

**Borough of Ben Avon**  
**7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202**  
**Regular Meeting of Council – April 17, 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

**Council Members Absent**

Sue Weiss

**Others Present**

Bob Jones, Mayor

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**

Mr. White introduced Patrick Connolly. He stated that Patrick is a Life Scout on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout. Mr. White stated that Patrick contacted him about doing a service project for the borough and that he had identified some cosmetic changes that could be made to the exterior of the Borough Hall. Patrick Connolly of 216 Dickson Avenue stated that he is fifteen years old and a Life Scout of Troop 572, which is chartered by Sacred Heart Church. Patrick stated that he wanted to discuss his Eagle Scout Project and presented his preliminary plan for the beautification of the Borough Hall. He stated that his Eagle Scout Project must be completed by his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Patrick stated that his project would require minimal financial assistance from the borough and that he would be doing most of the fundraising himself. Patrick asked if the borough had any money allocated for the improvements he had suggested. Mr. Tokar stated that there is \$1,000.00 in the budget for a new bulletin board. Patrick stated that prior to getting the budget for his project approved he would be seeking the volunteer assistance of landscape architects and contractors. He stated that when it came time to execute the project he would get volunteers from the Boy Scouts and other groups. Dr. Corder suggested that Patrick meet with Dale Regrut, the public works foreman to review the preliminary plan for the project and asked him to present a refined plan at the next council meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2012 council meetings.

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

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to reject all of the bids received for the Avon Park Improvements Project and to re-advertise the project.

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mr. Bohn; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the Avon Park Furniture bid that was submitted to the Quaker Valley Council of Governments from Jeffrey Associates for \$6,600.00 for a CDBG funded project.

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

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

Motion: Mr. Tokar; Second: Mr. Bohn; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the April 2012 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$34,164.62 from the general account.

**Intergovernmental Cooperation Report** – *No Report*

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

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

Mr. Regrut stated that he received three proposals for plumbing work at the Borough Hall. Proposals were received from Northboro's Plumbing, Graff Contracting and Brubach Plumbing for \$2,878.00, \$3,180.00 and \$3,170.00 respectively.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the proposal from Northboro's Plumbing for \$2,878.00 for plumbing work at the Borough Hall.

Mr. Regrut stated that he received a proposal from Brozda Painting for \$40,000.00 to paint the Borough Hall using the specifications prepared by Mr. Galbraith and a proposal from Doggrell Painting, Inc. for \$10,700.00 to paint the Borough Hall using one coat of paint. Mr. Regrut stated that Doggrell's proposal also included add-on options, such as painting the fire escape for an additional \$2,150.00. Mr. Galbraith stated that he would schedule a meeting with Doggrell to discuss their proposal.

**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** – *No Report*

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

**Emergency Management Report** – *No Report*

**Police Chief's Report** – *No Report*

**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**

**Elected Officials Basin Group**

Motion: Mr. Bohn; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Richard White to the 3 Rivers Wet Weather Elected Officials Basin Group as Ben Avon's representative and to appoint Lloyd Corder as the borough's alternate representative.

**Rock Salt Contract-First Option Year**

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to exercise the option to extend the contract with Cargill, Inc. for rock salt for an additional one year term commencing July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

**Old Business**

**Request to use Hamilton Hall**

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Bett; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the use of Hamilton Hall free of charge to Richard Graham on May 5, May 26, June 9, and June 23, 2012 to host free yoga classes for family and friends and every Saturday beginning July 7, 2012 and ending June 29, 2013 to host open yoga classes free to the community, contingent on Mr. Graham offering the free classes for the dates specified.

**Ordinance No. 754**

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Bohn; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Ordinance 754, which amends the Avalon-Bellevue-Ben Avon Joint Zoning Ordinance set forth in the Ben Avon Borough Code of Ordinances at Chapter 27, Zoning, Article V, Supplemental Regulations, to add regulations governing the height of structures within a defined proximity to the Pittsburgh International Airport to conform with Act 164, The Airport Zoning Act.

**Adjournment**

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Carmella Hallstein*  
Borough Secretary