

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202
Regular Meeting of Council – July 17, 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

Council Members Absent

Earl Bohn

Sue Weiss

Others Present

Bob Jones, Mayor

Chuck Means, Solicitor

Ed McGee, Engineer

Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman

Carmella Hallstein, Borough Secretary

Mike Dufresne, Emergency Management Coordinator

Gary Buckman, Assistant 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. The revised plan included a spreadsheet for the estimated cost of materials and equipment and a spreadsheet for time estimates by phase. Patrick stated that he had originally planned to replace the existing bulletin board using the \$1,000.00 the borough had budgeted for this expenditure, but has decided to modify it instead. He stated that the modification would only cost a couple hundred dollars and asked if the balance of the money allocated for replacing the bulletin board could be donated to his project.

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to make \$1,000.00 available to Patrick Connolly for his Eagle Scout Project provided that he provides receipts for the expenses.

Andrew Klosterman of 6920 Sturgeon Street addressed council about Perrysville Avenue. He stated that vehicles traveling north on Perrysville Avenue cross over the double yellow line into the opposite lane of traffic as they go around the bend before Merton Road. Mr. Klosterman stated that at least once a week he has a near head-on collision when traveling down Perrysville Avenue because someone going up Perrysville crosses the double yellow line into his lane. He asked if rumble strips could be installed on that stretch of road. Dr. Corder stated that public works foreman Dale Regrut and borough engineer Ed McGee would look into the matter. Chief Micklos stated that he would put up the speed monitor to track vehicle speed on the road.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2012 Special Meeting and the June 19, 2012 Regular Council Meeting.

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

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Resolution 2012-08, which confirms that Ben Avon Borough has formally requested a grant, has designated an official to perform the required duties between Ben Avon Borough and the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development, has assured, where applicable, the provision of local matching funds and compliance with all other provisions of the CDBG application.

Motion: Mr. Galbraith; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the bid from A.W. McNabb for \$13,600.00 that was submitted to the Quaker Valley Council of Governments for a CDBG project for housing demolition.

Financial Report - *Report given by Brian Tokar, Chair*

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

Motion: Mr. Tokar; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the July 2012 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$127,123.36 from the general account.

Motion: Mr. Tokar; Second: Mr. White; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the transfer of \$250,000.00 from the general account to the capital improvement account.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Report – *No Report*

Administration Report – *Report given by Richard White, Chair*

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by voice vote to adopt Resolution 2012-09, which adopts written procedures on how professional services are chosen for the borough's pension plans in order to comply with Act 44 of 2009 and the Auditor General's recommendation. Mr. Bett abstained.

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

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

Fire / Public Affairs Report – *No Report*

Property Maintenance and Code Enforcement 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 – *No Report*

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

Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission Report – No Report

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

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Bett; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve advertising Ordinance 756, which creates a new use titled “Low Impact Residential Commercial Business,” which would be permitted by conditional use in the Ben Avon Borough Moderate Density Residential District, subject to the requirements specified by this Ordinance of Avalon – Bellevue – Ben Avon.

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 7:50 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Tokar; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Session at 7:55 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Galbraith; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmella Hallstein

Borough Secretary