



Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 - Council Meeting Minutes

A quorum is in attendance

Present:

Council Members: Brown, Cuteri, Mihalko, Neunder, Radcliffe, Stiller

Mayor: Dismukes

Solicitor: Vogel, Tucker Arensberg

OTPD: Chief Hanny

Avalon Fire: Chief Berie

Secretary: DiNuzzo

Residents: None

Mr. Cuteri called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

- 1. Approval of December meeting minutes: A motion was made by Mrs. Neunder to approve the meeting minutes. Mr. Radcliffe seconds the motion.** Mrs. Neunder noticed that there was reference to July financials which was an error. Ms. DiNuzzo also noted Chris' last name was spelled incorrectly. **The motion passed unanimously with the corrections.**
- 2. Approval of October and November financials: A motion was made by Mr. Brown to approve the October and November financials. Mr. Radcliffe seconds the motion.** Mr. Brown had some questions on the reconciliation report, his concerns were over the column which showed the not cleared checks that the Borough wrote. Mr. Cuteri and Ms. DiNuzzo were able to answer the checks in question. Mr. Brown had some additional questions on the book keeping as he thought we were working with the accountant to fix these errors, Mr. Cuteri informed council that they have been working with the accountant to change the format of the reporting, but this will begin to show up in the January 2021 reports. We will close out 2020 with the same reporting and format. Mr. Brown also said he would send a sample of what he would like to see in the future to Mr. Cuteri and Ms. DiNuzzo. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- 3. Fire Report:** For the month of December was a quiet month. The Santa detail went really well, in the future they would like to include the Borough on the Santa Fire Truck visit. Ms. DiNuzzo and Mrs. Neunder both agreed that it went really well and thanked the Chief.
- 4. Police Report:** For the month of December there were 104 calls 9 of those were the road call log. Other than that, an extremely quite month.
- 5. Engineers report:**
Administrative Consent Order (ACO): See attached January 5, 2020 LSSE Report Memorandum
- 6. Public Comment:** Mr. Dismukes from 22 Clovelly Road thanked Mr. Cuteri for having a virtual component for the meeting. Mr. Cuteri responded with an absolutely, and then asked the conference line if there were any other comments.
Mr. Stiller from 21 New Brighton Road stated that he just wanted to piggy back on the mayors comment and say thank you.
- 7. Public Works Agreement:** Mr. Cuteri sent the agreement to council to review. Mr. Vogel stated he felt it looked as if it was the same agreement as the prior year. Mr. Vogel suggested to pass this agreement pending solicitors review, if he sees anything in the agreement over the next few days, he'll contact the

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Borough. **A motion was made to approve the Public Works agreement pending the review of the Borough solicitor by Mr. Radcliffe. Mr. Mihalko seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- 8.** Mrs. Neunder did have a question on the services which indicate Avalon repair pot holes. She has put in multiple requests and they have not been addressed. Ms. DiNuzzo stated she would discuss this with Avalon to determine whether a pothole is deemed patchable or not. Mrs. Neunder would appreciate this as she is worried about her elderly neighbors.
- 9. Comcast agreement:** Mr. Vogel informed council that council voted and passed on the agreement a few months ago, they should be signing the agreement any day now. He stated due to COVID-19, this was a very long and drawn-out process with the one representative he's been in contact with. He also mentioned that the agreement we have with Verizon should be up soon as well, if it has not already expired.
- 10. Zoning applications:** For the month of December there was one submission for 17 New Brighton for a 2-story addition and a 2-car carport, open on 3 sides. This was also approved.
- 11. Executive session:** **There was no executive session due to the meeting being held over a conference call.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm

The next scheduled meeting is February 9th, 2021 at the Avalon Volunteer Fire Department as well as telephonically

Jessica DiNuzzo, Secretary



MEMO

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TO: Ben Avon Heights Borough DATE: February 5, 2021
FROM: Kevin A. Brett, P.E. S. O. No.: 0452-01
 John R. Heyl, P.E., CPESC cc:
SUBJECT: **February 9, 2021 Meeting
Engineering Report**

Following is a summary of the engineering services provided since the last Engineering Report:

1. Administrative Consent Order (ACO):

On June 16, 2020 the Borough submitted a Sewer Cap Extensions request that included 15 additional taps within Ben Avon Heights Borough. PaDEP approved the Interim CAP extension until December 31, 2020. A draft letter was provided that requests extension of the interim Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and Tap Allocation Plan (TAP) until June 30, 2021.

A Phase II COA is anticipated to be released in next two weeks, which would likely include a requirement for a 10% reduction in flows incorporated into Order.

*Borough Council approved the update to the Operations and Maintenance Plan at the May 2020 meeting. Work was awarded to Robinson Pipe Cleaning Company in the amount of \$39,072.50 as noted in letter dated August 13, 2020. The Year 1 CCTV work has been completed and a digital copy of the results has been provided to LSSE. Robinson Pipe to submit hard copies of the results to the Borough. LSSE has reviewed the videos and has prepared a summary results figure that also includes results from the MPHS task. **A repair scope for the Year 1 area including an Opinion of Probable Cost has been drafted and is currently under review. Upon finalization of the repair scope, LSSE will draft an SOA for engineering services.***

This project may be eligible for partial reimbursement through the ALCOSAN GROW Grant Program, and would also likely satisfy the requirements of the anticipated Phase II COA.

2. MS4 Permit:

*PaDEP issued MS4 Waiver Approval letter on April 24, 2018. **Next permit cycle is September of 2022.***

3. **2021 Roadway Improvement Program**

Surveys have been completed. LSSE has started preparation of the bid documents. Opening to be early March 2021. The bid advertisement will be provided to the Borough for authorization by Council and posting in the local paper.