

**Borough of Ben Avon**  
**7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202**  
**Regular Meeting of Council – February 17, 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**

Robert Jones, Mayor  
Anne Sweeney, Solicitor  
Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman  
Carmella Hallstein, Secretary  
Gary Buckman, Assistant Chief; Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department  
Adam Beck, Sergeant; Ohio Township Police Department

**Public Participation - None**

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Brind'Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the January 20, 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 December 2014 financial reports as presented.

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

Motion: Mr. Opipery; Second: Mr. Wynnyckyj; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the December 2014 accrued accounts payable report and the February 2015 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$36,031.79 from the general account.

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

Mr. White stated that the borough received notification from the State that the 2012 DCNR Avon Park Phase II Grant was never closed out, adding that there is approximately \$9,000.00 left in the grant. He stated that the person who was responsible for the grant has since retired from council and that council had to appoint a new project coordinator. Mr. White volunteered to serve as the

new project coordinator, he and Mrs. Hallstein will submit the required documents that are needed to finalize the grant and apply for the remaining money.

Motion: Mr. Wynnyckyj; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the appointment of Richard White as the designated local project coordinator for the Avon Park Phase II project.

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

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

**Public Affairs Report** – *No Report*

**Mayor's Report** – *No Report*

**Police Chief's Report** – *Report given by Adam Beck, Sergeant; Ohio Township Police Dept.*

**Fire Chief's Report** – *No Report*

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

**Solicitor's Report** – *No Report*

#### **New Business**

##### **Resolution 2015-02**

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Resolution 2015-02, which authorizes the renewal of the police services agreement with Ohio Township pursuant to the agreement and its authorizing ordinances and resolutions.

##### **Capital Improvement Account**

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. Wynnyckyj; Motion carried by voice vote to approve the transfer of \$225,000.00 from the general account to the capital improvement account. Mr. Bett opposed the motion.

##### **2015 Capital Improvement Projects**

Mr. Opiery stated that five projects are scheduled for this year. He stated that four of the projects are for street and sewer reconstruction for Brighton Road from the Emsworth line to Forest Avenue, lower Perrysville Avenue from Church Avenue to Brighton Road, Terrace Avenue and Walker Avenue. Mr. Opiery stated that the projects would be combined and that the borough would advertise bid specifications for two separate projects, a paving project, which would include manholes and inlets and a sewer project for the underground storm and sanitary sewers. He stated that advertising the bid specifications for the fifth project, the Merton Road retaining wall, would be deferred until next month.

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote authorize advertisement of the bid specifications as prepared by the borough engineer for the 2015 Sewer Reconstruction Project for Brighton Road, lower Perrysville Avenue, Terrace Avenue and Walker Avenue.

Motion: Mr. Pipery; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize advertisement of the bid specifications as prepared by the borough engineer for the 2015 Paving and Manhole Project for Brighton Road, lower Perrysville Avenue, Terrace Avenue and Walker Avenue.

### **Old Business**

#### **Emsworth Bridge**

Mr. Pipery stated that he and Mr. Regrut attended a meeting with Emsworth officials, State officials and Port Authority representatives to discuss the Emsworth Bridge weight restriction and its impact on both boroughs. Mr. Pipery stated that Ben Avon and Emsworth reiterated their safety concerns and concerns about infrastructure deterioration caused by the buses being rerouted onto narrow side streets because of the weight restriction. Mr. Pipery stated that the problem is funding for the repairs, which will cost over a million dollars. He stated that there are probably a dozen Port Authority owned bridges that should be owned by the County or the State. Mr. Pipery stated that State officials were receptive to the boroughs' concerns and were interested in helping, not just with the Emsworth Bridge but also with all the other bridges owned by Port Authority. Mr. Pipery will keep council informed of any further developments.

### **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