

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – May 15, 2012
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, Lloyd Corder, Richard White, Brian Tokar, Sue Weiss

Council Members Absent

Earl Bohn

Others Present

Chuck Means, Solicitor

Ed McGee, Engineer

Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman

Carmella Hallstein, Borough Secretary

Jim Rupert, Chief; Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department

Norbert Micklos, Chief; Ohio Township Police Department

Public Participation

Patrick Connolly of 216 Dickson Avenue presented a revised plan for his Eagle Scout Project to enhance the exterior of the Borough Hall. Patrick stated that a meeting was held on Thursday, May 3 between his Scout Master Jim Carrigan, who attended on his behalf, Dale Regrut and Richard White. He stated that Mr. Carrigan, Mr. Regrut and Mr. White reviewed the project and made some changes to the original plan. Patrick reviewed the revised plan. Mr. Galbraith asked Patrick to prepare an itemized cost analysis for council to review. Mr. Galbraith told Patrick to contact him or Mr. White if had any questions or needed assistance.

Dan Danylo of 6 Ben Avon Heights Road stated that he is a Life Scout of Troop 572 and that he wanted to discuss his Eagle Scout Project. Dan stated that he planned to build a gravel path in Avon Park behind the pavilion. He stated that the path would be approximately 4' wide and 700' long. Dan stated that the path would include two small wooden bridges, adding that one bridge would require a handrail because it would be over 20" off the ground. He stated that he would have to install drainage pipes in several areas. Dan stated that he would ask local companies to donate the gravel and that he would solicit donations from companies, family and friends. Mr. Galbraith asked Dan to prepare a written plan for council to review. Mr. White suggested that Dan meet with him, Mr. Galbraith and Mr. Regrut to discuss the project.

Ted Popovich of 6606 Virginia Avenue addressed council about air quality. He stated that he attended a meeting of the Allegheny County Board of Health on May 2, 2012. Mr. Popovich stated that the ACHD has received numerous petitions from residents who support upgrading the Allegheny County Air Toxic Guidelines, which have not been updated for more than 20 years. He stated that the new regulations are expected to be considered at the July 11, 2012 meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2012 council meeting. Mrs. Weiss abstained.

Engineer's Report – Report given by Ed McGee, Engineer

Mr. McGee stated that the borough received two bids for fencing, two bids for top soil and seeding and one bid for tennis court repairs for the Avon Park Project. He stated that the tennis court bid was rejected because it did not include a bid bond. Mr. McGee stated that the costs for the fencing and topsoil and seeding are approximately \$28,000.00, adding that if the borough is able to get a satisfactory bid for the tennis court repairs the total cost of the project would be \$60,000.00 plus. He stated that the DCNR Grant for this project is \$39,000.00. Mr. McGee stated that the borough could look at other options for the tennis court repairs that are less expensive, such as putting a bituminous top coat on the tennis court.

Motion: Mrs. Weiss; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to table the decision on the contracts for top soil and seeding, fencing and tennis court repairs for Avon Park until council receives a financial report from Mr. Tokar next month.

Motion: Mr. Bett; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the bid from Keystone, that was submitted to the Quaker Valley Council of Governments for a CDBG project, for one hunter green 6ft. bench Lamplighter and one hunter green AG3-22 trash receptacle.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise a special meeting to be held Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. for a Stormwater Management Policy Briefing.

Financial Report - Report given by Brian Tokar, Chair

Motion: Mr. Tokar; Second: Mr. Bett; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the April 2012 financial reports as presented.

Motion: Mr. Tokar; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the May 2012 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$33,745.85 from the general account.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Report – Report given by Lloyd Corder, Chair

Administration Report – Report given by Richard White, Chair

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mrs. Weiss; Motion carried by voice vote to approve the Volunteer Participation Agreement to Release, Indemnify, Defend and Hold Harmless. Mr. Bett opposed the motion.

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

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the proposal from Doggrell Painting, Inc. for \$13,740.00 to paint the exterior of the Borough Hall and the fire escape, contingent on Doggrell being able to start by July 15, 2012.

Public Safety / Strategic Projects Report – Report given by Michael Bett, Chair

Fire / Public Affairs – No Report

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

Mayor’s Report – *No Report*

Emergency Management Report – *No Report*

Police Chief’s Report – *No Report*

Fire Chief’s Report – *Report given by Jim Rupert, Chief; BAVFD*

Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission – *No Report*

Solicitor’s Report – *Report given by Chuck Means, Solicitor*

New Business

Ordinance 755

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Bett; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise Ordinance No. 755, which amends the Ben Avon Borough Code of Ordinances Section 15-207, regulating parking to add a provision restricting parking on both sides of Merton Road within 200 feet from the intersection of Merton Road and Perrysville Avenue.

Old Business

None

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmella Hallstein

Borough Secretary