

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – April 19, 2016
Minutes

Call to Order

Council Vice President Richard White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

On behalf of the Ben Avon Borough Council, Council Vice President Richard White extended sympathy to the George Trent family. Mr. Trent was a long time council member and chair of the Public Works committee.

Council Members Present

Julian Wynnyckyj, Michael Wrbas, Richard White, Philip Brind'Amour, Brad Cole, Ken Opiery

Council Members Absent

Earl Bohn

Others Present

Robert Jones, Mayor
John Stanahan, Solicitor
Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman
Lisa Cronin, Secretary
Adam Beck, Sergeant; Ohio Township Police Department
Jim Rupert, Chief; Ben Avon Volunteer Fire

Public Participation –

Matt Rind of 6900 Perrysville Avenue and a member of Allegheny Clean Air Now presented the Breathe Award for Allegheny County Clean Air Now for the hard work Ben Avon Borough Council has committed to the air quality improvement and the health and quality of life for the communities affected by the DTE Shenango coke works. Richard White accepted the award. See Exhibit A

Former resident, Ted Popovich also thanked council for its work toward clean air and provided a document identifying selected Potential Health Effects of Exposure to Toxic Chemicals Emitted at Shenango Coke Plant, 2013. See Exhibit B

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Wynnyckyj; Second: Mr. Brind'Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the Regular March 15, 2016

Financial Report - Report given by Mr. Pipery, Co-Chair

Motion: Mr. Pipery; Second: Mr. Cole; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the March 2016 reports as presented.

Special Announcement: Property Tax payments are no longer being accepted at the borough office. All tax payments should be sent to Jordan Tax Service who has been appointed Deputy Tax Collector for the borough. Jordan Tax Service will be in on Monday, May 23 from 9:00 am to 1:00pm and again on Thursday, May 26 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm to collect tax payments and answer any questions residents may have. Mr. Brind'Amour will post this information on the boroughs website.

Accounts Payable - Report given by Mr. Pipery, Co-Chair

Motion: Mr. Pipery; Second: Mr. Brind'Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the March 2016 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$104,328.38 from the general account. Mr. White wanted to update council that the February 2015 General Fund balance has been corrected. Mr. White also disclosed to council that the General Fund of March 2016 is out of balance by \$689.45. Again, there was a technical error and they are working to correct the input error.

Administration Report –Report given by Mr. White

Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission Report – No Report

Public Works Report – Report given by Mr. Pipery

Public Safety / Code Enforcement Report –Report given by Mr. Wrbas

Public Affairs Report – No Report

Property Revitalization / Building and Properties – Report given by Mr. Wynnyckyj

Mayor's Report – No Report

Police Chief's Report – No Report

Fire Chief's Report – No Report

Solicitor's Report – No Report

Executive Session

Motion: Mr. Wynnyckyj; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:25 pm for the purpose of consulting with the solicitor.

Motion: Mr. Wrbas; Second: Mr. Wynnyckyj; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene Regular Session at 7.39 pm.

New Business

QVCOG Refuse Collection Bid Specification - Garbage Contract:

Council approved Mr. White to inform the QVCOG that the council has elected to proceed with the garbage contract bid.

SHACOG Purchase Alliance Rock Salt Exercise of 1st Option Year:

Motion: Mr. Cole; Second: Mr. Brind' Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the authorization to exercise the first option year salt contract.

Tenant Registration (Ordinance 550 and 576) - Tabled

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Cole; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cronin

Borough Secretary