

**Borough of Ben Avon**  
**7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202**  
**Regular Meeting of Council – March 21, 2017**  
**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

Council President Earl Bohn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Council Members Present**

Russell Kuehner, Michael Wrbas, Richard White, Earl Bohn, Philip Brind'Amour, Brad Cole, Ken Opiery,

**Council Members Absent**

Mayor Robert Jones

**Others Present**

Anne Sweeney, Solicitor

Dale Regrut, Public Works Foreman

Lisa Cronin, Secretary

Jim Rupert, Chief, Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department

Norbert Micklos, Chief, Ohio Township Police Department

**Public Participation**

Michael Kurela, a member of the Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission, wanted to invite council to the March 27, 2017 meeting where a discussion to update the Comprehensive Plan and an approval of the draft would be discussed. Mr. Dennis Pudko would be speaking and Mr. Kurela wanted to personally invited Ben Avon Borough council member(s) to attend the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Brind'Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017 council meeting.

**Financial Report - Report given by Ken Opiery and Richard White, Co Chairs**

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. Cole: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the February 2017 accounts payable reports as presented, authorizing payments of \$37,738.77 from the general account.

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Wrbas: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the financials presented to council.

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

**Public Works / Building and Property Report – No Report**

**Public Safety/Code Enforcement – No Report**

**Public Affairs** –*Report given by Philip Brind'Amour, Chair*

**Mayor's Report** – *No Report*

**Police Chief's Report** – *Report given by Norbert Micklos, Chief, OT Police*

**Fire Chief's Report** – *No Report*

**Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission Report** – *No Report*

**Solicitor's Report** – *No Report*

### **New Business**

Mr. Ken Opiery informed council that the borough must deal with two different sewer mandates in the coming months. One is renewing a storm water permit. The current five-year permit is nearing its end and in September, the borough will have to express its intent to apply for a new five-year one and rely on Gateway Engineers for assistance. There will be a lot of administration work involved for compliance. Gateway Engineers will be able to help with all the upcoming work for permits and compliance. In addition, Gateway will be checking the sewers in the coming months for abnormal water flow, and the inspections will likely be taking place between midnight and 4 a.m., at a time when the regular amount of activity should be minimal. Gateway will hand out flyers and send notices through the mail and Mr. Opiery asked that Council member, Phil Brind'Amour post the news on Ben Avon's Web site so residents will not be surprised at any action occurring in the middle of the night. Mr. Richard White told Council that the money had been budgeted to have Gateway assist with these projects.

### **Old Business**

### **Adjournment**

Motion: Mr. White; Second: Mr. Brind'Amour; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Cronin,*  
*Borough Secretary*