

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – February 19, 2013
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

Council Members Absent

Earl Bohn

Sue Weiss

Others Present

Bob Jones, Mayor

Chuck Means, Solicitor

Ed McGee, Engineer

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

Dr. Corder introduced Michelle George and Dylan Duerring. He stated that Ms. George is a teacher at Avonworth and in charge of all senior projects. Dr. Corder stated that Dylan Duerring is a senior at Avonworth. Ms. George stated that Dylan is working on his Eagle Scout project and finalizing his senior project. She stated that the proposed Senior / Eagle Scout project for the Borough Hall second floor meeting room would include updating the kitchen area by securing and sanding the cabinets, installing new hardware, removing the top cabinets and replacing the counter top. She said the project would also include painting the room, removing the radiator covers and painting the radiators with a heat resistant paint. Ms. George stated that the project should take about two days and would cost about \$2,500.00. Mr. White stated that he did not think \$2,500.00 was in line with what the borough contributed for an Eagle Scout project for improvements to the outside of the Borough Hall, noting that \$1,000.00 was approved for the other project only because it was already in the budget. Mr. Galbraith stated that the cost of the project would require un-programmed funding and suggested funding part of the project. Mr. Tokar stated that there is \$19,000.00 in the budget for Borough Hall improvements for painting inside or for the proposed air conditioning system. Mr. Regrut reminded council about a pending expenditure for the Borough Hall for the installation of a new water service, which council approved last year. He stated that the work was not done last year and needs to be done this year. Mr. White asked Mr. Means if there would be any liability issues with the proposed project. Mr. Means stated that the borough has a Volunteer Participation Agreement Release Form that should be signed by all volunteers over the age of 18 and signed by a parent or legal guardian for volunteers under the age of 18.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve expenditures not to exceed \$1,000.00 for paint and materials for the second floor Borough Hall meeting room.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2013 council meeting.

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

Mr. McGee stated the PennDOT would be resurfacing Route 65. He stated that currently the borough is responsible for the drainage on the roadway, both the pipes under the road and the inlets. Mr. McGee stated that PennDOT is going to install new inlets and take responsibility for them minus the steel grate on the surface of the inlet, which will still remain the borough's responsibility. He stated that the borough would still be responsible for cleaning the inlets. Mr. McGee stated that one of the problems PennDOT has been dealing with across the state are the existing and needed ADA ramps. He stated that over the last several years the design parameters for the ADA ramps have changed, adding that new types of ramps are now mandated. Mr. McGee stated that PennDOT is proposing to change all of the ADA ramps on Route 65 and that they are expecting the borough to pay for a portion of the cost. He stated that the ramps have a total cost of well over \$100,000.00 and that the borough's share would be about \$21,000.00. Mr. McGee introduced Andrea Nash, the PennDOT Project Manager for the Route 65 resurfacing project. Ms. Nash reviewed the scope of work for the project and explained the required changes for the ADA ramps. She stated that the borough would be required to sign a Reimbursement & Maintenance Agreement for the ADA ramps, but noted that the borough would not be invoiced for its share of the cost until spring of 2014.

CCTV Inspections

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the expenditure of \$2,500.00 for CCTV inspections of the sewers on Breeding Avenue, Shaffer Place, Park Avenue and Brighton Road from Forest Avenue to Emsworth.

Mr. Galbraith requested an Executive Session to discuss legal matters.

Financial Report - Report given by Brian Tokar, Chair

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

Motion: Mr. Tokar; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the January 2013 financial reports as presented.

Motion: Mr. Tokar; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the December 2012 accrued accounts payable report as presented, authorizing payments of \$3,832.12 from the general account.

Motion: Mr. Tokar; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the February 2013 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$31,406.26 from the general account.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Report – Report given by Lloyd Corder, Chair

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

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

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 – *No Report*

Police Chief's Report – *No Report*

Fire Chief's Report – *Report given by Jim Rupert, Chief; Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department*

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

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

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the preparation and advertisement of an amendment to the Tax Abatement Ordinance.

New Business

None

Old Business

Ordinance No. 760

Motion: Mr. Bett; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Ordinance 760 with Section 4 deleted, confirming the millage rate for collection of ad valorem real estate taxes for year 2013 as set by Ordinance 759.

Executive Session

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mr. Bett; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to recess to Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to Regular Session at 8:47 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmella Hallstein

Borough Secretary