

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – December 11, 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, Lloyd Corder, Richard White, Brian Tokar, Sue Weiss

Council Members Absent

Earl Bohn

Others Present

Bob Jones, Mayor

Chuck Means, Solicitor

Mike Dufresne, Emergency Management Coordinator

Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman

Carmella Hallstein, Secretary

Jim Rupert, Chief; Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department

Norbert Micklos, Chief; Ohio Township Police Department

Public Participation

Luke Donovan of 10 Miller Street, Emsworth, PA asked council for permission to run a 5K race through Ben Avon on Saturday June 1, 2013. He stated that the 5K LCPL Patrick Brian Kenny Memorial Run/Walk would start and finish at the Lance Corporal Patrick B. Kenny Memorial Field and go through Ben Avon and Emsworth. Mr. Donovan stated that proceeds from the run would be donated to the Semper Fi Fund, which is a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to wounded Marines and their families. He also asked for permission to hang a banner on Church Avenue to advertise the race. Mr. Bett volunteered to be a liaison for the event.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to give permission to the LCPL Patrick B. Kenny Memorial Fund to run a 5K race through Ben Avon on June 1, 2013 and to hang a banner on Church Avenue.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mrs. Weiss; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2012 council meeting.

Engineer's Report – No Report

Financial Report - Report given by Brian Tokar, Chair

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

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

Motion: Mr. Tokar; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the December 2012 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$33,722.71 from the general account.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Report – No Report

Administration Report – Report given by Richard White, Chair

2013 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 2013. The November and December meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise the 2013 council meeting schedule.

Avonworth Municipal Authority Advisory Council Appointments

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mrs. Weiss; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to reappoint 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, 2013 and ending January 30, 2014.

Avonworth Municipal Authority Voting Board Appointment

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mrs. Weiss; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to reappoint Laurie Berie to the Avonworth Municipal Authority Voting Board for a five-year term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2017.

Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission Appointments

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Katherine Houska to the Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2016 and to appoint John Busse as an alternate for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2014.

Solicitor Appointment

Motion: Mrs. Weiss; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to reappoint Charles Means and the law firm of Goehring, Rutter & Boehm as the borough solicitor.

Engineer Appointment

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to reappoint Ed McGee as the borough engineer.

Terrorism Insurance Coverage

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to reject terrorism insurance coverage for 2013.

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

Public Safety / Strategic Projects Report – No Report

Fire / Public Affairs Report – *No Report*

Property Maintenance and Code Enforcement Report – *No Report*

Mayor’s Report – *No Report*

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

Police Chief’s Report – *No Report*

Fire Chief’s Report – *No Report*

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

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

New Business

None

Old Business

2013 Budget

Motion: Mr. Tokar; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the 2013 Budget as presented.

Ordinance 759

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote for the purposes of compliance with 16 P.S. §4980.2(b), to adopt Ordinance No. 759 setting the final 2013 millage rate at such rate as will cause the total amount of the Borough’s 2013 property tax revenue received exclusively as a result of the reassessment to equal the property tax revenue received in 2012 and adopting the same method to calculate the millage as was used in 2012.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmella Hallstein

Borough Secretary