Borough of Ben Avon

**7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania 15202**

# Pre-Council Meeting – August 7, 2018

# Minutes

**Call to Order**

Vice President, Megan Dolan, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Council Members Present**

Jennifer Bett (by phone)

Michele Boyd

Henry Casale

Megan Dolan

Ken Opipery

David Stoeckle

**Council Members Absent**

Earl Bohn

**Others Present**

Theresa Patsch, Borough Secretary

**Financial**

No report given.

**Administration**

No report given.

**Public Affairs / Communications**

No report given.

**Public Safety/Code Enforcement**

David Stoeckle reported that an Excel spreadsheet was created, uploaded to Dropbox, and shared with all Council members. This spreadsheet consolidated recent complaints and concerns coming into the Borough office, actions taken, and follow-up procedures in place to ensure all resident concerns are being addressed. A monthly meeting with Code Enforcement Officer, Ron Mulcahy, is planned beginning in September.

**Public Works**

Ken Opipery reported on the status of sewer repairs leading up to the paving project of Borough streets. The final adjusted repair list came in at $18,800.00, and being under $20,000 did not require publication. After repairs are made, paving should begin the last two weeks of August, with completion by mid-to-late September. All paving depends on utility work, sewer repairs and the weather. The Borough issue a direct mail notification to residents whose streets are designated for repairs and paving, notifying them of road closures.

Pennnsylvania Department of Transporation’s request for an arial easement has been reviewed, and Ken Opipery recommended that we grant their request. Prior to signing the waiver, Council members requested clarification on the agreement. Mr. Opipery will contact Penn Dot to provide a written agreement and he would present it at the next Council meeting for their review.

**Quaker Valley COG**

No report given.

**New Business**

**QV COG Resolution**

Michele Boyd reported that following an Administration meeting, there were some concerns with the resolution as set forth by the QV COG concerning the Borough participation on the Recycling Committee. Although the proposed participation would appear to benefit the community, the Borough would have to assign a committee representative. Ms. Boyd asked for clarification on who the COG would allow to represent the Borough and the volume of work that would fall to the Borough offices once Ben Avon becomes a participant. As the Council Delegate to the COG, Megan Dolan offered to address these concerns at the next meeting. Ms. Dolan also reported participation on the committee would allow the Borough to share in grant money for recycling projects.

**JPC Ordinances**

Henry Casale inquired if other Council members were aware of the reasons the Short Term/Parking/Signage Ordinances were pulled by the Joint Planning Commission. Ken Opipery stated he would contact Michael Kurela to see if he could shed some light on the status of these ordinances, and when they would be revised for Council to review.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Theresa Patsch**

**Ben Avon Borough Secretary**