

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – October 17, 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, Earl Bohn, Phil Brind'Amour, and Brad Cole

Council Members Absent

Ken Opiery

Others Present

Robert Jones, Mayor

Anne Sweeney, Esq., Solicitor

Lisa Cronin, Secretary

Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman

Gary Buckman, Assistant Chief, Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department

Norbert Micklos, Chief, Ohio Township Police Department

Public Participation

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Kuehner; Second: Mr. Brind'Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2017, council meeting.

Financial Report - Report given by Richard White

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the financials presented to council.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Cole; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the September, 2017, accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$75,987.43 from the general account.

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

Public Works / Building and Property Report – No Report

Public Safety/Code Enforcement – No Report

Public Affairs – No Report

Mayor's Report – Report given by Bob Jones

The Committee comprised of Ken Opiery, Michael Wrbas, and the Mayor, has drafted a new contract with Ohio Township Police and will forward the proposed contract to the Solicitor for review. It is the recommendation of the Committee to approve the contract.

Police Chief's Report – *Report given by Chief Norbert Micklos*

Police Chief Micklos asked Ben Avon Council to consider installing cameras in various locations in the borough, in particular the LPR, "License Plate Reader" that focuses on reading license plates in an effort to help solve crimes and ultimately to tie all of the communities together with the cameras. Council President, Earl Bohn, asked Michael Wrbas to work with the chief to learn more about the cameras.

Fire Chief's Report – *Report given by Gary Buckman, Assistant Chief; Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department*

Allegheny County was updating their system, so the Chief was not able to generate any reports for this month. They will be included in November's packets to council.

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

Solicitor's Report – *No Report*

New Business

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Brind'Amour: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the borough MMO payment for the 2018 Non-Police Pension Plan retroactive to August 28, 2017, for \$31,224.00.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Cole: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve Resolution 2017-07, Adoption of the Multi Year Joint Comprehensive Plan.

Motion: Mr. Kuehner; Second: Mr. Cole: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the five year (5) Verizon Agreement Contract and Resolution 2017-06, Renewal of the Cable Franchise Agreement.

Old Business

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Kuehner; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Ordinance 781, Act 172, the Active Volunteer Firefighter/EMS Tax Credit.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the following recommended amendments to Ordinance 781: Take out "Non-Profit Emergency Medical Services and the Supervisors thereof" We are not authorizing tax credits to them because there are none in the borough. Delete Paragraph C) Sub Item 2: "Credits to other Volunteer Fire Companies" The only item eligible is a Borough of Ben Avon Fire Volunteer. The other amendment is to take out references to "Borough Administrator" and replace it with "Person or Person(s) designated by council to fulfill the responsibilities" of the borough administrator, a position which has been vacant.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Cole; Second: Mr. Brind'Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cranin,
Borough Secretary