and questioned parking. The Avon club also thought about this and thought that there would be plenty of parking options in Ben Avon, as well as Shannopin heights. Council requested that they come up with a parking plan and review with Chief Hanny and then update council on the event final date, time parking etc. for council final approval
- 7. Sunshine Act – Do’s and Don’ts:** Due to both new council member’s not in attendance at this meeting, council felt it was best to table this presentation until the March Council meeting.
- 8. Annual Report – final edits or questions: A motion was made by Mr. Brown to publish the annual report. Mr. Stiller seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 9. PEMA resolutions and discussions:** Mr. Vogel worked with Kilbuck townships legal team to create a resolution that would be approved by PEMA as Sgt. Beck had previous resolutions from other townships rejected over some of the verbiage used. Sgt. Beck needed this resolution to be approved by council to be able to attend and represent the Borough of Ben Avon Heights. Council reviewed. **A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe to approve the PEMA resolution. Mr. Mihalko seconds the motion. The vote ends 4-1, majority rules, Mr. Brown abstains.**
- 10. Zoning applications:** For the month of January there were no reports.
- 11. Preparation for budget meeting: February 25, 2020:**
- 12. Executive session:** began at 8:11 pm

Executive session ended at 8:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is March 10, 2020 at 7pm at the Avalon Volunteer Fire Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica DiNuzzo, Secretary