



## **Borough of Ben Avon**

### **Council Meeting**

#### **Minutes**

**June 20, 2023**

The Borough of Ben Avon Council met in a regular voting session on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, and at 7101 Church Avenue for the purpose of transacting General Business. Vice President Jennifer Bett presided and opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Council Members Present: Jennifer Bett, Russell Kuehner, Ken Opiery, Kara Roggenkamp, Jim Thornton, Tavia Washington

Council Members Absent: Richard Wagner

Others Present: Ohio Township Police Chief Joe Hanny, Emsworth Fire Chief Jim Kohl, JPC Representative Christen Cieslak, Public Works Foreman Dale Regrut, Atty. Weston Pesillo, and Borough Secretary Terrie Patsch

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – *There was no public participation.*

#### **BOROUGH REPORTS**

Mayor's Report – *There was no report.*

Ohio Township Police Report – *See Attachment A*

Chief Hanny reported ninety-four calls, with no major problems to report. He reminded residents to be cautious as scams are on the rise. He stated that no local, State or Federal official will ask for your credit card information, and if you receive a call, please hang up and report it to the police.

Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company Report – *See Attachment B*

Chief Kohl reported forty-four calls this month, with four for Ben Avon. They responded to a tree down, a residence lockout and a fire alarm. He stated that calls were up for everyone.

Solicitor's Report

Attorney Pesillo referenced a recent letter and their response on behalf of the Borough from the State Attorney General regarding the decertification of the Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Company. The AG stated that following the decertification of the Fire Company, all tangible assets be



remanded to Emsworth. The application submitted by the Ben Avon company to merge with the Bellevue Volunteer Fire Company was recently withdrawn.

Attorney Pesillo also noted that they were informed of code violations on a property on Park Avenue, and they are working with Harshman CE Group to gather information for a search warrant. He is hoping to have more information to present to Council at next month's meeting.

#### Joint Planning Commission

Ms. Cieslak stated that the newly appointed Bellevue member will join the group in June. The most recent minutes will be emailed tomorrow. When she was last in attendance, the council asked Ms. Cieslak to submit a request for the Commission to explore EV charging infrastructure. She now has that framed on the form, and the Commission can go forward with the process.

Ms. Cieslak also stated that last month Avalon and Bellevue asked the Commission to review short term rental registrations. In addition, Bellevue would like to review and discuss the impact of chicken manure runoff in the storm water systems.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### May 17, 2023, Council Meeting

**Motion:** Mr. Thornton; **Second:** Ms. Washington; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2023, Council Meeting as presented.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

#### Revenue & Expense Report

**Motion:** Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Mr. Kuehner; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the financial statement as presented for the month of May 2023.

**Motion:** Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Ms. Washington; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$325,832.41. This amount includes payment for a street sweeper and sewer repair disbursed from the Capital Reserve Account.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### Administration Committee

Ms. Bett stated that a meeting of the Administration Committee is scheduled for the beginning of July. She has a personnel item for the Executive Session this evening.

#### Public Affairs & Communications.

Ms. Bett reports that there is a draft in process and a meeting scheduled to move forward with CivicsPlus on the development of the new website. She stated there should be more information



to give the Council in July. She also noted that it will soon be time to begin the latest issue of the Borough newsletter.

#### Public Safety – *See Attachment C*

#### Public Works

Mr. Opiery reported that the paving company will begin this week. The first step of the multi-step process is milling. In addition, there will need to be an extension to the bottom of Perrysville down to Church to apply a new wearing coat due to deterioration. There will be an incremental cost associated with the addition of this section of road.

Mr. Opiery stated that a problem developed with the street directly in front of his house where the asphalt had shifted due to the trolley track underneath the road was moving. This also required the contractor to repair this part of Church Avenue.

The ongoing problems at Ridge and Brighton/Belle Riviere where stormwater gathers will also be evaluated by the contractor. Overall, he noted that this contractor works well with the residents compared to some of those hired in the past. Mr. Opiery asks that residents not move cones to drive on the roads as allowing the time will add to the longevity.

He reported the fence on the new retaining wall on Brighton Road has been installed. In addition, the Forest Avenue sewer problem which has cost the Borough \$35,000 to repair continues. Mr. Opiery is looking for an additional quote on sewer lining before continuing the repair work.

Mr. Opiery reports the new street sweeper has been in use and Public Works reports nothing but positive feedback on the new piece of equipment.

#### Community of Governments - *See Attachment D*

Ms. Washington reported there will be a COG meeting at the Ben Avon Borough hall tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. Council members were installing and connecting the PurpleAir monitor this evening prior to the council meeting. She thanked Dale Regrut for his assistance with the installation.

#### Sustainability

Ms. Roggenkamp stated that she forwarded a draft RFP on the solar panel project to all the Council. She made minor edits and plans to provide the Borough's insurance requirements for their reference. A potential schedule was included; the RFP is due back at the end of June, the walk-through is planned the week of July 17. A feasibility study will be completed. Right now, they are focusing on the new building for the panels, and it may offset the usage for two of the Borough buildings. It is unclear at this time if the street lights will be offset. Bids from developers with pricing would be provided by August 4, and reviews of the proposals and selection due September 22.



Mr. Kuehner asked about the cost, and Ms. Roggenkamp stated that it would depend on which proposal was accepted, and the number of panels decided upon. Mr. Opiery respectfully reminded the Council that there are fundamental repairs and improvements that address the security, safety and efficiency of these buildings that should be a priority and asked that they keep that in mind. Mr. Thornton suggested that the annual forecast Mr. Opiery provides each year should be a guideline to prioritize those projects, however, participation in this program will give the Council more information to consider.

**MOTION:** Ms. Roggenkamp; **SECOND:** Mr. Thornton; **MOTION CARRIED** to submit the RFP for the GetSolar participation.

Ms. Roggenkamp also noted that the Council has discussed joining Pittsburgh CONNECT in the past but were unsure of the cost of membership. They have provided that the membership fee is \$158 per year, and forwarded a sample resolution to vote on when the Council is ready. Ms. Roggenkamp stated she will table that discussion and vote until the next meeting.

#### Special Projects

Centennial Building Committee – *Nothing to report this month.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### ACORD Member

Ms. Bett reported that a resident, Natalie Taylor, is interested in becoming a non-voting member representing Ben Avon. She will ask her to attend the next Council meeting to introduce herself if she is available.

**OLD BUSINESS** – *there was no old business this month.*

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - *for contract review and personnel matters*

**Motion:** Mr. Thornton; **Second:** Ms. Roggenkamp; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. to discuss contracts and personnel matters.

**Motion:** Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by voice vote to return to regular session at 9:24 p.m.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Motion:** Mr. Thornton; **Second:** Mr. Opiery; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,

*Terrie Patch*  
Borough Secretary

Attachment A



6/14/2023

**Call Service Report Grouped by Uccodes**OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE  
5/01/2023 THROUGH 5/31/2023  
For Municipality: 05

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>MAY COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
0490 - ASSAULT - REPORTS	1	1
0501 - ALARM - RESIDENCE	0	5
0617 - THEFT-\$200 & OVER-FROM BUILDINGS	1	1
0624 - THEFT-\$50 TO \$200-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0625)	1	1
0637 - THEFT - UNDER \$50 - FROM BUILDINGS	0	1
0644 - THEFT-ATTEMPTED-FROM AUTO (EXCEPT 0645)	1	1
1150 - FRAUD - CREDIT CARDS, ATM	0	3
1410 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO AUTOMOBILES	1	1
1490 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - REPORTS	1	1
1810 - DRUG VIOLATIONS	2	3
2000 - OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY & CHILDREN	0	1
2020 - OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY-CHILD ABUSE	0	1
2112 - DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE-ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED	1	4
2300 - PUBLIC DRUNKENESS	1	1
2410 - HARASSMENT BY COMMUNICATION	0	3
2450 - HARASSMENT	0	3
2460 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT-OBSCENE LANGUAGE	1	1
2626 - FALSE FIRE ALARM	1	3
2640 - ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	1	1
2647 - PFA-PROTECTIVE ORDERS	1	7
2656 - THREATS	1	3
2660 - TRESPASSING OF REAL PROPERTY	0	1
2911 - RUNAWAY - INCORRIGIBLE -MALE (JUVENILE)	1	1
3100 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	0	1
3400 - MENTAL HEALTH	0	7
3502 - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	2	6
3600 - DISTURBANCES-DOMESTIC	2	5
3610 - DISTURBANCES-JUVENILE	0	3
3620 - DISTURBANCES-OTHER (FIGHTS, DEPUTES, ETC)	0	1
3820 - DISABLED VEHICLE	2	9
3840 - FIRES (INCLUDING ALARMS-FOUNDED/UNFOUNDED)	0	1
3850 - HAZARDOUS CONDITION/NOT SNOW RELATED	3	7
3855 - ROAD DEPARTMENT CALL OUT	0	5
3860 - LOCKOUTS (VEHICLE/BLDG)	1	1
3870 - MEDICAL EMERGENCY/ ASSIST AMBULANCE	9	45
3880 - OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS - DISCOVERED	0	6
3885 - POST NO PARKING SIGNS	0	1
3900 - TRAFFIC & PARKING PROBLEMS	3	16
4010 - TRAFFIC OFFENSES	0	1
4012 - GAS LEAKS & EXPLOSIONS	1	2
4020 - SUSPICIOUS AUTO	1	1
4022 - SUSPICIOUS PERSON	3	12
4024 - WATER LEAKS, MAINS, ETC.	1	1
4026 - WIRES AND POLES DOWN	1	4
4027 - TREES DOWN	0	2
4091 - CIVIL DISPUTES	1	2
5002 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ANIMAL	1	1
5004 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ARTICLES	0	1
5008 - LOST & FOUND - LOST ARTICLES	0	1



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<u>CODE</u>	<u>MAY COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
5012 - LOST & FOUND - MISSING JUVENILE MALE	1	1
5506 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - STRAY ANIMALS	0	5
5510 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - INJURED/SICK	0	1
5590 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - REPORTS	2	4
6004 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING PROPERTY DAMA	2	3
6006 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING INJURY	1	2
6008 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING NONINJURY	0	4
6310 - TRAFFIC POST	3	7
6602 - TRAFFIC RELATED -IMPOUNDED VEHICLE	2	2
6603 - TRAFFIC RELATED - ABANDONED VEHICLE	0	3
6612 - TRAFFIC RELATED - SIGNALS-SIGNS OUT	1	3
6614 - TRAFFIC RELATED - CARELESS DRIVER	1	7
7010 - POLICE NOTIFICATIONS/INFO	7	24
7092 - ROUTINE PATROL COMPLETED	13	68
7504 - ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - OTHER POLICE	0	2
9008 - ADMINISTRATION - CLERICAL	0	1
911 - 911-HANG UP	0	1
CITT - TRAFFIC CITATION	7	28
CITW - WARNING	6	24
CKWE - WELFARE CHECK	1	7
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JOSEPH P. HANNY



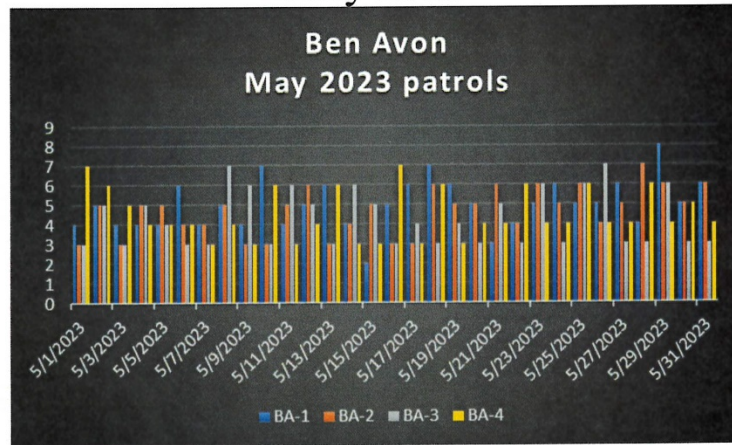
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**OHIO TOWNSHIP**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
*Established 1803*  
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania  
126 Lenzner Ct, Sewickley, Pa. 15143

**BEN AVON PATROLS FOR**  
**May 2023**



BA-1 154  
BA-2 145  
BA-3 132  
BA-4 139

TOTAL 570



## Attachment B

## Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company

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Incident Type(s): All Incident Types | Start Date: 05/01/2023 | End Date: 05/31/2023

Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
05/01/2023	2023-147	230035078	154 E. wedgewood dr.	fire alarm 249 on scene no need for fire. dispatched and cancelled. ROSS	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/01/2023	2023-148	230035038	north starr	accident one person got hit by a car. helped EMS and traffic control. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/01/2023	2023-149	230035150	687 Roosevelt RD	tree and wires down cut the tree of the road to reopen the road and call for DQL for the power wires. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/01/2023	2023-150	230035215	404 Reel Ave	natural gas inside the house. 249 on scene holding to 249. Dispatched and cancelled. ROSS	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/02/2023	2023-151	230035464	405 Grove Street	POSS. house fire 277 on scene nothing showing holding to 277. Dispatched and cancelled. McKees Rocks.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/03/2023	2023-152	230035617	6514 virgna ave	caller seen smoke coming from the roof. 103 on scene with nothing showing. Helped check outside the house nothing found besides steam coming off the roof. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/04/2023	2023-153	230035961	731 California Ave	Stove on fire inside the Apt. Helped with ventilation of the Apartment. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/04/2023	2023-154	230036029	155 Gass Rd.	Fire alarm due to construction workers working. Dispatched and cancelled. ROSS	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/05/2023	2023-155	230036285	710 O.R.B.	3 car accident helped with traffic control. And clean up. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/05/2023	2023-156	230036314	73 O.R.B.	tree and wires blocking one lane of 65. Helped with traffic control until DQL got there. Glenfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/06/2023	2023-157	230036509	4241 O.R.B.	motorcycle accident. 108 on scene with EMS no need for fire. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/07/2023	2023-158	230036926	21 Locust ST.	Structure fire. called for man power. McKees Rocks	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/08/2023	2023-159	230037080	Phillips LN	rope rescue. guy over the hill helped with getting him up the hill for EMS. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/09/2023	2023-160	230037294	1230 Settlers ridge center dr.	Structure fire got called for RIT. Moon Run	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/10/2023	2023-161	230037847	226 Cleveland Ave.	Fire alarm home owner called back with proper code. Dispatched and cancelled. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/10/2023	2023-162	230037723	208 Dickson Ave	Fire Alarm. Homeowner call back and said she had guys working on her house the set the alarm off. Dispatched And Cancelled Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/13/2023	2023-163	230038714	4489 O.R.B.	Accident involving a guy that got hit by a car. 108 on scene no need for fire only EMS. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
05/13/2023	2023-164	230038717	154 Orchard Ave	Accident VS a Pedestrian. Held EMS with the person and with traffic control. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/15/2023	2023-165	230039034	29 Hiland Ave	The deck on the back of the house caught on fire. Contact the A.C.F.M. for report on how the fire started. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/15/2023	2023-166	230039268	100 New Brighton RD	Fire alarm due to burnt food. Helped with setting up fans to vent the building. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/15/2023	2023-167	230039345	Brighton RD	Single accident into a tree. Helped with traffic control and clean up. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/16/2023	2023-168	230039537	537 Bayne ave	Elevator Rescue. 108 on scene no need for fire. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/16/2023	2023-169	230039545	45 N. Sprague Ave	Accident unknown injuries. 108 on scene holding to 108. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/16/2023	2023-170	230039660	8123 O.R.B.	Poss. accident with unknown injuries. searched the area nothing found. Dispatched and cancelled. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/18/2023	2023-171	230040232	72 N. Fremont Ave	accident with injuries. 108 on scene holding to 108 and EMS. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/19/2023	2023-172	230040402	O.R.B.	poss. accident with unknown injuries. PD on scene no need for fire just waiting for a tow truck. Glenfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/19/2023	2023-173	230040420	301 Walnut ST.	Gas leak outside of the address. Search the area nothing found. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/20/2023	2023-174	230040608	19 Avon Drive	Kid hit by a car PD on scene no need for fire only PD/EMS. Dispatched and cancelled. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/22/2023	2023-175	230041139	O.R.B.	Fire Alarm. 148 C-1 on scene found a bad smoke detector in the trash can with the battery still in the detector. Dispatched and cancelled. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/22/2023	2023-176	230041241	4 Knob RD	Fire alarm. Bedroom smoke detector. 220 C-1 on scene got ahold of the homeowner. No need for fire. Dispatched and cancelled. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/23/2023	2023-177	230041752	1001 New Brighton RD	lady arm stuck in a wheel chair. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/24/2023	2023-178	230041826	115 Monitor ave	lady locked her self out of her house. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/24/2023	2023-179	230041865	O.R.B.	Accident Dispatched and cancelled. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/24/2023	2023-180	230041946	326 Olivia St	poss. house fire 277 on scene holding to 277 Dispatched and cancelled. McKees rocks	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/24/2023	2023-181	230042006	300 N. Balph ave	Poss. tree on fire. PD on scene no fire holding to 108. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/24/2023	2023-182	230042001	831 Malvern rd	Side of the house on fire. Helped put the fire out and check for extension. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/26/2023	2023-183	230042547	706 O.R.B.	poss. accident. PD on scene no need for fire no accident just a car getting worked on and set the alarm off inside the car. Dispatched and cancelled. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/27/2023	2023-184	230042719	6500 virginia ave	House fire. Helped with searching for someone inside the house and putting the fire out. And overhauling. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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05/30/2023	2023-185		605 Centennial ave	House on fire. Helped with overhauling and ventilation. Sewickley	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/30/2023	2023-186	230043732	155 Orchard Ave	Homeowner left a candle burning inside the house. Got into the house to burn the candle out. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/31/2023	2023-187	230043811	710 O.R.B.	Poss. accident PD on scene no need for fire. Working on the car and set the alarm off. Dispatched and cancelled. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/31/2023	2023-188	230043969	710 O.R.B.	Poss. accident PD on scene no need for fire. Working on the car and set the alarm off. Dispatched and cancelled. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/31/2023	2023-189	230043903	203 pinecrest Dr	House fire. Dispatched for RIT. Ross	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/31/2023	2023-190	230043987	841 California Ave	washer on fire inside the building. put the fire out with a water can. And vented the building. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	





June 15, 2023

Ben Avon Council  
Ben Avon Borough  
7101 Church Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15202

Subject: Monthly Report  
Code Enforcement, Zoning, and Building Code

Dear Council,

The following are updates on action items since the previous Council meeting.

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT

##### NEW INVESTIGATIONS:

###### **121 Ridge Ave – Overgrown grass**

Property was inspected on 06.06.23 for overgrown grass. No violation was observed.

###### **106 Dickson Ave - Sidewalk**

Property was inspected on 05.19.23 for overgrown grass/weeds on the sidewalk. A notice of violation was received on 05.23.23 allowing for 10 days remediation. As of the reinspection on 06.06.23 the violations have been remediated.

###### **McCurdy PI (Parcel ID 213-D-118) – Overgrown grass**

Property was inspected on 05.16.23 for overgrown grass. A notice of violation was sent on 05.18.23 allowing for 10 days remediation. The notice has not yet been delivered or returned to code enforcement.

###### **151 Monitor Ave – Rental Inspection**

A Citation was filed for failure to schedule a rental inspection. The property passed a rental inspection on 05.24.23 and the citation was withdrawn.

##### ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS/CITATIONS:

##### Engineering & Surveying

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Washington, PA 15301  
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##### Codes & Zoning

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Washington, PA 15301  
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Permits@HarshmanLLC.com



**237 Park Ave – Rental Inspection**

A Citation was filed for failure to schedule a rental inspection.

**06.15.23** The property passed a rental inspection on 05.18.23 and the citation was withdrawn.

**225 Park Ave – Prop Maintenance**

A notice of violation was written requesting an interior inspection per IPMC section 104.3 of the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code, which the Borough adopted on March 17, 2010.

On 02.09.23 apartments 3 and 4 were inspected, as permitted by the tenants.

**06.15.23** Next steps to be discussed with the solicitor.

**221 Alder Dr – Rental Inspection**

A Citation was filed for failure to schedule a rental inspection. Code Enforcement attended a magisterial hearing on 04.26.23. The property owner did not appear and was found guilty of failure to submit to a rental inspection.

**06.15.23** The property failed a rental inspection on 05.17.23 for rubbish and interior surface repair.

**MAGISTERIAL HEARINGS**

No hearings this month.

**RENTAL INSPECTIONS****PASS**

1. 151 Monitor Ave
2. 237 Park Ave

**FAIL**

1. 221 Alder Dr


**BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS****BUILDING PERMITS**

1. 142 Irwin Ave – Residential Addition

**ZONING PERMITS**

1. Zoning review for Building Permits.
2. 221 Ridge Ave – Accessory Structure

Please contact our office at any time with questions.

  
Jarrod D'Amico, BCO  
Director of Codes and Zoning

  
Randy McCray, CZO  
Lead Code Technician

cc: File 19.159

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**Executive Director's Report – June 2023**

**WM Recycling Center Tour** – All interested parties are invited to attend a tour of WM's Greenstar Recycling Facility (4100 Grand Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15225). The tour will take place on Wednesday, June 7th at 10:00 a.m. This site visit will provide an in-person visual demonstration of the recycling separation and consolidation process and will serve to highlight proper recycling techniques specific to the curbside recycling program. Those who are interested in attending the tour are asked to RSVP via email ([pconners@qvcog.org](mailto:pconners@qvcog.org)).

**Act 152 Grant Applications Now Being Accepted** – Municipalities may now begin to submit applications for the 2023 Act 152 Allegheny County Blight Removal Program. This program provides funding for demolition and blight remediation planning. Allegheny County Economic Development encourages communities to utilize their COGs for the submission of an Act 152 application(s). These applications and associated paperwork are identical to CDBG and GEDTF projects for which COGs are uniquely qualified to process and facilitate. The Act 152 program uses established blight conditions and focuses on the demolition of hazardous structures, site preparation for development projects, and multi-phase planning efforts. Applications are evaluated on several criteria including inclusion on existing demolition lists, community impact, and potential re-use of the property. While no local match is required for the program, it is encouraged. Individual awards will be capped at \$250,000. All applications should be submitted by June 16, 2023. More information can be found by visiting [qvcog.org](http://qvcog.org).

**Keystone Communities Grant** - Due to the advocacy from Representative Valerie Gaydos (PA-44) the Quaker Valley Council of Governments has been allocated \$100,000.00 through the Keystone Communities Program for the procurement, installation, and maintenance of traffic cameras and associated license plate identification technology. Per DCED's website, "The Keystone Communities Program (KCP) program is designed to encourage the creation of partnerships between the public and private sectors that jointly support local initiatives such as the growth and stability of neighborhoods and communities; social and economic diversity; and a strong and secure quality of life. The program allows communities to tailor the assistance to meet the needs of its specific revitalization effort." The QVCOG will be responsible for submitting a formal application through the DCED in order to receive the allocated funds. A part of the required paperwork is a resolution approved by the governing Board of the awarded organization (attached). In the coming weeks the QVCOG Police Chiefs Committee will be convening on June 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss the specific locations and specifications of the cameras to be procured with the aforementioned funds. This information is also needed in advance of the application's submission.

**CDBG Year 49 Awards** - During the week of May 22nd the QVCOG was notified by Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) who announced all CDBG Year 49 project awards. The QVCOG received funding totaling \$361,092 for four projects. Each project along with the award amount can be found below.

MSW027 – Sewickley Borough Water Authority (Haysville and Glen Osborne Boroughs) - Center-South Waterline Replacement Project - \$185,000.00

MPD016 – Leetsdale Borough - 189 & 300 Beaver Street Blight Remediation Project - \$36,000.00

MRB024 - Sewickley Borough ADA Sidewalk Ramp Project - \$110,670.00

MRB022 - Leetsdale Borough Building ADA Parking Pad Project - \$29,422.00

**2023 QVCOG Annual Dinner Date Announced** - The QVCOG is pleased to announce that the 2023 Annual Dinner will be returning to the Edgeworth Club (511 East Dr, Sewickley, PA 15143). This location is available due to the generosity of Mr. Kevin Flannery's sponsorship of the QVCOG. This year's event will take place on Thursday, October 5th. Additional details regarding the event will be announced in the coming months.

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