



**Borough of Ben Avon Heights**

**Tuesday, August 11, 2020 - Council Meeting Minutes**

A quorum is in attendance

**Present:** Council Members: Brown, Cuteri, Dawley, Neunder, Stiller, Radcliffe

**Mayor:** Scott Dismukes

**Solicitor:** John Vogel, Tucker Arensberg

**OTPD:** Chief Hanny

**Fire:** Not Present

**Secretary:** Jessica DiNuzzo

**Special Guests:** Kim and Rick Cuneo

**Mr. Cuteri began the meeting at 7:00 PM.**

- 1. Special Announcement and Presentation:** Kim Cuneo was recognized by Council Resolution for her selfless service on Council as well as the community of Ben Avon Heights. Mr. Cuteri Presented a framed copy of the Resolution to Kim and read the resolution. Kim and her husband Rick have contributed to the community character of Ben Avon Heights.
- 2. Approval of June meeting minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Stiller to approve the June meeting minutes. Mr. Brown seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 3. Approval of July 2020 meeting minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe to approve the July meeting minutes. Mr. Brown seconds the motion.** Mrs. Neunder wanted Susann Schneider from 7 Biddeford to please be added to the residents whom attendant that meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- 4. Fire Report:** There was no representation for the fire department to report for the month of July.
- 5. Police Report:** For the Month of July there were 99 calls, 93 of those being routine.
- 6. Approval of June Financials: A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe to approve the June financials. Mrs. Neunder seconds the motion.** Mr. Brown appreciated that the financials were in a spread sheet. **The motion was passed unanimously.**
- 7. Engineers report:**
  - a. **Administrative consent order:** PA DEP approved the Interim CAP extension until June 30, 2020. COA anticipated to be released in late June. Likely a 10% reduction in flows will be incorporated into order. COA has not been issued to date. On June 16, 2020 the Borough submitted a Sewer Cap Extensions request that included 15 additional taps within Ben Avon Heights Borough.

Borough Council approved the update to the Operations and Maintenance Plan at the May 2020 meeting. LSSE to prepare structure physical inspections as CCTV work occurs. LSSE issued RFPs for CCTV and cleaning of sanitary sewers on July 1, 2020 and Proposals are due on August 6, 2020. LSSE to provide summary of Proposals to Borough for their review.

Mr. Brown questioned if the Borough was allowed to pick and choose on the bidders, Mr. Heyl needs to double check on the way these were submitted. Mr. Cuteri clarified the way that Borough requested the bidding to be worded is to allow the Borough to select either 3 or 5 years in the contract for the pipe work. He also clarified that the Borough just wants one contractor, not multiple.

Robinson was the lowest bidder. ***A motion was made to accept the 5 years bid by Robinson Pipe Cleaning for a total cost of \$39,017.52 by Mr. Brown. Mr. Dawley seconds. The motion passed unanimously.***

- b. **2018 Road improvement plan:** Work has been completed. Minor punchlist items have been addressed. Mr. Heyl will send Ms. DiNuzzo a final breakdown of payment to submit to Columbia Gas.
  - c. **Cambridge Road:** At the request of the Borough, LSSE obtained quotes from Tri-State Maintenance and G. Salandro Excavating, LLC to repair the three outfalls at the top of Cambridge. G. Salandro Excavating, LLC was the low bid at \$9,600.00. Work was awarded to G. Salandro Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$9,600.00. Work has been completed and pay request has been submitted to the Borough for approval.
  - d. **Curb plan:** Mr. Heyl will walk the Borough with Mr. Radcliffe and Mr. Dawley to establish a five year budget plan for review by council.
  - e. **Street Light replacement:** Mr. Cuteri looked into the program but had a few questions on the billing with Duquesne Light. Mr. Cuteri asked if Ms. DiNuzzo knew, she pulled up the most recent invoice and they is no indication of a breakdown. Ms. DiNuzzo has been playing phone tag with Duquesne light on this information.
- 8. Traffic Study:** Mr. Cuteri shared the traffic information report and it stated that based in the information provided and the review of LSSE there would not be a significant traffic impact due to the building of the new recreation facility at Shannopin Country Club. ***A motion was made to wave the traffic study for Shannopin Country club by Mr. Brown. Mr. Dawley seconds the motion. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Neunder and Mr. Stiller abstained all others voted in the affirmative the motion passed.***
- 9. Public Comment:** No public comment.
- 10. Green space update:** Mr. Radcliffe informed council that there will be permanent lighting on the Ben Avon heights sign at the Park this week. The final plan should be complete with the old dump site with seeding 'no mow' grass. Mrs. Neunder would love to see wild flowers in that site. Mr. Radcliffe noted with all the weeds from the hillside would make it difficult to upkeep.
- 11. Zoning applications:** For the month of July there were no submissions.
- 12. County CARES Act:** Ms. DiNuzzo explained to council that the Borough could be awarded up to \$20,000 in grant money for items that the Borough did not plan in the budget from items purchased for Covid 19 related items. It was brought to Ms. DiNuzzo's attention that the first and second quarter invoices for the Ohio Township Police can be submitted for this. ***A motion was made to authorize the Borough secretary to execute all agreements to obtain a PPE through the County CARES Act by Mr. Brown. Mrs. Neunder seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***
- 13. Comcast agreement:** Mr. Vogel has been in touch with the comcast representation, there has been a lot of back and forth between the two parties. Mr. Vogel will continue to work on this, attempting to get the agreement completed.
- 14. Community events for the fall:** Mr. Dismukes wanted council to consider alternative dates for items such as sleep over in the park, Halloween parade, Santa in the Park, etc. It was noted that the Community Club plans and requests potential dates for park events.
- 15. Executive session:** began at 7:37 pm.

Executive session ended at 7:40 pm and regular meeting resumed.

***A motion was made to authorize the Borough Secretary to hire additional crossing guards and/or increase their pay rate if needed to have coverage with final approval of council, by Mr. Stiller. Mr. Brown seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

The next scheduled meeting is September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Avalon Volunteer Fire Hall at 7pm

Jessica DiNuzzo, Secretary