

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – August 19, 2014
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 Opiery

Council Members Absent - None

Others Present

Anne Sweeney, Solicitor
Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman
Carmella Hallstein, Secretary
Jim Rupert, Chief; Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department
Norbert Micklos, Chief; Ohio Township Police Department

Public Participation

Victoria Haynes of 239 Park Avenue stated that she was disappointed in the lack of progress being made in the Park Avenue / Shaffer Place road repair project. She stated that the water company had not started work yet and that she did not see the road being paved until next spring. Ms. Haynes stated that she also wanted to address parking issues and policing the parking. She stated that emergency vehicles cannot get around the corner at Park Avenue and Shaffer Place when there are vehicles illegally parked at the corner. Ms. Haynes stated that officers patrolling either issue a parking ticket, which costs \$10.00 or knock on doors and ask the owners to move the vehicle, adding that she would readily pay \$10.00 to park somewhere for the day. She stated that because no negative consequences are involved nothing changes in the long term.

Mr. Opiery stated that the borough only has so much leverage when it comes to utility companies. He stated that the gas company had completed its work and the water company was scheduled to begin work the next day. Mr. Opiery stated that it was in the borough's best interest to work with the utility companies so they could complete any necessary work before the borough does any paving. He stated that the borough would start sewer repair work after the utility companies had completed their work. Mr. Opiery stated that there was a distinct possibility the project could be completed this year, but added that since we are getting close to winter paving may have to be deferred until next year.

Chief Micklos stated that the police department answers every call that comes in and that they have issued a lot of parking tickets. He stated that if council wants more strict enforcement the police department will do it, adding that a citation would cost the vehicle owner over \$150.00 and towing would cost the owner a couple of hundred dollars. Mr. Regrut stated that after the

road project is completed there would be concrete curbs on both sides of the street and new no parking signs and suggested waiting until the project is finished before considering any changes.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Brind'Amour; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2014 council meeting.

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

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wynnycky; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the July 2014 financial reports as presented.

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the August 2014 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$24,292.86 from the general account.

Administration Report – No Report

Public Works / Building and Property Report – Report given by Ken Opiery

Public Safety / Code Enforcement Report – No Report

Public Affairs Report – Report given by Philip Brind'Amour, Chair

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

Anchor and Anvil Coffee Lease Agreement

Motion: Mr. White Second: Mr. Brind'Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve a lease agreement between the Borough of Ben Avon and Anchor and Anvil Coffee, LLC for a term of thirty-four months beginning September 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2017.

Avon Club Lease Addendum

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve an Addendum to the Commercial Lease by and between the Borough of Ben Avon and the Avon Club Foundation, which extends the terms of the lease for a term of one year beginning September 1, 2014 and ending August 31, 2015.

Rock Salt Contract

Motion: Mr. Brind'Amour; Second: Mr. Wrbas Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the bid of \$79.29 per ton for rock salt from Cargill, Inc. as submitted to the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance for its bid opening on July 31, 2014 for a term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2015.

Ordinance No. 769

Motion: Mr. Opipery; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise Ordinance No. 769, which requires all persons, partnerships, businesses and corporations to obtain a permit for any construction or development; provides for the issuance of such permits; sets forth certain minimum requirements for new construction and development within areas of the Borough of Ben Avon which are subject to flooding; and establishes penalties for any persons who fail or refuse to comply with the requirements or provisions of this ordinance.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 768

Motion: Mr. White Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Ordinance No. 768, which repeals Ordinance No. 766 and enacts Ordinance No. 768, which authorizes an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for selecting and retaining a professional services company to prepare a Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Brind' Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmella Hallstein

Borough Secretary