

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – February 16, 2016
Minutes

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Oath of Office: Brad Cole presented his Affidavit of Residency. The Affidavit was accepted as authentic and filed of record in the borough office. Mayor Bob Jones administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Cole, who signed the oath according to law. The oath was accepted and filed of record in the borough office.

Council Members Present

Julian Wynnyckyj, Richard White, Earl Bohn, Philip Brind'Amour, Brad Cole, Ken Opipery

Council Members Absent

Michael Wrbas

Others Present

Robert Jones, Mayor
Anne Sweeney, Solicitor
Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman
Lisa Cronin, Secretary
Norbert Micklos, Chief; Ohio Township Police Department

Public Participation – Wade Lawrence of 6911 Prospect Ave stated that he was concerned over the possible plans to pave asphalt over the bricks on Prospect Ave. after the recent water main break. Mr. Lawrence would recommend picking up bricks and putting a new road down. Mr. Opipery indicated it would be awhile before Prospect Ave. could be fixed because there are other roads that need to be fixed first. West View Water Authority (WVWA) was in touch with Mr. Regrut. Council asked Ms. Sweeney if she was having any problems with WVWA and she responded no.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Wynnyckyj; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the Regular January 19, 2016 and the Special Meeting of February 2, 2016.

Financial Report and Accounts Payable - Report given by Ken Opipery, Co-Chair

Motion: Mr. Opipery; Second: Mr. Wynnyckyj; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the February 2016 add on and accrued accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$44,388.42 from the general account and \$34,894.80 from the capital improvement account.

Administration Report – *Report given by Richard White, Chair*

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Opiery; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to participate in Quaker Valley COG in the Joint Refuse bid program. Mr. White indicated that there should be no changes to the specs. The borough will continue with once per week refuse pick up and bi weekly recycling pick up with the option of E waste recycling to be determined.

Public Works Report – *Report given by Ken Opiery, Chair*

Public Safety / Code Enforcement Report – *No Report given*

Public Affairs Report – *No Report*

Property Revitalization / Building and Properties – *No Report*

Mayor's Report – *No Report*

Police Chief's Report – *No Report*

Fire Chief's Report – Chief Rupert was absent. Report submitted as written.

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

The Planning Commission is in the final phase of wrapping up its draft for the ten year strategic plan. Copies should be distributed soon.

Solicitor's Report – Ms. Sweeney asked council for permission to go through her office and to reach out to another firm/friends to help review the Bid Specs and Bid Packets for future borough road work. Contracts need revamped to protect the borough better. The current Specs/Packets are 20 years old and out dated and not where they should be. Ms. Sweeney would like another set of eyes to look and see what they think is missing. Mr. White reminded council that Campbell, Durant, Beatty is our Special Council Pension Fund. Council gave Ms. Sweeney the ok to get technical and legal help. Mr. White said to bill for these services through Ms. Sweeney's law firm office.

New Business

Tenant Registration (Ordinance 550 and 576)

Action tabled

Resolution 2016-02

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. Cole; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Resolution 2016-02, which confirms the millage rate of 4.39 mills for collection of ad valorem real estate taxes for year 2016 as set by Ordinance 773.

Advertise Changing the Ordinance for Real Estate Tax Collector Rate

Mr. White asked for permission to advertise the Ordinance for changing the compensation for tax collector to match Jordon Tax Collector fee schedule of a flat \$3.50 per line in The Citizen newspaper immediately. Ordinance #774 was set back in November/December of 2014. Mr. White offered to post the advertisement.

Special Meeting and Advertising of the Special Meeting

Motion: Mr. Cole; Second: Mr. Brind'Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 1st, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Ben Avon Municipal Building for the appointment of the Real Estate Tax Collector and Deputy Tax Collector. Mr. White offered to post the advertisement in The Citizen newspaper.

Old Business

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Cole; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cronin

Borough Secretary