

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – November 13, 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

Council Members Absent

None

Others Present

Bob Jones, Mayor

Chuck Means, Solicitor

Ed McGee, Engineer

Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman

Jim Rupert, Chief; Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department

Norbert Micklos, Chief; Ohio Township Police Department

Public Participation

P.J. Jones of 7119 Ohio River Boulevard requested Council contribute money towards the annual “Deck the Borough Hall” event. Councilmembers Bohn, Galbraith, and Tokar offered to donate money instead of allocating Borough funds. Mrs. Jones accepted their offer.

Gretchen Bartlett of 7126 Perrysville Avenue, Jennifer Bett of 221 Ridge Avenue, Kristin Thompson of 7417 Church Avenue, Melanie Hughes-Holcomb of 7318 Church Avenue, and Susan Fink of 6941 Prospect Avenue, all expressed support for the Bookmobile. Councilmembers expressed concern that the number of residents using the Bookmobile was too low. The aforementioned residents all expressed willingness to lead a fundraising effort to pay for the Bookmobile.

Motion: Mr. Bett; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by voice vote to approve the Bookmobile service for 2013. Mr. Bohn opposed the motion.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2012 Council Meeting.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Bohn; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the transcript of the October 30, 2012 Special Meeting of Council.

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

Financial Report - Report given by Brian Tokar, Chair

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

Motion: Mr. Tokar; Second: Mrs. Weiss; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise the 2013 Budget.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Report – No Report

Administration Report – Report given by Richard White, Chair

Public Works / Building and Property Report – Report given by Rob Galbraith, Chair

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

Fire / Public Affairs Report – 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

Emergency Management Report – No Report

Police Chief’s Report – No Report

Fire Chief’s Report – Report given by Jim Rupert, Fire Chief

Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission Report – No Report

Solicitor’s Report – Report given by Chuck Means, Solicitor

New Business

Ordinance No. 759

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise Ordinance No. 759, levying an *ad valorem* real estate tax for 2013.

Resolution 2012-14

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Bohn; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve Resolution 2012-14, entering in to a three-year contact for police services with the Township of Ohio.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 757

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Bett; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve Ordinance No. 757, which amends the Ben Avon Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Part 1, transient retail business, to impose additional permit application requirements and to provide for additional rules of conduct that will allow residents to elect not to receive licensed solicitation at their homes and businesses.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Bett; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. White

Member of Council