

**Borough of Ben Avon**  
**7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania, 15202**  
**Regular Meeting of Council**  
**November 16, 2010**  
**Minutes**

**Council Members Present**

Rob Galbraith, Dan Herchenroether, Judy Konitsney, Lloyd Corder, Rich White, Brian Tokar, Sue Weiss

**Council Members Absent**

None

**Others Present**

Bob Jones, Mayor

Chuck Means, Solicitor

Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman

Carmella Hallstein, Borough Secretary

Gary Buckman, Chief; Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department

Norbert Micklos, Chief; Ohio Township Police Department

**Call to Order**

Council President Lloyd Corder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Public Participation**

Susan Fink of 6941 Prospect Avenue stated that she heard there were concerns about funding the Bookmobile in 2011. She stated that she has patronized the Bookmobile since she was 12 years old and urged council to continue funding the service.

P. J. Jones of 7119 Ohio River Boulevard asked for council's permission to hang some holiday decorations on the outside of the Borough Hall. She stated that she also wanted to hang lights on the tree in front of the building. Mrs. Jones stated that she would use the decorations and lights the borough already has and purchase some new decorations, which would cost about \$300.00. Mrs. Jones stated that a private matching donation is available if the borough contributes \$150.00 towards the cost of the decorations.

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the expenditure of \$150.00 for holiday decorations for the Borough Hall.

Ed Schwilm of 339 Forest Avenue stated that he was concerned about Perrysville Avenue and asked why the contractor had not completed the project. He stated that during the construction some sidewalks were damaged and asked if the contractor would replace them. Mr. Galbraith will talk to the contractor and borough engineer and call Mr. Schwilm to discuss these issues.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Herchenroether; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2010 council meeting.

**Engineer's Report** - *report given by Rob Galbraith*

**Financial Report** – *report given by Judy Konitsney, Chair*

Motion: Mrs. Konitsney; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the October 2010 financial reports as presented.

Motion: Mrs. Konitsney; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the November 2010 accounts payable reports as presented.

**Intergovernmental Cooperation Report** – *report given by Lloyd Corder, Chair*

**Administration Report** - *report given by Brian Tokar, Chair*

**Public Works / Building and Property Report**

No Report

**Public Safety Report**

No Report

**Property Maintenance and Code Enforcement Report**

No Report

**Public Affairs Report**

No Report

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

Mayor Jones thanked Representative Dan Deasy and his staff for promptly responding to a problem that the State Gaming Commission had not handled.

Mayor Jones stated that the Halloween parade and lunch was a success and thanked the VFD, police department, public works department and everyone else involved for their help.

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

**Solicitor's Report** – *report given by Chuck Means, Solicitor*

**Fire Chief's Report** – *report given by Gary Buckman, Fire Chief*

**New Business**

**Ordinance 750**

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Herchenroether; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise Ordinance 750, which levies an ad valorem real estate tax and fixes the tax rate for the fiscal year 2011.

**Resolution 2010-07**

Motion: Mr. Herchenroether; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Resolution 2010-07, which approves, adopts and places into effect the 2010 Emergency Management Plan of the Borough of Ben Avon.

**Emergency Management Coordinator**

Motion: Mrs. Weiss; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve a stipend in the amount of \$400.00 for Mike Dufresne for writing the borough's Emergency Operations Plan.

**ADP Payroll Service**

Motion: Mrs. Konitsney; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to contract ADP to do the borough's payroll for 2011 and forward.

**Council Vacancy**

Mr. Herchenroether tendered his resignation from Ben Avon Borough Council effective December 31, 2010. He stated that due to professional and personal developments he would not be able to meet his commitments to the community.

Motion: Mrs. Weiss; Second: Mrs. Konitsney; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to accept Mr. Herchenroether's resignation from Council effective December 31, 2010.

**Old Business**

**2011 Bookmobile Service**

Mrs. Konitsney stated that a line item is included in the budget for funding bookmobile service in 2011.

**Executive Session**

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mrs. Konitsney; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:27 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to Regular Session at 9:00 p.m.

**2011 Budget**

Motion: Mrs. Weiss; Second: Mr. Herchenroether; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise the 2011 budget pending changes per council's direction to be submitted by Judy Konitsney.

**Adjournment**

Motion: Mrs. Weiss; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carmella Hallstein*

Borough Secretary