

**Borough of Ben Avon**  
**7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202**  
**Regular Meeting of Council – June 19, 2012**  
**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

Council President Lloyd Corder called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Council Members Present**

Michael Bett, Earl Bohn, Lloyd Corder, Richard White, Brian Tokar, Sue Weiss

**Council Members Absent**

Rob Galbraith

**Others Present**

Bob Jones, Mayor

Emily Mueller, Solicitor

Ed McGee, Engineer

Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman

Carmella Hallstein, Borough Secretary

Jim Rupert, Chief; Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department

Adam Beck, Sergeant; Ohio Township Police Department

**Public Participation**

Dave Danylo of 6 Ben Avon Heights Road stated that he was representing his son Dan Danylo. He stated that Dan is a member of Boy Scout Troop 572 and he presented a written proposal for Dan's Eagle Scout Project to build a trail in Avon Park.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the proposal from Dan Danylo to build a trail in Avon Park for his Eagle Scout Project.

Terry Hartnett of 408 Dickson Avenue stated that a volunteer day to clean-up Avon Park and to repaint the pavilion, picnic tables and benches is scheduled on Saturday, June 30 from 8 a.m. until noon.

Bert Lauble, president of AWK Development, Inc. addressed council about the vacant row houses on Park Avenue. He stated that AWK purchased the Park Avenue property in late May and has submitted a subdivision plan to the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development (ACED) for review. Mr. Lauble stated that AWK has also been working with ACED to secure funding to demolish the existing buildings and to construct homes that will be available for sale to individuals making up to 100% of median income for Allegheny County. He stated that AWK would demolish all of the vacant buildings at one time and then begin construction on three two-story houses. Mr. Lauble stated that each house would be 1,530 sq. ft. with an unfinished basement of another 750 sq. ft. and include three bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms and a two-car integral garage. He stated that the appraised value of the houses would be \$165,000.00 to \$175,000.00. Mr. Lauble stated that demolition of the existing buildings and

construction of the three new houses should be completed in six to seven months, at which time AWK will go back to Allegheny County to request funds for another three houses. He stated that the second phase of construction would be completed in 2013. Mr. Lauble explained the Home Buyer Program and the “soft” second mortgage that would be placed on the property by ACED. Mr. Lauble asked council to consider a tax abatement for the buyers. Mrs. Weiss stated that she would contact Brad Waters at Avonworth School District to discuss an abatement, but added that if the school district is not interested she did not think that the borough would be.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mrs. Weiss; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2012 council meetings.

### **Engineer’s Report – Report given by Ed McGee, Engineer**

Motion: Mrs. Weiss; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize Ed McGee to renegotiate the Avon Park contracts and to spend up to an additional \$25,000.00 for Avon Park improvements.

Motion: Mrs. Weiss; Second: Mr. Bett; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the bids for Avon Park improvements from McElroy Paving Company for \$19,700.00 for paving the tennis court, from Bethlehem Wire & Fence Company for \$13,790.00 for fencing and from BIPCO for \$13,050.00 for top soil and seeding.

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

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

Motion: Mr. Tokar; Second: Mr. Bett; Motion carried by voice vote to approve the June 2012 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$100,498.17 from the general account. Mr. White abstained.

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

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

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Bohn; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the proposal from Patrick Connolly for upgrades to the exterior of the Borough Hall for his Eagle Scout Project.

### **Public Works / Building and Property Report – No Report**

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

### **Fire / Public Affairs Report – 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 – Report given by Adam Beck, Sergeant; Ohio Township Police Dept.**

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

**Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission Report** – *No Report*

**Solicitor's Report** – *Report given by Emily Mueller, Solicitor*

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mrs. Weiss; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the solicitor to prepare an advertisement for a public hearing for a proposed amendment to the Avalon-Bellevue-Ben Avon Joint Zoning Ordinance and to authorize the borough secretary to advertise the public hearing.

### **New Business**

#### **Rock Salt Contract Amendment**

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Bohn; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve an amendment to the contract with Cargill, Inc. for rock salt.

### **Old Business**

#### **Ordinance No. 755**

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Ordinance No. 755, which amends the Ben Avon Borough Code of Ordinances Section 15-207, regulating parking to add a provision restricting parking on both sides of Merton Road within 200 feet from the intersection of Merton Road and Perrysville Avenue.

### **Adjournment**

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mrs. Weiss; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carmella Hallstein*

Borough Secretary