

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – May 21, 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, Sue Weiss

Council Members Absent

Earl Bohn

Others Present

Bob Jones, Mayor

Chuck Means, Solicitor

Ed McGee, Engineer

Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman

Carmella Hallstein, Secretary

Mike Dufresne, Emergency Management Coordinator

Adam Beck, Sergeant; Ohio Township Police Department

Public Participation

Patrick Connolly of 216 Dickson Avenue addressed council about his Eagle Scout Project to enhance the exterior of the Borough Hall. He stated that they began work on the project last weekend, adding that they removed some shrubs, put down topsoil and relayed the bricks around the clock. Patrick stated that they would be working on the project every weekend after Memorial Day and planned to have it completed by the first weekend in July.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mrs. Weiss; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2013 council meeting.

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

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the bid from Suit-Kote Corporation for \$12,750.00 for the Bituminous Pavement Crack Sealing Project.

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the bid from Pampena Landscape and Construction, Inc. for \$167,620.00 for the Breeding Avenue Reconstruction and Related Storm and Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project.

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mr. Bett; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize Ed McGee to hire an engineering firm to survey Shaffer Place.

Financial Report - Report given by Brian Tokar, Chair

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

Motion: Mr. Tokar; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the May 2013 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$43,115.86 from the general account.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Report – Report given by Lloyd Corder, Chair

Administration Report – Report given by Richard White, Chair

Mr. White requested an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

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

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

Fire / Public Affairs Report – No Report

Property Maintenance and Code Enforcement Report – No Report

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

Emergency Management Report – Report given by Mike Dufresne, EMC

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Bett; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Resolution No. 2013-03, which adopts the 2013 Emergency Management Manual of the Borough of Ben Avon as presented and authorizes the appropriate borough officials to sign the Promulgation in connection therewith.

Police Chief’s Report – Report given by Adam Beck, Sergeant; Ohio Twp. Police Department

Fire Chief’s Report – No Report

Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission Report – No Report

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

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize Charles Means to sign the Tax Appeal Stipulations for withdraw of the AWK property assessment appeals.

Motion: Mr. Tokar; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the borough bookkeeper to issue a refund of realty transfer tax to Jennifer K. Janke in the amount of \$448.62 in accordance with the Order dated May 1, 2013 issued by the Pennsylvania Board of Finance and Revenue.

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Executive Session

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to recess to Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss potential litigation.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene Regular Session at 8:55 p.m.

Regular Session

Motion: Mr. Bett; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the solicitor to draft an amendment to the Solicitation Ordinance and authorize the borough secretary to advertise the ordinance.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Bett; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmella Hallstein

Borough Secretary