

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – May 9, 2017
Minutes

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

Russell Kuehner, Michael Wrbas, Richard White, Mayor Robert Jones, Earl Bohn, Phil Brind'Amour, Ken Opiery
Brad Cole entered in at: 7:14 p.m.

Council Members Absent

Others Present

Anne Sweeney, Solicitor
Lisa Cronin, Secretary
Gary Buckman, Assistant Chief, Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department
Russ Hartzell, Officer, Ohio Township Police Department

Public Participation

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Kuehner; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2017 council meeting. Earl Bohn and Phil Brind'Amour abstained.

Financial Report - Report given by Ken Opiery

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. Brind'Amour: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the financials presented to council.

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. Wrbas: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the April 2017 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$126,175.54 from the general account.

Administration Report – Report given by Richard White, Chair

Mr. White notified council that a representative from Jordan Tax Service will be in the borough office on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for the purpose of collecting borough tax payments for those residents who like to pay in person.

Mr. White reported that progress is being made on the 6934 Church Avenue, The Ragg II property. The borough has received notice that the lawsuit regarding that property appears to have been resolved and a Writ of Execution has been issued that the property be sent to Sharif sale on June 5, 2017.

Motion: Mr. Mr. White; Second: Mr. Opiery: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the borough "Opt In" for the Allegheny County Community Block Grant Program (CBGD) for the years 2018 – 2021.

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

Public Safety/Code Enforcement – *No Report*

Public Affairs – *No Report*

Mayor's Report – *Report given by Bob Jones*

Council has been invited by Dr. George Maruschock, Commander, Avonworth American Legion Post 866 to participate in the 71st Annual Avonworth Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. See Exhibit A

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

Tri-Borough Ordinances: The conversation has been postponed until a public hearing date has been set. Solicitor Sweeny said the meeting should be scheduled in the next month in conjunction with one of the Tri-Borough's council meetings and she will follow up.

Letter to Residents-Overgrowth: Mr. Bohn asked that Public Works and Public Safety council work together to determine how to distribute letter to residents that are in violation of the borough Ordinance.

Old Business

Executive Session

Motion: Mr. Wrbas; Second: Mr. Brind'Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote adjourn to Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Cole; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene Regular Session at 8:07 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Kuehner; Second: Mr. Cole; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cronin,
Borough Secretary