

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – October 16, 2018
Minutes

Call to Order

President, Jennifer Bett, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

Jennifer Bett, Earl Bohn, Michele Boyd, Henry Casale, Megan Dolan, and Ken Opipery, David Stoeckle

Others Present

Melanie Holcomb, Mayor
Anne Sweeney, Esq., Solicitor
Joe Hanny, Chief, Ohio Township Police Department
Catherine Houska, Joint Planning Committee
Theresa Patsch, Borough Secretary

Public Participation

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Henry Casale; Second: Earl Bohn; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve minutes of the September 11, 2018 Council meeting.

Approval of Council Budget Minutes

Motion: Mr. Casale; Second: Mr. Stoeckle; Motion carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2018 Council Budget meeting. Mr. Bohn abstained due to his absence from that meeting.

Approval of Pre-Council Minutes

Motion: Mr. Casale; Second: Mr. Bohn; Motion carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2018 Pre-Council meeting. Mr. Stoeckle abstained due to his absence from that meeting.

Financial Report - Report given by Ken Opipery

Motion: Mr. Opipery; Second: Mr. Casale; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the financial reports as presented for September 2018.

Motion: Mr. Casale; Second: Mr. Opipery; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the accounts payable for \$47,774.98 for September 2018. Mr. Opipery reported a slight change to the report to identify and denote the online payments at a glance by the addition of the column labeled "General Ledger Expenditures."

Administration Report – *No Report given*

Public Affairs / Communications Report – *Report given by President Jennifer Bett*

Ms. Bett reported that the website will soon include some frequently requested forms for residents to download and complete. These forms are in the process of being updated and uploaded to the website for easy access.

Ms. Bett also reported that Savvy Citizen promotional materials delivered to the Borough office will be distributed and posted throughout the community to promote the use of the free app.

Public Safety/Code Enforcement Report– *No Report given*

Mr. Casale asked if we have jurisdiction to review and/or alter the zoning ordinance in regard to fence permits as the ordinance was presented by the Joint Planning Commission (JPC). Ms. Houska (JPC) stated that the JPC was currently working on the inconsistencies in the original ordinance. The proposed changes would make the ordinance simple and more consistent.

Public Works Report – *Report given by Ken Opiery*

Mr. Opiery reported that the paving process is complete. The contractor will be in the area to complete a punch list of items for any repairs that are necessary. Mr. Opiery noted that Public Works is aware of the large “swimming pool” at the intersection of Brighton Road and Belle Reviere Ct. and this section will require new asphalt.

Mr. Opiery made a motion to authorize a good faith payment of up to \$160,000 to the contractor until the corrections are made. Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. Stoeckle; motion carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize payment up to \$160,000.

Mr. Opiery also reported that leaf collection in the Borough will begin in the next few weeks and a temporary agency may be called upon to acquire workers for this project. Ms. Patsch reported that about eight applications have recently been forwarded to Mr. Regrut for his review.

Mr. Opiery stated the storm water ordinance should be adopted by December 31. He will work with Anne Sweeney, Solicitor, on that ordinance.

Quaker Valley COG Report – *No Report Given*

Mayor’s Report – *Report given by Melanie Holcomb*

Ms. Holcomb reported that she spoke with a concerned resident about street closures for recent community events. Ms. Holcomb thought perhaps going forward there could be mailings to the residents prior to the closures.

Ms. Holcomb also reported that she had an inquiry as to how a dye test on an abandoned property could be done as the home does not currently have water service.

A representative from Breathe Project contacted Ms. Holcomb to discuss ways to improve air quality.

Police Chief's Report – Report Given by Chief Joe Hanny

See Attachment A.

Chief Hanny reported a quiet month with 87 calls. As in the past, the department will be on patrol on Halloween night.

Fire Chief's Report - No Report Given

See Attachment B

Solicitor's Report – No Report Given

New Business

Zoning Hearing Board Candidate

The second candidate for the Zoning Hearing Board was unavailable to attend this council meeting, and withdrew his name from the application.

Motion: Mr. Bohn; Second: Henry Casale; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Rebecca Schwartz as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board with a term to expire December 31, 2018.

GIS Proposal – Susan Hockenberry, QV COG

Ms. Hockenberry presented information on the GIS (Geographic Information System) licenses available through the Quaker Valley COG. Ms. Hockenberry answered questions concerning potential uses and referred council members to the website for additional detailed information.

Old Business

Advertise Ordinances

Motion: Ken Opipery; Second: David Stoeckle; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise three ordinances put forth by the Joint Planning Commission concerning Short Term Rentals, Parking, and Signage prior to the council vote in November.

Adjourned to Executive Session

Motion: Mr. Bohn; Second: Mr. Stoeckle; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:22 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Bohn; Second: Mr. Casale; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene Regular Session at 8:43 p.m.

Adjournment

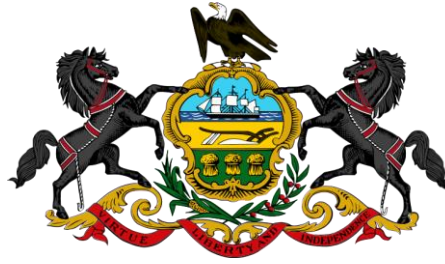
Motion: Mr. Opipery; Second: Mr. Casale; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ferrie Patsch

Ben Avon Borough Secretary

CHIEF OF POLICE
JOSEPH P. HANNY



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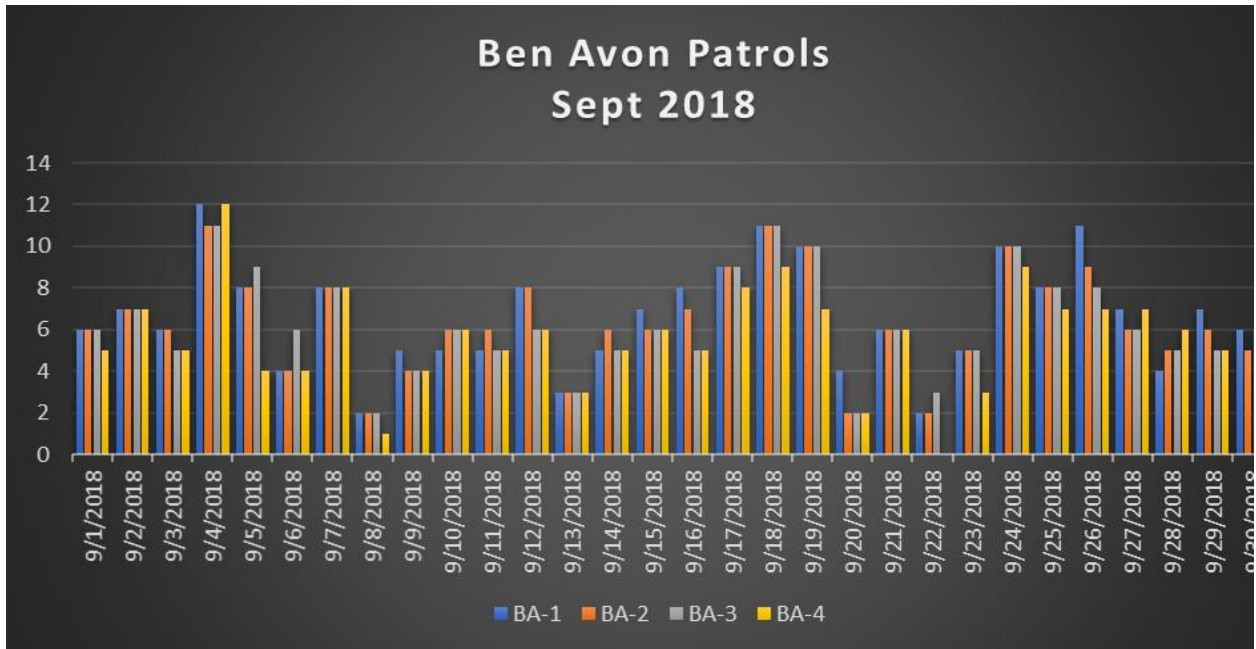
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OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Established 1803

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
126 Lenzner Ct, Sewickley, Pa. 15143



BA-1 199
BA-2 192
BA-3 188
BA-4 168

Sept 2018 – 747 patrols
Year to Date – 5897 patrols

10/09/2018

Call Service Report Grouped by Urcodes
OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE
09/01/2018 THROUGH 09/30/2018
For Municipality: 05

<u>CODE</u>	SEPT COUNT	YTD COUNT
0501 - ALARM - RESIDENCE	5	23
0503 - ALARM - BUSINESS	0	2
0619 - THEFT-\$200 & OVER-ALL OTHER	0	1
0633 - THEFT-UNDER \$50-RETAIL THEFT	0	1
0634 - THEFT-UNDER \$50-FROM AUTO (EXCEPT 0635)	0	1
0637 - THEFT - UNDER \$50 - FROM BUILDINGS	0	2
0639 - THEFT-UNDER \$50-ALL OTHER	0	3
0690 - THEFT - REPORTS	0	1
1100 - FRAUD	0	1
1410 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO AUTOMOBILES	0	6
1490 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - REPORTS	1	5
1810 - DRUG VIOLATIONS	0	17
1921 - GAMBLING - NUMBERS & LOTTERY - OPERATING	0	1
2020 - OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY-CHILD ABUSE	0	2
2112 - DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE-ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED	2	4
2122 - DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE - DRUGS-IMPAIRED	0	1
2300 - PUBLIC DRUNKENESS	0	4
2410 - HARASSMENT BY COMMUNICATION	0	5
2440 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT-DISTURBING THE PEACE	1	12
2450 - HARASSMENT	2	6
2626 - FALSE FIRE ALARM	1	1
2633 - DUMPING	1	4
2634 - FIRE CODE (ORDINANCE VIO.)	0	1
2640 - ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	0	1
2647 - PFA-PROTECTIVE ORDERS	0	11
2660 - TRESPASSING OF REAL PROPERTY	0	2
2800 - TWP ORD-SOLICITING	1	3
2810 - TWP ORD-ABANDONED VEH (INCLUDING STATE)	0	2
2890 - CURFEW & LOITERING (JUVENILE) - REPORTS	0	2
3000 - FOUND/RECOVERED PROPERTY	0	1
3100 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	2	8
3300 - SUICIDES	0	1
3400 - MENTAL HEALTH	8	14
3500 - SUSPICIOUS PERSONS	2	5
3502 - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	2	12
3600 - DISTURBANCES-DOMESTIC	0	8
3610 - DISTURBANCES-JUVENILE	0	1
3620 - DISTURBANCES-OTHER (FIGHTS, DISPUTES, ETC)	1	7
3820 - DISABLED VEHICLE	0	24
3840 - FIRES (INCLUDING ALARMS-FOUNDED/UNFOUNDED)	3	15
3850 - HAZARDOUS CONDITION/ NOT SNOW RELATED	2	5
3855 - ROAD DEPARTMENT CALL OUT	0	12
3860 - LOCKOUTS (VEHICLE/BLDG)	2	8
3870 - MEDICAL EMERGENCY/ ASSIST AMBULANCE	4	59
3880 - OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS - DISCOVERED	0	17
3885 - POST NO PARKING SIGNS	1	4
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ATTACHMENT B

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Personnel Count per Incident for Date Range
 Start Date: 08/01/2018 | End Date: 08/31/2018

INCIDENT				NUMBER OF PEOPLE		
NUMBER	DATE	INCIDENT TYPE	FDID	ON APPARATUS	NOT ON APPARATUS	TOTAL
2018-107	8/6/2018 16:22:16	631 - Authorized controlled burning	02109	3	0	3
2018-108	8/10/2018 08:16:51	463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	02109	3	1	4
2018-109	8/10/2018 13:42:53	651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	02109	3	2	5
2018-110	8/14/2018 18:59:34	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	02109	3	0	3
2018-111	8/18/2018 19:10:06	324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	02109	5	3	8
2018-112	8/23/2018 19:08:48	631 - Authorized controlled burning	02109	5	0	5
2018-115	8/27/2018 16:07:28	160 - Special outside fire, other	02109	2	5	7
2018-116	8/30/2018 10:05:21	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	02109	3	0	3
AVERAGES:				3.4	1.4	4.8

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Incident Type per Municipality for Date Range

Start Date: 08/01/2018 | End Date: 08/31/2018

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
Municipality: BELLEVUE	
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1
# Incidents for Bellevue: 1	

Municipality: BEN AVON	
631 - Authorized controlled burning	1
# Incidents for Ben Avon: 1	

Municipality: EMSWORTH	
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	6
# Incidents for Emsworth: 7	

Municipality: KILBUCK (TOWNSHIP OF)	
160 - Special outside fire, other	1
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1
631 - Authorized controlled burning	1
# Incidents for Kilbuck (Township of): 3	

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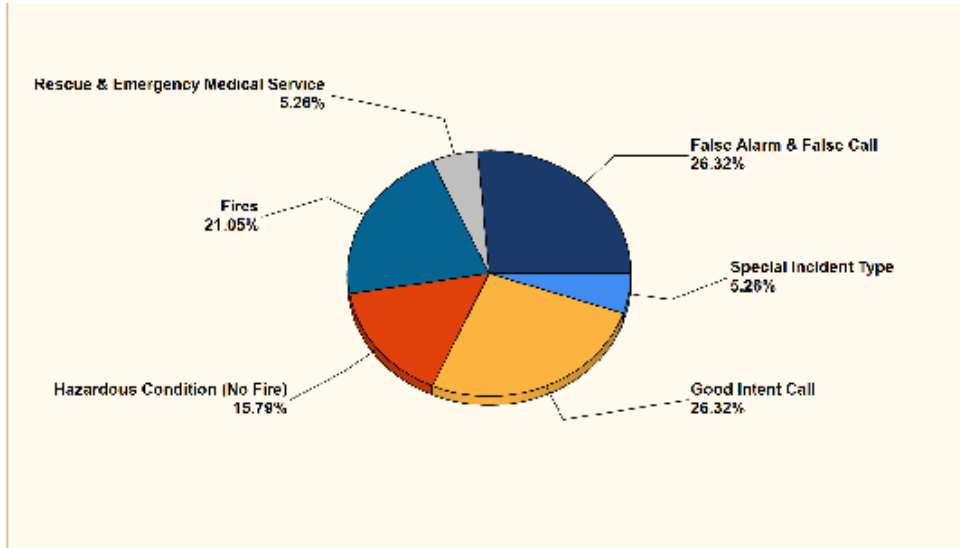
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 09/01/2018 | End Date: 09/30/2018



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	4	21.05%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	1	5.26%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	3	15.79%
Good Intent Call	5	26.32%
False Alarm & False Call	5	26.32%
Special Incident Type	1	5.26%
TOTAL	19	100.00%

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Personnel Count per Incident for Date Range

Start Date: 09/01/2018 | End Date: 09/30/2018

INCIDENT NUMBER	DATE	INCIDENT TYPE	FDID	NUMBER OF PEOPLE		
				ON APPARATUS	NOT ON APPARATUS	TOTAL
2018-118	9/8/2018 02:04:03	322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	02109	6	0	6
2018-119	9/9/2018 11:53:47	445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	02109	7	0	7
2018-120	9/9/2018 12:38:41	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	02109	6	1	7
2018-121	9/9/2018 18:27:12	900 - Special type of incident, other	02109	8	2	10
2018-122	9/11/2018 16:00:51	113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	02109	6	0	6
2018-123	9/12/2018 06:22:21	111 - Building fire	02109	3	1	4
2018-124	9/13/2018 13:18:11	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	02109	3	1	4
2018-125	9/17/2018 15:22:42	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	02109	3	4	7
2018-126	9/17/2018 18:44:39	745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	02109	6	2	8
2018-127	9/18/2018 09:44:51	740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	02109	2	0	2
2018-128	9/18/2018 13:09:44	736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	02109	3	1	4
2018-131	9/20/2018 09:57:09	736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	02109	3	0	3
2018-132	9/20/2018 23:19:29	460 - Accident, potential accident, other	02109	6	0	6
2018-133	9/21/2018 08:37:07	100 - Fire, other	02109	4	1	5
2018-134	9/25/2018 14:28:41	463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	02109	3	4	7
2018-135	9/29/2018 14:48:00	160 - Special outside fire, other	02109	5	3	8
AVERAGES:				4.6	1.3	5.9

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Incident Type per Municipality for Date Range

Start Date: 09/01/2018 | End Date: 09/30/2018

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
Municipality: AVALON	
100 - Fire, other	1
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1
# Incidents for Avalon: 3	

Municipality: BELLEVUE	
111 - Building fire	1
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
# Incidents for Bellevue: 3	

Municipality: BEN AVON	
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1
160 - Special outside fire, other	1
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1
460 - Accident, potential accident, other	1
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	1
900 - Special type of incident, other	1
# Incidents for Ben Avon: 8	

Municipality: EMSWORTH	
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	2
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
# Incidents for Emsworth: 4	

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