

**Borough of Ben Avon**  
**7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202**  
**Regular Meeting of Council – July 19, 2016**  
**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Council Members Present**

Michael Wrbas, Richard White, Earl Bohn, Phillip Brind'Amour, Brad Cole, Ken Opiery

**Council Members Absent**

Major Robert Jones

**Others Present**

Anne Sweeney, Solicitor

Lisa Cronin, Secretary

Jim Rupert, Chief; Ben Avon Volunteer Fire

Adam Beck, Sergeant; Ohio Township Police Department

**Public Participation**

Michael Musula of 4 Kingsford Drive, Killbuck, business owner of Solid Steel Building who rents office space on Church Avenue. Mr. Musula said the company employs eight people and his purpose for coming to the meeting was to request information on why there is a two-hour parking limit and to get information on how that can be changed. Council President Earl Bohn said the two-hour limit has been in place for a considerable period of time. Mr. Bohn further explained that while Ben Avon's business district is tiny, it is a business district, that has a barber, a dentist, a printer, a medical office, this (borough) building. We like to nurture them and not have customers go elsewhere because they can not find a parking spot. Mr. Masula asked if all 16 parking spaces had to have a two-hour limit, and if Ben Avon could allot a few spaces for the company that couldn't be used by the other businesses. The borough's solicitor, Anne Sweeney, said the borough couldn't do that because the streets are public. Mr. Bohn added that the ordinance is the ordinance. The borough's bias is toward the establishments like the dentist and doctor's offices where people come and go. Mr. Bohn also told Mr. Musula that we love having you and we are glad you're here, but we ask for your consideration and understanding to keep these few parking spots open for people who come and go. Mr. Bohn concluded that he wished he could give Mr. Musula complete satisfaction, but the simple and the true solution is not to park there for more than two hours. The rules apply to everyone, and if other parties park over the limit, they will be subject to a ticket as well.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Mr. Wrbas; Second: Mr. Opiery; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2016, Regular Meeting of Council.

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

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Opipery; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the June 2016 reports as presented

Motion: Mr. Opipery; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the June 2016 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$91,885.51 from the general account.

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

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

Mr. Opipery reported to council that road repairs were expected to begin the week of July 25, 2016. Work is scheduled first on upper Dickson, then Woodland Avenue and Merton Road with everything to be completed by August 22, 2016. He added that because the bid came in much lower than anticipated, likely attributed to the cost of asphalt having decreased as a result of lower oil prices, he wanted to propose a change order to have A. Liberoni do part of Brighton Road, from Park Avenue to Spruce Run. The road is in bad shape and it would be good to have it done now. The proposed change order would be for \$30,500.00.

Motion: Mr. Opipery; Second: Mr. Cole; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the change order.

**Public Safety** – *Report given by Michael Wrbas, Chair*

**Public Affairs** – *Report given by Phillip Brind'Amour, Chair*

Mr. Brind'Amour also told council that he has been encountering trouble with the Ben Avon Borough website and that he was seeking help from the web designer to get that resolved.

**Mayor's Report** – *No Report*

**Police Chief's Report** – *Report as presented*

**Fire Chief's Report** – *Report as presented*

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

**Solicitor's Report** – *Report given by Anne Sweeney, Esq., Solicitor*

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Brind'Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to begin an executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters at 7:36 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Opipery; Second: Mr. Brind'Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to conclude the executive session at 7:50 p.m.

**New Business**

Council Vacancy – Mr. Julian Wynnykyj gave his resignation at the June 21, 2016, Regular Council Meeting effective July 1, 2016. There was another vacancy earlier this year where Brad Cole was chosen to fill that spot. Mr. Pipery said he would contact the other two candidates who applied at that time to see if they would be interested.

**Old Business - None**

**Adjournment**

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Cranin*

*Borough Secretary*