

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – February 18, 2014
Minutes

Call to Order

Council President Earl Bohn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Oath of Office

Mayor Robert Jones administered the oath of office to Council Member Kenneth Opipery, Jr. who then signed the oath to be filed of record.

Council Members Present

Julian Wynnyckyj, Michael Wrbas, Richard White, Earl Bohn, Philip Brind'Amour, Michael Bett, Ken Opipery

Council Members Absent

None

Others Present

Bob Jones, Mayor
Anne Sweeney, Solicitor
Ed McGee, Engineer
Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman
Carmella Hallstein, Secretary
Gary Buckman, Assistant Chief; Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department
Norbert Micklos, Chief; Ohio Township Police Department

Public Participation

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2014 and the February 4, 2014 council meetings.

Engineer's Report – Report given by Ed McGee

Motion: Mr. Opipery; Second: Mr. Wynnyckyj; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Quaker Valley Council of Governments to advertise the Park Avenue & Shaffer Place Road and Sidewalk CDBG project.

Motion: Mr. Opipery; Second: Mr. Wynnyckyj; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the borough engineer to solicit bids for sanitary and storm sewer CCTV inspections.

Financial Report - Report given by Richard White, Chair

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

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the January 2014 financial reports as presented.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Brind'Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the December 2013 accrued accounts payable report as presented, authorizing payments of \$8,030.69 from the general account.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wynnyckyj; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the February 2014 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$41,779.09 from the general account.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Brind'Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the transfer of \$260,000.00 from the general account to the capital improvement account.

Administration Report – No Report

Public Works / Building and Property Report – Report given by Julian Wynnyckyj, Chair

Public Safety / Code Enforcement Report – No Report

Public Affairs Report – No Report

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

Mayor Jones read a note that he received from Cathy Elder about Dale Regrut's and Mark Santucci's service to the borough. See Exhibit A. Mayor Jones then presented and read a Declaration of Thanks to Dale Regrut and to Mark Santucci. See Exhibits B and C.

Emergency Management Report – No Report

Police Chief's Report – No Report

Fire Chief's Report – Report given by Gary Buckman, Assistant Chief; Ben Avon VFD

Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission Report – Report given by Richard White

Solicitor's Report – No Report

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Brind'Amour; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmella Hallstein

Borough Secretary

Dear Bob,

When you have the time at an upcoming Council meeting, please take time to commend Messrs. Regout and Santucci for their service to Ben Bron Borough.

Whether it be the Autumn when leaves fall or the Winter when snow falls, they are always offering great service to our Borough.

Their service during this cold wave and snow attests to their dedication.

Sincerely,
Cathy Elder
Church Ave.
Ben Bron



Robert B. Jones
Mayor Ben Avon

To all whose presence shall come. Be it known that;

Dale Regrut has served the borough of Ben Avon for a period of thirty five years as supervisor of our Public Works Department.

AND WHEREAS:

He has rarely missed a day of work and has remained resolute in the principles of hard work and dedication to this community; thus serving our borough with Industrious Honor and integrity.

AND WHEREAS:

He has often used his own ingenuity and skill to restore hundreds of things that would have cost this borough tens of thousands of dollars to be repaired by an outside source.

AND WHEREAS:

Because of this man's efforts the well maintained sidewalks; trees; shrubs; streets; and more are a benchmark that other communities can only strive to emulate.

AND WHEREAS:

His many selfless and untiring efforts and contributions to our neighborhood should not go un-noticed by this governing body; the community; and myself.

IT IS NOW THEREFORE:

On this 18th day of February 2014; with deep appreciation and pride that I take this opportunity; on behalf of this Council and all of the residents of Ben Avon; to thank Dale for his dedication and service to our community; and present him with this written declaration of our thanks for an outstanding job of community service well done!

We all wish him good health and hope that he might see fit to continue to serve this borough for many years to come! I am proud to be the Mayor of this Borough because of folks like this man; and I am proud to call him my friend!

Robert B. Jones	Council President:	Councilman:	Councilman:
Mayor	Council Vice President:	Councilman:	Borough Secretary:
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Robert B. Jones

Mayor Ben Avon

To all whose presence shall come. Be it known that;

Mark Santucci has served the borough of Ben Avon for a period of twenty years as a member of our Public Works Department.

AND WHEREAS:

He has remained resolute in the principles of hard work and dedication to this community; thus serving our borough with Honor and integrity.

AND WHEREAS:

He has often used his own ingenuity and skill to restore many pieces of borough property that would have cost this borough thousands of dollars to be repaired by an outside source.

AND WHEREAS:

Because of this man's efforts our well maintained sidewalks; trees; shrubs; streets; and more are a benchmark that other communities can only strive to emulate.

AND WHEREAS:

His many selfless and untiring efforts and contributions to our neighborhood should not go un-noticed by this governing body; the community; and myself.

IT IS NOW THEREFORE:

On this 18th day of February 2014; with deep appreciation and pride that I take this opportunity; on behalf of this Council and all of the residents of Ben Avon; to thank Mark for his dedication and service to our community; and present him with this written declaration of our thanks for an outstanding job of community service well done!

We all wish him good health and hope that he might continue to serve this borough for many years to come! I am proud to be a resident of this Borough because of folks like Mark.

Robert B. Jones

Mayor
Borough of Ben Avon

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