

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – April 16, 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, Sue Weiss

Council Members Absent

Earl Bohn
Brian Tokar

Others Present

Bob Jones, Mayor
Chuck Means, Solicitor
Ed McGee, Engineer
Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman
Carmella Hallstein, Secretary
Mike Dufresne, Emergency Management Coordinator
Jim Rupert, Chief; Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department
Norbert Micklos, Chief; Ohio Township Police Department

Public Participation

Len Barcoucky of 7028 Flaccus Road addressed council about the bookmobile. Mr. Barcoucky stated that he was representing the Friends of the Ben Avon Bookmobile, which is an organization that is seeking to raise both awareness and funds for the bookmobile. He stated that the organization is grateful to council for agreeing to provide full funding for the bookmobile in 2013. Mr. Barcoucky stated that the group has been busy for months since several council members indicated that the bookmobile needed to seek alternative sources of funding for the future. He stated that the organization has received \$233.00 in direct donations and a pledge from the Avon Club for \$500.00. Mr. Barcoucky stated that the organization is planning two fund raising events, is making efforts to inform people about the bookmobile through print and online media and should soon have its 501c3 non-profit certification.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mrs. Weiss; Second: Mr. Bett; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2013 council meeting.

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

Mr. McGee introduced Sam Cancilla from Red Zone Robotics. Mr. McGee stated that the technology used by Red Zone Robotics for sewer inspections is a significant improvement over what past firms have used. Mr. Cancilla stated that Red Zone Robotics is based in Lawrenceville and has been business for over twenty-five years. He stated that Red Zone uses robots and a

software system program to inspect, benchmark and prioritize a sewer system. Mr. Cancilla gave a PowerPoint presentation about the company and the technology used for the sewer inspections and he explained the management software program. Mr. McGee stated that the borough has been doing CCTV sewer inspections for at least fifteen years, typically when the borough is doing a street project. He stated that the problem with that approach is that each contractor uses a slightly different database, adding that the borough has results of inspections on still photographs, video tapes and CDs, none of which can be put together to get a status of the entire sewer system. Mr. McGee stated that the pipes in the borough's sewer system are at least 100 years old and recommended something be done over the next one or two years that gives an overview of the entire system, which would provide a baseline assessment that could be used to prioritize repairs.

Financial Report - Report given by Richard White

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

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the April 2013 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$44,297.16 from the general account.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Report – No Report

Administration Report – No Report

**Public Works / Building and Property Report – Report given by Rob Galbraith, Chair
Bicycle Street Path Indicators**

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve expenditures for the purchase of a Share the Lane stencil and paint for use on Church Avenue.

PennDOT Agreement

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Resolution No. 2013-02, which authorizes execution of a Reimbursement and Maintenance Agreement between Ben Avon Borough and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, for the updating of certain pedestrian facilities in connection with Ohio River Boulevard reconstruction, selecting payment Option A.

Rock Salt Contract-Second Option Year

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mrs. Weiss; 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, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

Public Safety / Strategic Projects Report – No Report

Fire / Public Affairs Report – No Report

Property Maintenance and Code Enforcement Report – Report given by Sue Weiss, Chair

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

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

Ordinance No. 762

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mrs. Weiss; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Ordinance 762, which amends the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Ben Avon, Chapter 15, to add a new part imposing the restrictions on truck traffic set forth in Ordinance No. 671 and to readopt, reinstate and continue all of the provisions of Ordinance No. 671.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mrs. Weiss; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmella Hallstein

Borough Secretary