

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Special Meeting of Council – February 2, 2016
Minutes

Call to Order

Council Vice-President Richard White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

Julian Wynnyckyj, Michael Wrbas, Richard White, Ken Opiery, Earl Bohn (via telephone)

Council Members Absent

Phil Brind'Amour

Others Present

Robert Jones, Mayor
Anne Sweeney, Solicitor
Lisa Cronin, Secretary

Public Participation – None

Council Member Appointment

Three residents submitted Resumes/CV's for the open seat on council, Brad Cole, Russell Kuehner and Jim Kane. All three residents were present. Julian Wynnyckyj asked each candidate to give specific examples of skills that could benefit council and the community.

Richard White suggested the table of council members verbally list their first preference by name and whoever gets the lowest number of votes gets eliminated and the council will do it again a second time and whoever is left will be that person who then will hopefully be unanimous by motion to be the candidate. Earl Bohn Agreed.

First Round:

Michael Wrbas	Jim Kane
Richard White and Ken Opiery	Russell Kuehner
Julian Wynnyckyj, Earl Bohn	Brad Cole

Jim Kane had the least amount of votes so council thanked him and he left. Council continued with voicing their first preference.

Second Round:

Richard White, Ken Opiery	Russell Kuehner
Julian Wynnyckyj, Michael Wrbas, Earl Bohn	Brad Cole

Russell Kuehner received the least amount of votes. Council thanked him and he left.

Resolution 2016-01

Motion: Mr. Wrbas; Second: Mr. Wynnyckyj; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Resolution 2016-01, which appoints a qualified resident of the borough to the vacancy on council and resolves that Brad Cole be appointed to council for a term in office beginning immediately and ending January 2, 2018.

New Business

Transfer of Funds

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. Wynnyckyj; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to transfer \$300,000.00 from the General Account to the Capital Improvement Account.

Old Business

Tax Collector Vacancy

Mr. White asked for permission to advertise the vacant Real Estate Tax Collector position in The Citizen newspaper immediately. Software from the previous Tax Collector’s office was removed from her computer and downloaded onto a memory stick, which was placed in borough’s office safe. Council accepted the resignation on January 4, 2016 and the Solicitor believes we have 45 days after accepting the resignation to post/advertise the position.

West View Water Authority

Anne Sweeney asked if there was any new mail/checks/email from West View Water Authority (WVWA) regarding the Prospect Avenue water main break. Ms. Sweeney informed WVWA that the borough has an Ordinance on the books to take action if necessary for reimbursement(s). Ms. Sweeney has stated that she been playing phone tag with the WVWA attorney. Ms. Sweeney stated that she would try to resolve the matter and asked council to hold off on taking any action.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Wynnyckyj; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cronin

Borough Secretary