

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – August 18, 2015
Minutes

Call to Order

Council President Earl Bohn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

Julian Wynnyckyj, Michael Wrbas, Richard White, Earl Bohn, Philip Brind'Amour, Michael Bett, Ken Opipery

Council Members Absent - None

Others Present

Bonnie Brimmeier, Solicitor
Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman
Carmella Hallstein, Secretary
Jim Rupert, Chief; Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department
Adam Beck, Sergeant; Ohio Township Police Department

Public Participation - None

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2015 council meeting.

Financial Report - Report given by Ken Opipery, Co-Chair and Richard White, Co-Chair

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wynnyckyj; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the July 2015 financial reports as presented.

Motion: Mr. Opipery; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the August 2015 accounts payable reports as presented authorizing payments of \$17,833.47 from the general account and \$157,093.30 from the capital improvement account.

Administration Report – Report given by Richard White, Chair

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wynnyckyj; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to direct the borough engineer to apply for a Year 42 Community Development Block Grant for the purpose of obtaining funds to repair and reconstruct the ADA compliant wheelchair ramp at the Ben Avon Municipal Building.

Public Works / Building and Property Report – Report given by Julian Wynnyckyj, Chair and Ken Opipery

Public Safety / Code Enforcement Report – *Report given by Michael Wrbas, Chair*

Mr. Wrbas stated that Jim and Tara Kane of 7134 Belle Riviere Court had a very large tree branch break off and fall on their roof at 1:30 a.m. this past Saturday and they asked him to publicly thank the VFC for their quick response and help.

Public Affairs Report – *No Report*

Mayor's Report – *No Report*

Police Chief's Report – *No Report*

Fire Chief's Report – *No Report*

Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission Report – *No Report*

Solicitor's Report – *No Report*

New Business

Ordinance No. 772

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wrbas Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise Ordinance No. 772, which establishes traffic regulations on Juniper Way and Marvin Way.

Old Business

Emsworth Bridge

Mr. Opiery stated that the bridge in Emsworth is on track to be repaired, adding that it would be a two to three year process for discussions, design, bidding and construction. He stated that the bus routes would go back to normal when the repairs are complete. Mr. Opiery stated that he wanted to thank our State Officials and the Port Authority Officials for their efforts and help with this project.

Executive Session

Motion: Mr. Brind'Amour; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. to discuss a contract matter.

Motion: Mr. Wrbas; Second: Mr. Brind'Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene Regular Session at 7:33 p.m.

Merton Road Retaining Wall

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. White Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the bid from Martino, Inc. for \$78,999.32 for the Merton Road Retaining Wall Project.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmella Hallstein

Borough Secretary