



Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Tuesday, June 14th, 2022 - Council Meeting Minutes

A quorum is in attendance

Present:

Council Members: Brown, Lope, Mihalko, Stiller, Radcliffe

Fire: Chief Berie

Police: Sargent Beck

Solicitor: John Vogel

Secretary: DiNuzzo

Residents: Paul Blake, Jim Georgalas

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Brown began the meeting at 7 PM.
2. **Roll Call:** There was a roll call of Council Members. A quorum is present.
3. **Approval of May 2022 meeting minutes:** *A motion was made to approve the May 2022 meeting minutes by Mr. Radcliffe. Mr. Stiller seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*
4. **Approval of April 2022 financials:** *A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe to approve the April 2022 financials. Mr. Mihalko seconds the motion.* Mr. Brown noted that he asked the accountant to revise the format of the all-accounts document so it was easier to read and he really likes the outcome. Mr. Brown also added everything looks pretty good in the report, he still feels some things are being charged to the wrong code, specifically our engineer and solicitor. Mr. Brown asked both if they could suggest anything to help us out that would be great. Mr. Brown also added that there was a discrepancy on whether or not the AIM loan had been paid off; with the help of the accountant, we were able to confirm to the AIM loan office that it was in fact paid off. *Motion passed unanimously.*
5. **Public Comment:** Paul Blake at 4 Stratford Road, came to Council with concern over parking too close to the intersections around the Stratford and Clovelly intersection. It's extremely hard for large trucks like Valley Waste to properly get down the streets without going up onto the curbs and onto Mr. Blakes property. Chief Berie confirmed that he too is having issues getting down Stratford at that same intersection of Stratford and Clovelly as people are parking right up to the intersection, which makes it extremely tight. Mr. Brown noted that he believes the Borough has an ordinance that states how close you can park to the curb, which also has a fine attached to it. Sargent Beck noted that signs should be put in place for those to see where they cannot park, yellow paint can help as well. Council agreed to put some signs in that area first, to see if this can fix the situation. Paint would be the next step if this does not help.

Jim Georgalas at 15 Banbury Lane has concerns about the discussions about the signs or taking down of the signs at the park for Borough residents and their guests. He noted that he no longer goes to the park as his kids are grown. He just wanted to remind Council that about 20 years ago the park had an issue where the park was not a friendly place for young kids. He believes it's a nice park, but the basketball court was the real

problem. Mr. Brown noted he appreciated Mr. Georgalas' comment, as he lives on Lynton Lane and is also very aware of the parking issue.

6. Fire Report: For the month of May there were no calls. Chief Berie reminded Council members that Avalon's fireworks are July 2nd.

7. Police Report: *Police report provided below for the month of May.* Council did quickly discuss the Police contract that is up. Council would like to take the next steps in approving this contract. Mr. Vogel will reach out to Ohio Townships Solicitor to work on an ordinance for the Borough to advertise and adopt. **Mr. Stiller made a motion to direct the solicitor to undertake all action to approve the Police agreement with Ohio Township Police. Mr. Brown seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

8. Engineers report: *See below for LSSE report.*

- a. **Stratford drain:** The contractor did phase 1 of adjusting the curb at the corner of the Fardo's property. The engineer did note that large storms are still going to spill into the owner's yard. As discussed previously, to put one of the castings into the curb which would be an additional \$2200.00 to do this. This would then allow the owner to put in the drain he suggested on his driveway. Mr. Brown would like Mr. Heyl to reach out to the resident and discuss this and make sure what has been done so far is sufficient.
- b. **Road work O&M:** Updated the curb study on the work completed and the future items. LSSE is also working on a road maintenance plan which will include crack sealing, and the process. This will be available next meeting.
- c. **Signs/Wilson safety update:** Mr. Stiller informed Council members that all signs but one has been replaced in the Borough. Avalon is waiting for some dry weather to come up and paint the stop bars and painting requests. Crosswalks will be completed in the fall as the major roads are being worked on this summer and this project looks as if it will be completed in August.
- d. **Lateral video ordinance update:** Mr. Stiller added that he just wants to make sure that this is officially complete and will follow up with Ms. Caliguri from the Allegheny Health Department.
- e. **Storm system cleaning discussion:** Mr. Stiller informed Council that while walking the Borough he realized that Avalon only cleans off the top of our catch basins, so inside is not getting cleaned out, and filling with debris. Mr. Stiller would like to get a quote to get them cleaned out, and it can come out of the sewer budget. LSSE will reach out to Robinson and Tri-state.

9. 2021 Financial Statement: Mr. Brown informed Council after reviewing the draft of the 2021 financial statement, that the Borough is in good financial standings.

10. Green Spaces:

- a. **A&N Leaf agreement:** Mr. Brown confirmed that leaf pickups will continue on Mondays. The Borough will complete this contract and approve it at our next meeting in July.
- b. **Park usage and access:** Discussion within Council took place about park usage and access. Mr. Brown suggested adding a sign of park rules as a first step. Council will continue this discussion at the next meeting on what rules they have come up with. The Solicitor will then draft an ordinance of these suggested rules.
- c. **Tennis court online sign-up:** Mr. Stiller stated the online sign-up went live on June 1st and there are about 30 sign ups so far. There have been no complaints so far.

11. Storage: Mr. Brown noted that our storage facility unit was acquired by new ownership at the beginning of the year. When that took place the rate increase by about 19%. Council agreed that we should look around at other places.

12. Action Items: Mr. Stiller just noted its basic items, like leaf contract.

13. Executive session: started at: 8:11pm

14. Regular meeting: resumed at: 8:15pm

15. Adjournment: Meeting ended at 8:15pm

June 07, 2022

Calls for Service - by UCR Code
Incidents Reported Between 05/01/2022 and 05/31/2022
BEN AVON HTS



Code	Description	Primary Count	Secondary UCR Count		
			Code 2	Code 3	Code 4
6310	TRAFFIC POST	4			
7092	ROUTINE PATROL COMPLETED	81			
7504	ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - OTHER POLICE	1			
CITT	TRAFFIC CITATION	1			
Total Calls		87			

MEMO



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TO: Ben Avon Heights Borough

FROM: Kevin A. Brett, P.E.
John R. Heyl, P.E., CPESC

SUBJECT: **June 14, 2022 Meeting
Engineering Report**

DATE: June 7, 2022 S. O. No.: 0452-01

cc:

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

1. Phase II Consent Order and Agreement (COA):

The Phase II COA was released by ACHD on September 1, 2021. A report documenting the findings of this review will be drafted for submittal to ACHD in April / May 2022. This analysis is complete. The BDD report was submitted to ACHD on May 26, 2022 including initial Exhibit B review, population of the BDD template provided by 3RWW, O&M updates, Lateral Ordinance review, and flow regime translation of contemporary data.

2. Sanitary Sewer Operations and Maintenance (O&M):

*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. A repair scope for Years 1 and 2 of the O&M Program has been submitted to the Borough for review. LSSE transmitted an updated Sanitary Sewer O&M Budget on January 17, 2022. **LSSE provided the Borough with a SOA in May 2022 for the preparation of Bidding Documents.***

Year 3 O&M CCTV is scheduled to begin mid-July 2022. It should be noted that the Year 3 and Year 4 areas were swapped in preparation of a future source flow reduction project as the original Year 4 area had some sections of elevated groundwater infiltration.

3. ALCOSAN Regionalization:

LSSE awaiting additional information from Ben Avon Borough to proceed. The next O-18 multi-municipal meeting was held April 19, 2022. It was reported at this meeting that all Ben Avon Borough Regionalization defects have been addressed. There is no further action anticipated from Ben Avon Heights.

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4. **Chapter 94 Wasteload Management Report:**

LSSE submitted the Annual Report on February 25, 2022.

5. **MS4 Permit:**

*PaDEP issued MS4 Waiver Approval letter on April 24, 2018. Next permit cycle is September 2023.
Awaiting DEP guidance on 2022 renewal.*

6. **2021 Roadway Improvement Program**

*Project was awarded to A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$255,408.74 (Base Bid, Add Alternate Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6) as noted in letter dated March 23, 2021. LSSE transmitted Partial Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$148,399.28 as noted in letter dated September 12, 2021. LSSE transmitted Partial Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$133,970.81 as noted in letter dated January 10, 2022. Final Walkthrough held on January 10, 2022; LSSE issued updated punchlist letter on January 25, 2022. **Awaiting Final pay request from the Contractor. LSSE reviewing options to resolve the drainage issue on Biddeford. This includes providing the Borough a cost to install a roof drain hood as requested by the Property Owner for a future drain.***

7. **LSA Grant**

LSSE transmitted resolution for 2022 Sanitary Sewer Lining Repairs for grant application. LSSE submitted grant application.

8. **2018 Roadway Improvement Program**

LSSE transmitted Maintenance Bond items to Contractor to address on February 25, 2022.

9. **Miscellaneous**

A. LSSE provided the Borough an amended Curb Study (refer to Attachment 1).

B. LSSE preparing a Roadway Operation and Maintenance Plan for the Borough to review. Study to include implementation of a crack sealing contract in 2023.