



Council Meeting
Minutes
July 19, 2022

The Borough of Ben Avon Council met in a regular voting session on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, virtually and at 7101 Church Avenue for the purpose of transacting General Business. President Richard Wagner presided and opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Richard Wagner, Jennifer Bett, Russell Kuehner, Ken Opiery, Kara Roggenkamp, Jim Thornton, Tavia Washington

Others Present: Mayor Melanie Hughes-Holcomb, Solicitor Weston Pesillo, Ohio Township Police Sargent Beck, Emsworth Fire Company Chief Jim Kohl, JPC Representative Christen Cieslak, Borough Secretary Terrie Patsch

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Henry Wagner, Ridge Avenue, Ben Avon

Mr. Wagner reported on his recent Eagle Scout project to make improvements at Avon Park. He stated that with the Borough's help promoting the day, and assistance from both scouts and community members, they were able to repair benches, clear debris, improve signage and remove brush along the trails.

Rob Dower, Dower House Architecture

Mr. Dower was present to review the Phase 1 plans for the Borough Building improvements including replacement windows, roofing, and insulation.

BOROUGH REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Holcomb expressed her sympathies upon the passing of the Avalon Mayor.

She reported the Hollow Oak Land Trust work to acquire Vinegar Hollow is getting remarkably close to possible and stated that a sale may take place sometime in August.

Dr. Hadley, Avonworth Schools, offered to meet with the council and to discuss any concerns they may have. Mayor Holcomb stated he may be available to attend a future council meeting.

The mayor also issued a permit as an exception to an ordinance enabling the Avon Club to hold a fundraising event on Dickson Avenue on August 27.

Ohio Township Police Report – See Attachment “A”

Sargent Beck reported nothing out of the ordinary this month. There were parking violations, with a few citations issued as well as a few warnings given.

Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company Report – See Attachment “B”

Chief Kohl reviewed the monthly statistics with 37 calls in the month of June. They assisted on several crashes and grill fires.

Solicitor’s Report – Executive Session requested to discuss litigation

Joint Planning Commission

Ms. Cieslak reported that she responded to the recent verbal comments from Council on the proposed ordinance revisions. The proposed changes will go out to public comment once all three councils and the County have responded. The team is regrouping to meet with eCode and representatives from each municipality prior to budget season.

Centennial Building Committee

Mr. Dower and Ms. Cieslak review the progress thus far on the Phase 1 updates to the Borough building. The grant used in Phase 1 will be administered through the COG (Councils of Governments), and the Committee is waiting for County approvals. Phase II will be the elevator project, and a grant was submitted in the amount of 300,000. After contacting Senator Fontana’s office, they were notified the grant is currently on hold.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 21, 2022, Council Meeting

Motion: Mr. Kuehner.; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2022, council meeting as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Revenue & Expense Report

Motion: Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Mr. Kuehner; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the financial statement for June.

Accounts Payable

Motion: Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the payment of Accounts Payable in the amount of \$30,925.75.

Mr. Opipery also noted that most of the finances are now moved to Dollar Bank, with a small amount remaining with Northwest until all pending transactions have cleared. The final account will then be closed as well as the credit card accounts with Northwest. Resolution 2022-09 for vote this evening will be to establish credit card accounts with the new depository, Dollar Bank.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Report

Ms. Bett stated that an Administration Committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, July 20. She reminded everyone present to be vigilant with their email accounts due to a rise in cyber-attacks.

Public Affairs & Communications

Ms. Bett reported that production of the next edition of the Ben Avon Bulletin is underway and committee members will meet in the next week.

Public Safety

Mr. Wagner reported there are several problem properties, and the Borough is following the procedure to resolve the complaints. Further investigation continues to define the use of the term “temporary” regarding the fence on Church Avenue. He would like to schedule a meeting with the Borough Office and Mr. Thornton in the next few weeks to review the rental property inspection status.

Public Works

Mr. Opipery noted that Mr. Regrut met with the Engineer on the upcoming road and wall projects. They would like to see the roads completed before the Fall Festival if possible. He also explained a problem with a storm sewer causing flooding near Perrysville/Brighton Road crossing. He said the three communities – Kilbuck, Emsworth and Ben Avon – would need to join to find a solution.

Community of Governments

Ms. Washington stated the delegates will meet tomorrow, July 20. She reviewed the request from Waste Management for Council to consider allowing weekly garbage collection to begin at 6 a.m. rather than 7 a.m. from May through September when the temperature is predicted to be over 87 degrees.

Motion: Mr. Opipery; **Second:** Ms. Roggenkamp; **Motion Carried** to approve the time change for Waste Management per their request.

Sustainability –

Ms. Roggenkamp reported that the Solar Co-op discussed in a previous council meeting has been closed to new members. They received 201 applicants and there is an informational meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

Special Projects – *no reports given*

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2022-09 – Dollar Bank Credit Card Authorization

Motion: Mr. Pipery; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** to approve the credit card application submitted to Dollar Bank.

OLD BUSINESS – *there was no old business*

EXECUTIVE SESSION - *pending litigation*

Motion: Ms. Bett; **Second:** M. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. to discuss potential litigation.

Motion: Mr. Pipery; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by voice vote to return to regular session at 8:50 p.m.

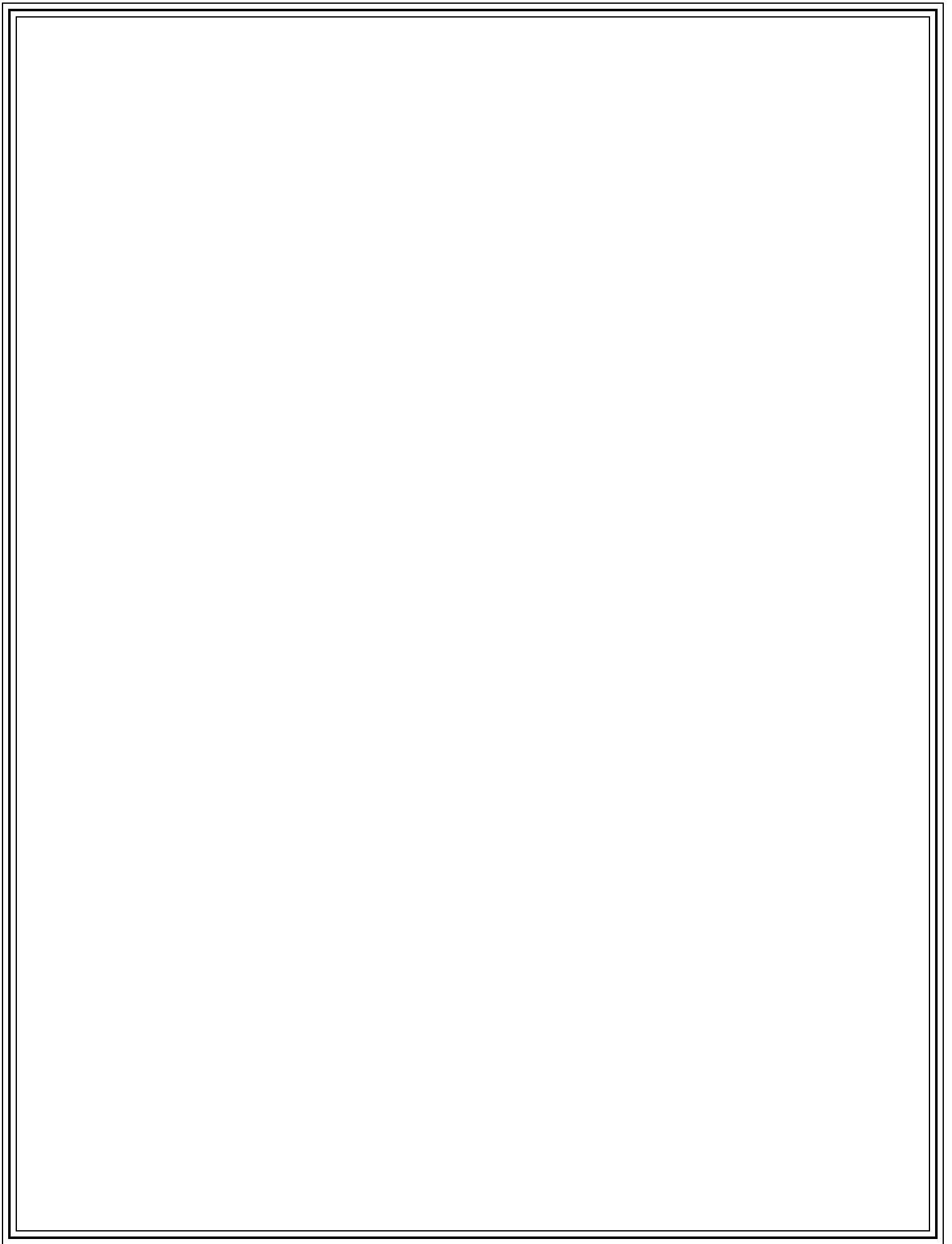
MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Ms. Bett; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Patch

Borough Secretary



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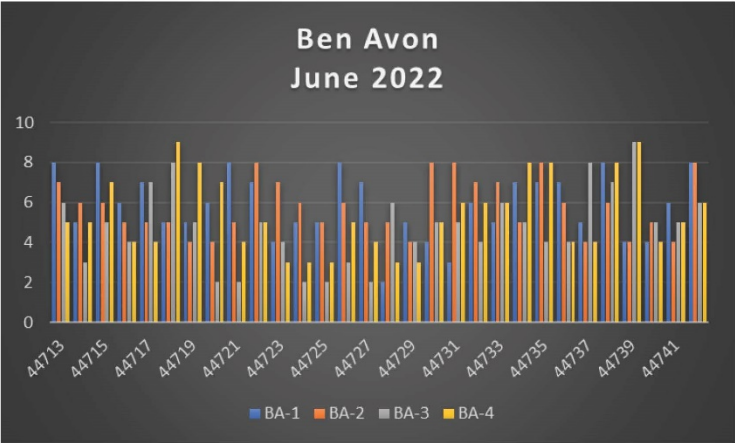
OHIO TOWNSHIP

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Established 1803

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
126 Lenzner Ct, Sewickley, Pa. 15143

BEN AVON PATROLS FOR June 2022



BA-1 175
BA-2 173
BA-3 143
BA-4 161

TOTAL 652

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Call Service Report Grouped by Urcodes
OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE
6/01/2022 THROUGH 6/30/2022
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<u>CODE</u>	<u>JUNE COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
0501 - ALARM - RESIDENCE	0	9
0503 - ALARM - BUSINESS	1	5
0614 - THEFT-\$200 & OVER-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0615)	0	1
0624 - THEFT-\$50 TO \$200-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0625)	0	1
0644 - THEFT-ATTEMPTED-FROM AUTO (EXCEPT 0645)	0	3
1100 - FRAUD	3	5
1190 - FRAUD-ALL OTHER(FLIM FLAM, CONFIDENCE	0	1
1410 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO AUTOMOBILES	1	1
1430 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - PUBLIC BUILDINGS	0	1
1531 - WEAPONS - POSSESSION - FIREARMS	1	1
1810 - DRUG VIOLATIONS	1	1
1841 NARCOTICS-USE-MORPHINE, HEROIN, CODIENEC	0	1
2020 - OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY-CHILD ABUSE	1	2
2112 - DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE-ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED	0	2
2122 - DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE - DRUGS-IMPAIRED	0	1
2300 - PUBLIC DRUNKENESS	0	1
2400 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT	1	3
2440 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT-DISTURBING THE PEACE	0	1
2450 - HARASSMENT	0	2
2626 - FALSE FIRE ALARM	0	3
2633 - DUMPING	0	1
2640 - ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	0	8
2647 - PFA-PROTECTIVE ORDERS	0	1
2656 - THREATS	0	1
2720 - DOG LAW (1ST OFF. & STATE CIT)	1	2
2811 - CURFEW LAW (JUVENILE) - MALE	0	1
2811 - CURFEW LAW (JUVENILE) - FEMALE	0	1
3100 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	0	1
3400 - MENTAL HEALTH	0	5
3502 - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	0	2
3600 - DISTURBANCES-DOMESTIC	0	7
3800 - SERVICE CALL-MISCELLANEOUS	0	1
3820 - DISABLED VEHICLE	0	7
3840 - FIRES (INCLUDING ALARMS-FOUNDED/UNFOUNDED)	0	4
3850 - HAZARDOUS CONDITION/NOT SNOW RELATED	0	2
3855 - ROAD DEPARTMENT CALL OUT	0	16
3860 - LOCKOUTS (VEHICLE/BLDG)	1	6
3870 - MEDICAL EMERGENCY/ ASSIST AMBULANCE	9	35
3880 - OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS - DISCOVERED	0	15
3885 - POST NO PARKING SIGNS	0	2
3900 - TRAFFIC & PARKING PROBLEMS	2	19
4010 - TRAFFIC OFFENSES	0	1
4012 - GAS LEAKS & EXPLOSIONS	0	5
4016 - PEDESTRIAN CONTACTS	0	1
4020 - SUSPICIOUS AUTO	2	8
4022 - SUSPICIOUS PERSON	0	5
4024 - WATER LEAKS, MAINS, ETC.	4	8
4026 - WIRES AND POLES DOWN	0	5
4027 - TREES DOWN	1	7
4090 - OTHER REPORTS	1	1
4091 - CIVIL DISPUTES	1	3

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>JUNE COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
5002 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ANIMAL	0	1
5004 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ARTICLES	1	2
5006 - LOST & FOUND - LOST ANIMAL	0	3
5008 - LOST & FOUND - LOST ARTICLES	0	1
5504 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - DOG BITES	0	1
5510 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - INJURED/SICK	1	5
5590 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - REPORTS	0	5
6004 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING PROPERTY DAMA	0	1
6006 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING INJURY	0	1
6008 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING NONINJURY	5	10
6310 - TRAFFIC POST	1	1
6312 - TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT - WARNINGS	0	2
6390 - TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT-REPORTS	0	1
6602 - TRAFFIC RELATED-IMPOUNDED VEHICLE	1	2
6603 - TRAFFIC RELATED -ABANDONED VEHICLE	1	4
6610 - TRAFFIC RELATED - MOTORIST AID	0	3
6614 - TRAFFIC RELATED - CARELESS DRIVER	0	12
7010 - POLICE NOTIFICATIONS/INFO	3	8
7016 - FOLLOW UP INFORMATION	0	3
7090 - PUBLIC SERVICES-REPORTS	0	1
7094 - FOOT PATROL	0	7
7504 - ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - OTHER POLICE	2	7
9002 - ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES	0	1
9008 - ADMINISTRATIVE - CLERICAL	0	3
911 - 911-HANG UP	0	2
CITT - TRAFFIC CITATION	5	41
CITW - WARNING	2	19
CKWE - WELFARE CHECK	1	10
WARR - WARRANT	0	1
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Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company

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Bas Incident Type

Incident Type(s): All Incident Types | Start Date: 06/01/2022 | End Date: 06/30/2022

Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
06/01/2022	2022-143	220038630	909 California Ave	Fire Alarm. Dispatched and canceled set off by workers Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/01/2022	2022-144	220038738	3 Highland Dr.	Transformer fire 148 on scene. No fire but no power in the area notified DUQ Light Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/01/2022	2022-145	220038750	New Brighton Rd	Tree down across the road helped with cutting the tree up and cleaning the road. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/01/2022	2022-146	220038765	169 Washington Ave	Smoke inside the house no fire. Cased by a battery over heating in the basement. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/05/2022	2022-147	220039798	124 Walnut St	POSS. fire inside the building. found the dryer smoking unplugged the dryer and vented the house. Sewickley	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/06/2022	2022-148	220039984	O.R.B.	Two car accident 148 C2 on scene. No need for fire only PD and EMS. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/07/2022	2022-149	220040321	715 Hemlock St	Possible fire nothing found Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/09/2022	2022-150	220040709	Roosevelt RD	Tree down across the road way. cut the tree up and cleared the road way Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/09/2022	2022-151	220040871	631 Taylor Ave	Fire alarm set off by burnt food. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/10/2022	2022-152	220041198	9 Marie Ave	Natural gas inside the house. Helped with venting the home Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/11/2022	2022-153	220041236	298 Spruce Run RD	Truck into the stream PD on scene no need for fire just PD. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/11/2022	2022-154	220041352	47 Center Ave	Wires down. 148 C-1 on scene no need for fire only a baloon in the wires Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/12/2022	2022-155	22004189	231 School St	Accident no INJ. found a car on side of the road no accident Glenfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/12/2022	2022-156	220041614	19 Thornridge RD	Fire alarm. Dispatched and cancelled alarm company called back with code burnt food Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/12/2022	2022-157	220041633	160 North ave	Fire Alarm Caller called back with code Burnt food Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/14/2022	2022-158	220042120	100 S. Jaskson Ave	Fire alarm set off by workers dispatched and cancelled Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/14/2022	2022-159	220042174	607 Florance Ave	C.O. alarm inside the house helped with venting Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/14/2022	2022-160	220042170	8136 O.R.B.	Smoke coming from a car PD on scene no fire or smoke no need for fire Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/15/2022	2022-161	220042551	224 Overlook DR	POSS. Fire 220-C1 on scene holding to 220 OT	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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06/16/2022	2022-162	220042946	Forest Ave	Accident Car drove up on to a nother car Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/18/2022	2022-163	220043325	300 Union Ave	Fire Alarm helped with searching the building nothing Found Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/18/2022	2022-164	220043381	258 Sewickley Bridge	smoke around the bridge. 258 C-1 on scene holding to 258. Sewickley	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/18/2022	2022-165	220043530	841 California Ave	Natural gas inside the house Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/19/2022	2022-166	220043563	145 Washington Ave	Fire Alarm bad smoke head Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/19/2022	2022-167	220043623	219 Allegheny Ave	Car into a Structure. car lost its breaks and went down the hill into the front porch Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/19/2022	2022-168	220043742	222 Camp horne rd	Home owner fell asleep inside the house. And left the grill on and the grill caught on fire. The grill was the only thing that was on fire. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/22/2022	2022-169	220044417	633 Orchard ave	Fire Alarm due to working on the building Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/22/2022	2022-170	220044504	451 Maple Ln.	Tree into a house. Dispatch and cancelled Edgeworth. Then went and cut up a tree on 65 to help out 258. Edgeworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/23/2022	2022-171	220044999	179 Sb	accident. Dispatched and cancelled 101 C1 on scene no need for fire. Aleppo	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/24/2022	2022-172	220045347	134 Melinda Court	POSS. Fire 220 on scene small grill fire on the porch holding to 220. OT	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/25/2022	2022-173	220045488	Dickson Ave	Dispatched for a hydrant laying down on the road. called for west view water Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/25/2022	2022-174	220045526	243 S. Chestnut St	mulch fire helped with putting water on the mulch. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/26/2022	2022-175	220045750	4 Kingsford DR	Recycling bin Caught on fire next the house. helped with extinguishing and venting the house out. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/27/2022	2022-176	220045915	136 Sheridan Ave	Fire alarm 108 on scene holding it to 108. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/28/2022	2022-177	220046427	529 Monroe Ave	Fire Alarm 108 on scene no need for fire Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/29/2022	2022-178	220046574	631 Taylor Ave	Fire alarm due to bad smoke head Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/29/2022	2022-179	220046474	903 Chester Ave	C.O. Alarm helped with venting the house Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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