

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – December 13, 2011
Minutes

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

Rob Galbraith, Michael Bett, Judy Konitsney, Lloyd Corder, Richard White, Brian Tokar, Sue Weiss

Council Members Absent

None

Others Present

Chuck Means, Solicitor

Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman

Carmella Hallstein, Borough Secretary

Gary Buckman, Assistant Chief; Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department

Norbert Micklos, Chief; Ohio Township Police Department

Public Participation

John Goodhart of 6616 Virginia Avenue addressed council about the discussion at the November meeting regarding ways to control the deer population in the borough. He stated that one suggestion discussed was to allow hunting on borough property. Mr. Goodhart stated that he endorsed this type of solution. He stated that there are residents in the borough that would be happy to alleviate Ben Avon of its excess deer.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mrs. Konitsney; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2011 council meeting.

Engineer's Report – *No Report*

Financial Report - *Report given by Judy Konitsney, Chair*

Motion: Mrs. Konitsney; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the November 2011 financial reports as presented.

Motion: Mrs. Konitsney; Second: Mr. White Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the December 2011 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$30,581.55 from the general fund account.

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 – *No Report*

Emergency Management Report – *No Report*

Police Chief's Report – *No Report*

Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission – *No Report*

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

Fire Chief's Report – *Report given by Gary Buckman, Assistant Chief; BAVFD*

New Business

Request for Handicap Parking Space

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mrs. Konitsney; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to establish a handicap parking space at 247 Forest Avenue so long as Diane Scanlon requires the use of a handicap parking space in front of her home or until September 30, 2013.

2012 Council Meeting Schedule

Council will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the borough municipal building with the exception of November and December during the calendar year 2012. The November and December meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month.

Reorganization Meeting

The reorganization meeting will be held Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the borough municipal building.

2012 Avonworth Municipal Authority Advisory Council Appointments

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Sandra Collins, Claire Wilwohl, Richard L. White, Bob Whalen and Terry Hartnett to the Avonworth Municipal Authority Advisory Council for one-year terms beginning January 31, 2012 and ending January 30, 2013.

Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission Appointment

Motion: Mrs. Weiss; Second: Mrs. Konitsney; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Scott Keener to the Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2015.

Code of Ordinances

Motion: Mrs. Weiss; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the advertisement of the final draft of the Ben Avon Borough Code of Ordinances.

Copier Lease Agreement

Motion: Mrs. Weiss; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the five-year lease agreement from ComDoc for a copy machine, with the changes suggested by counsel including removal of the Indemnity Clause on Page 3 , Section 11 and removal of the Guarantee on Page 3 and to authorize Richard White to sign the lease agreement.

Resolution 2011-12 (YMCA Lease Addendum)

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mr. Bett; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Resolution 2011-12, which approves the Addendum to the Commercial Lease by and between the Borough of Ben Avon and the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh (North Borough Branch).

Old Business

2012 Budget

Motion: Mr. Tokar; Second: Mr. Bett; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the 2012 Budget as presented.

Ordinance 751

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mrs. Konitsney; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Ordinance 751, which levies an ad valorem real estate tax and fixes the tax rate for the fiscal year 2012.

Park Avenue

Mr. Regrut stated that the no outlet sign and street sign for Park Avenue and the no parking sign for Schaffer Place had been installed.

Executive Session

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mrs. Weiss; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to recess to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss potential litigation.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mrs. Konitsney; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to Regular Session at 8:20 p.m.

Resolution 2011-15

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Resolution 2011-15, a resolution honoring Judy Konitsney for her many years of service to the Borough of Ben Avon.

Adjournment

Motion: Dr. Corder; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmella Hallstein

Borough Secretary