

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – December 13, 2016
Minutes

Call to Order

Council President Earl Bohn called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

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

Council Members Absent

Philip Brind'Amour

Mayor Robert Jones

Others Present

Anne Sweeney, Solicitor

Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman

Lisa Cronin, Secretary

Jim Rupert; Chief; Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department

Norbert Micklos; Chief, Ohio Township Police Department

Public Participation

Kara Roggenkamp who resides at 6891 Perrysville Avenue wanted to make sure council new about the broken slide and the low playground surface at Avon Park. Public Works Department Foreman, Dale Regrut said the borough has a new slide ready to install and was aware of the playground surface. Mr. Regrut informed council that there was a recall notice for the other park slide and he is working on that replacement.

Executive Session:

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to begin Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. for discussing personnel matters. Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. Kuehner; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene Regular Session at 7:23 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Cole; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2016 council meeting.

Financial Report - Report given by Ken Opiery, Co Chair

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the November 2016 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$29,012.54 from the general account.

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

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Pipery; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the December 2016 Revenue and Expense. Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Kuehner; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to convert the position of Bookkeeper to that of Finance Clerk at a rate of \$15.00 per hour effective as of April 1, 2017.

Public Works / Building and Property Report – *Report given by Ken Pipery, Chair*

Public Safety/Code Enforcement – *No Report*

Public Affairs – *No Report*

Mayor’s Report – *Report given by Richard White*

Mayor Jones asked that Mr. White read letter of appreciation to the several Volunteer Fire Fighter Departments that responded to the house fire on Berringer Place. See Exhibit A

Police Chief’s Report – *No Report*

Fire Chief’s Report – *No Report*

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

Solicitor’s Report – *No Report*

New Business

2017 Council Meeting Schedule

Council meetings will remain on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. except for the November and December meeting, which will be on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise the 2017 Council meeting schedule.

Avonworth Municipal Authority Advisory Council Appointments

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Kuehner; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to reappoint Barbara Humphrey, Terry Hartnett, Bob Whalen and Richard L. White to the Avonworth Municipal Advisory Council for one-year terms beginning January 31, 2017 and ending December 31, 2018.

Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission Appointment

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to reappoint Catherine Houska to the Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2021.

Avonworth Community Park 2017 Budget

Motion: Mr. Cole; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve \$17,800.00 for Ben Avon’s portion of the Avonworth Community Park 2017 Budget.

Bookkeeping Services

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve Connelly, Steele and Company, P.C. as Ben bookkeeping services at a rate of \$15,600.00 for the year 2017 and using the boroughs existing software, MIP Fund Accounting, beginning January 1, 2017.

Old Business

Revised 2017 Budget

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Pipery; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the Revised 2017 Budget

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wrbas; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cronin,

Borough Secretary