

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – February 21, 2012
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, Earl Bohn, Lloyd Corder, Richard White, Brian Tokar, Sue Weiss

Mr. Galbraith entered Council Chambers at 7:50 p.m.

Council Members Absent

None

Others Present

Chuck Means, Solicitor

Ed McGee, Engineer

Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman

Carmella Hallstein, Borough Secretary

Mike Dufresne, Emergency Management Coordinator

Jim Rupert, Chief; Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department

Norbert Micklos, Chief; Ohio Township Police Department

Public Participation

Alison Trexel of 225 Hilands Avenue addressed council about the issue of dog feces on the sidewalks. She stated that this is an environmental problem and a health issue. Mrs. Trexel stated that studies show that dog feces are contaminants to streams and rivers and that this is a greater health risk than people realize, adding that the feces can carry diseases such as E-coli, salmonella and roundworm. She asked council to do something about the problem and suggested things like sending flyers to residents, increasing fines and providing disposal bags along Church Avenue.

Kara Roggenkamp of 6891 Perrysville Avenue presented and reviewed a revised master plan for Avon Park. Dr. Corder stated that the upcoming work at the park would be funded with a DCNR Grant. Ms. Roggenkamp stated that she was working with the borough to put together the construction documents for the latest round of grants. She stated that the work at the park would include seeding and planting trees, renovation of one tennis court, removing the other tennis court and turning that area into green space, and installing a fence around the basketball court. Ms. Roggenkamp stated that gravel would be removed from the current parking area and focused parking spaces would be installed. She stated that the other major upgrade would be to improve accessibility to everything and to have paths that are reasonably sloped.

Approval of Minute

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2012 council meetings.

Engineer's Report – *Report given by Ed McGee, Engineer*

Financial Report - *Report given by Brian Tokar, Chair*

Motion: Mr. Tokar; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the December 2011 financial reports as presented.

Motion: Mr. Tokar; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the January 2012 financial reports as presented.

Motion: Mr. Tokar; Second: Mr. White Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the accrued December 2011 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$681.47 from the general fund account.

Motion: Mr. Tokar; Second: Mr. White Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the February 2012 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$26,038.96 from the general fund account.

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

Administration Report – *Report given by Richard White, Chair*
Mr. White requested an Executive Session to discuss legal matters.

Public Works / Building and Property Report – *Report given by Dale Regrut, PW Foreman*

Public Safety / Strategic Projects Report – *Report given by Michael Bett, Chair*

Fire / Public Affairs – *Report given by Earl Bohn, Chair*

Property Maintenance and Code Enforcement Report – *Report given by Sue Weiss, Chair*

Mayor's Report – *Report given by Bob Jones, Mayor*
Earl Bohn will replace Rob Galbraith as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.

Emergency Management Report – *Report given by Mike Dufresne, EMC*

Police Chief's Report – *Report given by Norbert Micklos, Chief; Ohio Township Police Dept.*

Fire Chief's Report – *Report given by Jim Rupert, Chief; BAVFD*

Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission – *No Report*

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

New Business

Resolution 2012-02

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Resolution 2012-02, which confirms the millage rate of 5.60 mills for collection of ad valorem real estate taxes for year 2012 as set by Ordinance 751.

Resolution 2012-03

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Bohn; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Resolution 2012-03, which adopts the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Old Business

None

Executive Session

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Bohn; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to recess to Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Bohn; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to Regular Session at 9:25 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Bohn; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmella Hallstein

Borough Secretary