

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – October 18, 2011
Minutes

Call to Order

Council President Lloyd Corder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

Rob Galbraith, Michael Bett, Judy Konitsney, Lloyd Corder, Richard White, Brian Tokar, Sue Weiss

Council Members Absent

None

Others Present

Bob Jones, Mayor

Chuck Means, Solicitor

Roy Rudolph, Engineer

Carmella Hallstein, Borough Secretary

Mike Dufresne, Emergency Management Coordinator

Gary Buckman, Chief; Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department

Norbert Micklos, Chief; Ohio Township Police Department

Public Participation

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mrs. Weiss; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2011 council meeting.

Engineer's Report - Report given by Roy Rudolph, Engineer

Mr. Rudolph presented an update on ongoing regional wastewater and stormwater initiatives.

Financial Report - Report given by Judy Konitsney, Chair

Motion: Mrs. Konitsney; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the September 2011 financial reports as presented.

Motion: Mrs. Konitsney; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the October 2011 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$79,876.48 from the general fund account and \$19,202.92 from the capital improvement account.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Report – Report given by Lloyd Corder, Chair

Administration Report – No Report

Public Works / Building and Property Report – *Report given by Rob Galbraith, Chair*

Public Safety Report – *Report given by Michael Bett, Chair*

Property Maintenance and Code Enforcement Report - *Report given by Sue Weiss, Chair*

Public Affairs Report – *No Report*

Mayor’s Report – *Report given by Bob Jones, Mayor*

Emergency Management Report – *Report given by Mike Dufresne, EMC*

Police Chief’s Report – *Report given by Norbert Micklos, Chief; Ohio Township Police Dept.*

Fire Chief’s Report – *Report given by Gary Buckman, Chief; BAVFD*

Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission – *No Report*

Solicitor’s Report – *Report given by Chuck Means, Solicitor and Patrick Manning, Esquire*
Mr. Manning presented an overview of ACT 32 and reviewed the information with council.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mrs. Weiss; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the resale of Block & Lot 214-N-120 as proposed by Allegheny County.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to direct Keystate Publishers to delete Chapter 1, Part 2B, Sections 1-211 – 1-217 from the Code of Ordinances, which is Ordinance 496 of 1959 as amended by Ordinance 511 of 1983.

Mr. Means requested an Executive Session to discuss several matters of potential litigation.

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Executive Session

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to recess to Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss several matters of potential litigation.

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mrs. Weiss; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to Regular Session at 9:45 p.m.

Lower Spruce Run Debris Removal and Retaining Wall Replacement Project

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to award the Lower Spruce Run Debris Removal and Retaining Wall Replacement Project to Williams Retaining Wall Contracting, LLC for \$132,798.50 subject to the failure of Pampena Landscaping and Construction, Inc. to supply the necessary bonds and documents to the approval of the borough engineer on or about Tuesday, October 25, 2011.

Rostrevor Wall Reconstruction and Storm Sewer Improvements Project

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mrs. Weiss; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to award the Rostrevor Wall Reconstruction and Storm Sewer Improvements Project to Pugliano Construction Company, Inc. for \$62,705.00 plus the price for Change Order #1 as acceptable to the borough engineer, subject to the failure of Pampena Landscaping and Construction, Inc. to supply the necessary bonds and documents to the approval of the borough engineer on or about Tuesday, October 25, 2011.

Adjournment

Motion: Dr. Corder; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carmella Hallstein
Borough Secretary