

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – December 16, 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 Opipery

Council Members Absent - None

Others Present

Robert Jones, Mayor
Anne Sweeney, Solicitor
Carmella Hallstein, Secretary
Jim Rupert, Chief; Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department
Norbert Micklos, Chief; 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 November 18, 2014 council meeting.

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

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Brind'Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the November 2014 financial reports as presented.

Motion: Mr. Opipery; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the December 2014 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$29,602.38 from the general account and a payment of \$71,295.17 from the capital improvement account.

Administration Report – Report given by Richard White, Chair

Zoning Hearing Board Resignation

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Brind'Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the resignation of John Ott from the Zoning Hearing Board.

Zoning Hearing Vacancy

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wynnyckyj; Motion carried by voice vote to advertise the Zoning Hearing Board vacancy in The Citizen. Mr. Bett opposed the motion.

2015 Council Meeting Schedule

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise the 2015 Council meeting schedule.

Avonworth Municipal Authority Advisory Council Appointments

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Brind'Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to reappoint Barbara Humphrey, Claire Wilwohl, Terry Hartnett, Bob Whalen and Richard L. White to the Avonworth Municipal Authority Advisory Council for one-year terms beginning January 31, 2015 and ending January 30, 2016.

Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission Appointment

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to reappoint John Busse to the Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December, 31, 2018.

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

Public Safety / Code Enforcement Report – *No Report*

Mr. Wrbas thanked Chief Rupert and the Volunteer Fire Company for sponsoring light up night, adding that they did an outstanding job and it was very well received.

Public Affairs Report – *No Report*

Mayor's Report – *No Report*

Police Chief's Report – *Report given by Norbert Micklos, Chief; Ohio Township Police Dept.*

Fire Chief's Report – *No Report*

Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission Report – *Report given by Earl Bohn*

Solicitor's Report – *No Report*

New Business - *None*

Old Business

2015 Budget

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by voice vote to adopt the 2015 Budget as presented. Mr. Bett opposed the motion.

Ordinance No. 770

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Brind'Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Ordinance No. 770, levying an *ad valorem* real estate tax for the fiscal year 2015.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carmella Hallstein

Borough Secretary