

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania, 15202
Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – April 15, 2008

Council Members Present

Todd Smith, Ken Opipery, Lloyd Corder, Mark Colenbrander, Sue Weiss

Council Members Absent

Dan Herchenroether
Judy Konitsney

Others Present

Ken Opipery, Sr., Mayor
Chuck Perego, Borough Solicitor
Carmella Hallstein, Borough Secretary

Call to Order

Council President Ken Opipery called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Participation

John Dioguardi from Rome Monument Company, 6103 University Boulevard, Moon Township, PA 15108, addressed council about the military service memorial. Mr. Dioguardi stated that the foundation was poured about two weeks ago and the wood used to form the footer would be removed tomorrow. He stated that the foundation was held below ground to allow the use of a walkway leading around the memorial, which would also allow for placement of additional plaques on the back of the memorial if necessary. Mr. Dioguardi stated that the memorial is ready and sitting in Monaca waiting for a decision on lettering. He stated that they could incise the names into the memorial or place the existing plaques, which have been refinished, on the memorial. Mr. Dioguardi stated that there are three existing plaques one each for World War I and World War II and one that combines the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Mr. Smith stated that the memorial committee had decided that the plaques were to be placed on the granite on the front of the memorial. Mr. Dioguardi stated that the memorial should be completed before Memorial Day.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Dr. Corder; Second: Mrs. Weiss; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2008 council meeting and the April 3, 2008 special council meeting.

Engineer's Report

No Report

Financial Reports

Mr. Opipery, Jr. presented the April 2008 accounts payable reports.

Motion: Dr. Corder; Second: Mr. Smith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the March 2008 accounts payable reports as presented.

Mr. Pipery, Jr. stated that Mrs. Konitsney would present the financials next month. He stated that the March revenue and expense report distributed to council was accurate with the exception of the year to date amount for debit service. Mr. Pipery, Jr. stated that the report shows an expense of \$509,000, which is the total amount paid historically, not year to date. He stated that the revenue and expense report is referencing an account that needs to be broken out between current year and prior years. Mr. Pipery, Jr. stated that this is the first transition year with the new accounting system and that Mrs. Konitsney is working to get the reporting errors resolved. He stated that Mrs. Konitsney would present corrected reports for official approval next month.

Public Safety Report

No Report

Public Works Report

No Report

Resident and Community Relations Report

Dr. Corder stated that borough website has about 20,000 hits per month and that 155 individuals have signed up for the email updates.

Dr. Corder stated that about 20 volunteers participated in clean up day on Saturday, April 12. He stated that they worked in Avon Park and on the walking trail. Dr. Corder stated that in addition to picking up trash, they also worked on a section of guardrails on the walking trail. He stated that the guardrails were taken down, reset and cemented. Dr. Corder stated that there are two more sections of guardrail that need attention.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Pipery read a letter that he received from Earl Bohn of 7315 Perrysville Avenue. Mr. Bohn's letter expressed his thanks to the borough's public officials for the development of the Ben Avon website and electronic newsletter and the public works department for their diligent efforts to keep the streets clear of leaves in the fall and snow in the winter.

Police Chief's Report

No Report

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Perego requested an executive session to discuss the Karn lawsuit.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Buckman presented the Fire Company's activity report for March 2008

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Executive Session

Motion: Dr. Corder; Second: Mrs. Weiss; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss litigation.

Motion: Dr. Corder; Second: Mrs. Weiss; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to Regular Session at 7:35 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Dr. Corder; Second: Mr. Colenbrander; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmella Hallstein

Borough Secretary