



# Borough of Ben Avon

**Borough of Ben Avon  
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202  
August 6, 2019 Council Work Session  
Minutes**

## **Call to Order**

Council President Jennifer Bett called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

## **Council Members Present**

Jennifer Bett, Earl Bohn, Henry Casale, David Stoeckle

## **Council Members Absent**

Megan Dolan, Ken Opiery, Michele Boyd

## **Others Present**

Terrie Patsch, Borough Secretary

## **Public Participation – no public participation**

## **Administration Report – Report given by Earl Bohn**

### **QV COG RAD Fee Assessment**

Mr. Bohn brought attention to council of a recent email from Susan Hockenberry, Quaker Valley Council of Governments, (QV COG) with an invoice attachment for a fee assessed to the Borough. The Regional Asset District sales tax assessment amount to be dedicated to intergovernmental cooperation is shown to be \$260.47, and will be paid accordingly. A portion of the fee will be used for COG operating expenses, and the remainder will be deposited in a capital reserve fund.

Mr. Bohn also reported the four-year pension audit by the PA Attorney General's office is complete with no report of findings and all records on hand for complete cooperation with the proceedings. Both the Police Pension fund and the Non-Uniform Pension funds were reviewed.

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

Ms. Bett reported working with the Borough Secretary in preparing a New Resident welcome letter and packet of information useful to those moving into the community. Copies of the letter and information packet will be sent to council members for their review prior to distribution.

Ms. Bett also reported meetings of Emergency Management services including representatives from Ben Avon, Kilbuck and Emsworth in attendance. Plans continue in efforts to share municipality's resources in the case of an emergency. A report will be presented at the next regional EMS meeting.

**Public Works Report** – *No Report given*

**Public Safety Report** – *Report given by Earl Bohn and David Stoeckle*

Mr. Bohn reported he continues to investigate alternatives for building inspection and code enforcement, but finds options to be very limited. He is currently following a lead with a neighboring municipality to see if their officer would be available to contract out his services.

Mr. Stoeckle reported the monthly meetings with BIU continue, with one being scheduled on 8/8/19. These meetings have ensured BIU follow through on various problem properties in the Borough and in maintaining the status updates on rental inspections.

Mr. Stoeckle also discussed several items he is working on with the Borough solicitor one of which is a proposed plan for an annual landlord and tenant registration. It is reported that many neighboring boroughs have this system in place with much success.

**Quaker Valley COG Report** – *No Report Given*

**New Business**

Ms. Patsch asked those present had any objection to the Avon Club using the Borough hall on December 7, the day of the club's Holiday House Tour. The Club would like to use the borough building as the origination point for the tour, and the council members agreed to their request.

Ms. Bett reported that the voting member representing Ben Avon on the Avonworth Park board will be resigning, and with four other committee positions open, that brings the total to 5 that need to be filled. She is asking for all council members to put the word out to the community looking for volunteers to participate.

**Old Business** – *No Old Business*

**Executive Session** – *To discuss contract matters*

Council adjourned to Executive session at 7:43 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

**Adjournment**

President Jennifer Bett adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Terrie Patsch*

*Ben Avon Borough Secretary*