

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – March 20, 2018
Minutes

Call to Order

President, Jennifer Bett, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

Jennifer Bett, Earl Bohn, Michele Boyd, Henry Casale, Ken Opiery, and David Stoeckle

Council Members Absent

Megan Dolan

Others Present

Melanie Holcomb, Mayor

Anne Sweeney, Esq., Solicitor

Lisa Cronin, Secretary

Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman

James Rupert, Chief, Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department

Norbert Micklos, Chief, Ohio Township Police Department

Public Participation

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Bohn; Second: Mr. Stoeckle; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2018, council meeting with the following correction to reflect that Mr. White, previous council member, was not illegally appointed as Ben Avon Borough's voting member for the Avonworth Municipal Authority as stated in original minutes. Motion: Mr. Bohn; Second: Mrs. Boyd; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve amended minutes.

Financial Report - Report given by Ken Opiery

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. Casale; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the accounts receivables for February 2018.

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. Casale; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the accounts payables for \$96,349.84 for February 2018.

Administration Report – Report given by Earl Bohn

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. Casale; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint council member, Earl Bohn, as the borough's Chief Administrative Office (CAO) of the Municipal Pension Plan Fund administered by Mockenhaupt Benefits Group.

Public Affairs / Communications Report – Report given by President Jennifer Bett

Public Safety/Code Enforcement Report—*Report given by Earl Bohn*

Public Works Report — *Report given by Ken Opiery*

Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman, informed Mr. Opiery that the boiler system in the borough building needs replaced. Mr. Regrut received three proposals, where two were competitive and the lower bid, by \$400.00, was for a smaller unit, and recommended Bolster-DeHart proposal be accepted.

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. Stoeckle; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve replacing the borough buildings boiler system by Bolster-DeHart for \$16,200.00 with the monies coming from the Capital Reserve Fund.

QVCOG Report — *No Report Given*

Mayor's Report — *Report given by Melanie Holcomb*

Please see Attachment A.

Please see Attachment B.

Police Chief's Report —*Report Given by Chief Norbert Micklos*

After 35 years of service, Chief Micklos is retiring and introduced lead investigator Joe Hanny, with 23 years of service, as the new Chief of Police for Ohio Township taking over for Chief Micklos on May 12, 2018.

Fire Chief's Report — *Report Given*

The exhaust system in the fire station is being removed and a new one installed with money received by a FEMA grant.

Solicitor's Report — *No Report*

New Business

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. Stoeckle; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the Keller Lot/Line Revision at 6925 Ohio River Blvd. contingent upon the Joint Planning Commission review and approval.

Old Business

Executive Session:

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. Stoeckle; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. Bohn; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene Regular Session at 9:34 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Casale; Second: Mr. Bohn; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cronin,

Borough Secretary

Attachment A

Ben Avon Mayor's Report

March 2018

- Attending ongoing Local Government Academy courses for newly elected officials.
- Submit letter of intent to officiate at weddings.
- Pursuing, with other Council members, volunteers to fill our Emergency Management Coordinator position.
- Spoke with Bethany DiLucente of Iron City Filmworks about filming in the Borough. Requested that she contact OT Chief Miklos to assess need for any police presence on site.
- Would like to develop a procedure for handling filming in the Borough that includes a standard agreement or Memo of Understanding covering basic issues.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie Holcomb
Mayor

Attachment B


Tuesday, March 20, 2018

To: Ben Avon Borough Council

From: Mayor Melanie Holcomb

Re: Weddings

Per Section 10A05(b)(2) of the PA Borough Code, I am notifying Council of my intention to perform marriage ceremonies as Mayor.

Respectfully,

Melanie Holcomb
Mayor, Ben Avon PA