



Borough of Ben Avon

Council Meeting

Minutes

August 16, 2022

The Borough of Ben Avon Council met in a regular voting session on Tuesday, August 16, 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 Daniel Conlon, Ohio Township Police Chief Joe Hanny, Emsworth Fire Company Chief Jim Kohl, JPC Chair Catherine Houska, Kristen Borough Secretary Terrie Patsch

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kristen Hahn, Avonworth Community Park Chair

Ms. Hahn attended the meeting to share updates on Avonworth Park following their annual audit. She stated that plans are to build the Capital Fund for upcoming repairs and upgrades to the facilities.

Bob Kinross, Ricker Court

Mr. Kinross asked for clarification of the parking ordinance on Ricker Court and asked that additional signage be considered to avoid confusion in the future.

BOROUGH REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Holcomb reported the next edition of the Borough newsletter is near completion, and she reached out to both Ohio Township Police and Emsworth Fire Department for content.

Mayor Holcomb also stated that she worked with the Borough Solicitor to draft an agreement for filming in Avon Park in August, however filming at that location has recently been cancelled. The document will remain a resource going forward for future projects. There will be filming at a private residence on Irwin Avenue on August 19, and the production company will notify surrounding residents of the details prior to that event.

Mr. Wagner noted that the Avon Club fundraising event will close a portion of Dickson Avenue on the last Saturday of August. Chief Hanny will confirm the details of the closure with Avon Club representatives.

Ohio Township Police Report – See Attachment “A”

Chief Hanny reported 60 calls in July, including residential and business alarm responses, noise complaints and two accidents. The Chief noted that solicitors have been present in the Borough, and residents should always ask to see their permits. The permits should be on a lanyard and signed by the Chief. He reminded all that this weekend there would be a closure on I79 southbound.

Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company Report – See Attachment “B”

Chief Kohl stated that there were five calls last month in Ben Avon. He asked about plans for the Avon Club Fall Festival, as they would like to have a presence at the event. Councilmember Bett asked if they had a date yet for the Santa visit, and he stated that would be decided after Labor Day.

Solicitor’s Report – Executive Session requested to discuss potential litigation

Joint Planning Commission

Ms. Houska reported that she forwarded a document prior to tonight’s meeting on signage, flags, banners. She asked that council members review the information for future discussion. Several JPC members have a scheduled call with eCode experts to discuss proposed options and solicit an updated proposal. Once they have something in writing, they will forward it to the municipalities. She reported that plans for a website are underway as well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 19, 2022, Council Meeting

Motion: Mr. Thornton; **Second:** Ms. Roggenkamp; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the July 19, 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 July.

Mr. Opiery noted that the revenue was on track as expected, and the expenses were slightly higher than last year at this time. This would be a result of the increase in solicitor fees and engineering fees for the upcoming road project.

Accounts Payable

Motion: Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the Accounts Payable report and the paying of invoices in the amount of \$60,441.14.

Mr. Opiery reported the quarterly Alcosan liability was paid this month. In addition, there was sewer inspection and cleaning in preparation of the upcoming paving project. Mele, the contractor for the road project, will perform any sewer repairs that are necessary.

Mr. Opiery stated the conversion over to the new depository, Dollar Bank, has recently been completed. He thanked Mr. Kuehner and Ms. Patsch for their assistance in this move.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Report – no report given

Public Affairs & Communications

Ms. Bett stated that she will draft a statement about solicitation permit requirements in the Borough and it will be available for publication on social media. Ms. Roggenkamp asked that council members review the draft copy of the newsletter for any changes or corrections before next Tuesday. She stated that she has all content at this time, except for the mayor's message for the front page. Mr. Wagner will forward an updated report on the building project. Mrs. Bett said that the publication should be ready for print and distribution by the end of August or early September.

Public Safety

Mr. Wagner stated that he will reach out to Harshman for a list of the changes in staffing to update our records. He also noted that the Committee has discussed the need to become more proactive to follow property maintenance issues through to resolution. The rental inspection list revision is well underway, and letters will be going out shortly to property owners. He reported that the Committee will meet with Harshman to discuss concerns and thoughts going forward.

Mrs. Bett reported the ongoing complaint from a resident concerning wandering cats in the Borough. She reached out to Harshman in the past but was unable to resolve the matter. The Borough Secretary will reach out to the Managers/Secretary group in the COG (Councils of Governments) at the next meeting to see if any other municipalities have had success dealing with this issue as has been discussed in the past.

Public Works

Mr. Opiery reported that the full-time employee hired two years ago and deployed overseas has decided not to return to the Public Works Department. An updated job description will be

prepared for advertising and the PW (Public Works) Committee will meet to prepare for the hiring process.

Mr. Regrut has been working on line-painting on the Borough streets, however, is expecting white paint that is currently unavailable. As previously discussed, crosswalks will be added to Dalzell and Ridge Avenue for safety reasons.

Mr. Opipery also reported that the contract with Mele & Mele has been extended until the end of September for the road project. He will work with them to refine the actual start date. The wall project on Brighton Road is soon to begin, however a Duquesne Light pole will need moved. Mr. Regrut is working with Duquesne Light on that project.

Community of Governments

Ms. Washington referred to the attached COG monthly Executive Director's report. Mr. Wagner noted that the annual dinner is coming up in October, and it is a good opportunity for Council members to meet with those from other neighboring municipalities.

Mr. Wagner also reported that the awarded gaming grant is being administered by the COG. Another grant, the Keystone Grant, would potentially provide another source of funding and the Building Committee will apply for that grant as well.

Sustainability – *no report given*

Special Projects – *no report given*

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Property Agreement – *no action at this time, project cancelled*

Resolution 2022-10 – Keystone Grant Application

Motion: Ms. Roggenkamp; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by voice vote to approve the resolution to authorize Mr. Wagner and Mr. Opipery to sign and administer the Keystone Grant application in the amount of \$203,000.

OLD BUSINESS – *there was no old business*

EXECUTIVE SESSION - *pending litigation*

Motion: Mr. Opipery; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:37 p.m. to discuss potential litigation.

Motion: Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by voice vote to return to regular session at 9:16 p.m.

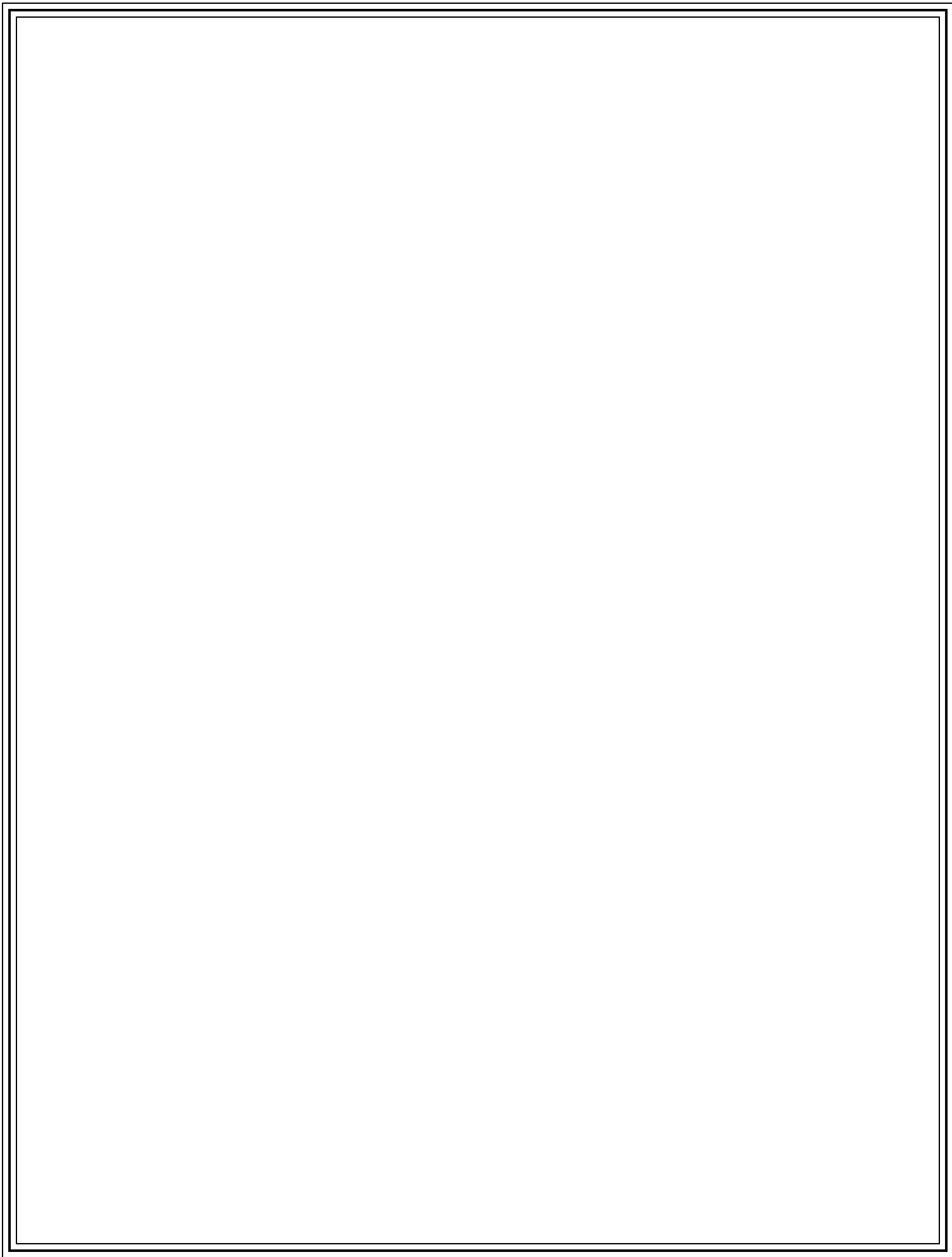
MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Patsch

Borough Secretary



ATTACHMENT A

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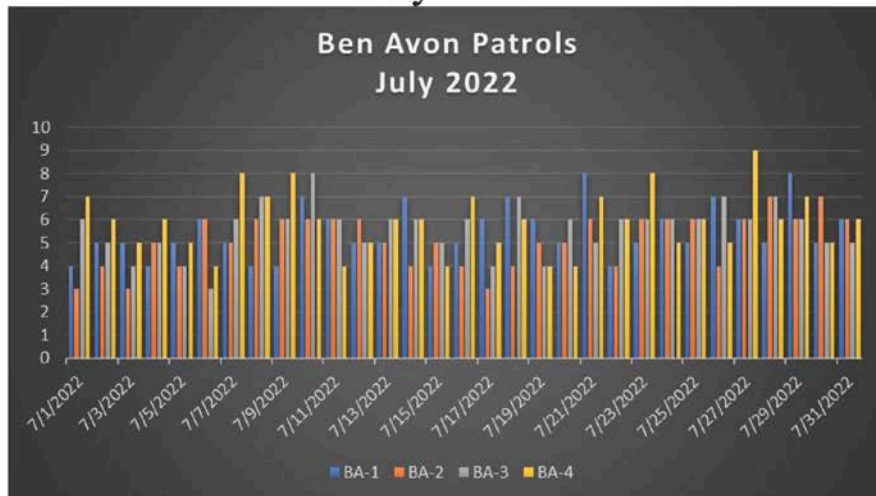
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OHIO TOWNSHIP
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Established 1803

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

BEN AVON PATROLS FOR
July 2022



BA-1 170
BA-2 159
BA-3 174
BA-4 183

TOTAL 686

8/11/2022

Call Service Report Grouped by Urcodes
OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE
7/01/2022 THROUGH 7/31/2022
For Municipality: 05

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>JULY COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
0501 - ALARM - RESIDENCE	2	11
0503 - ALARM - BUSINESS	1	6
0614 - THEFT-\$200 & OVER-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0615)	1	2
0624 - THEFT-\$50 TO \$200-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0625)	0	1
0644 - THEFT-ATTEMPTED-FROM AUTO (EXCEPT 0645)	0	3
1100 - FRAUD	0	5
1190 - FRAUD-ALL OTHER (FLIM FLAM, CONFIDENCE	0	1
1410 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO AUTOMOBILES	0	1
1430 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - PUBLIC BUILDINGS	0	1
1490 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - REPORTS	1	1
1531 - WEAPONS - POSSESSION - FIREARMS	0	1
1810 - DRUG VIOLATIONS	0	1
1841 - NARCOTICS-USE-MORPHINE, HEROIN, CODIENEC	0	1
2020 - OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY-CHILD ABUSE	0	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	0	3
2440 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT-DISTURBING THE PEACE	1	2
2450 - HARASSMENT	0	2
2626 - FALSE FIRE ALARM	2	5
2633 - DUMPING	0	1
2634 - FIRE CODE (ORDINANCE VIO.)	1	1
2640 - ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	0	8
2647 - PFA-PROTECTIVE ORDERS	0	1
2656 - THREATS	0	1
2720 - DOG LAW (1ST OFF. & STATE CIT)	0	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	2	4
3600 - DISTURBANCES-DOMESTIC	1	8
3800 - SERVICE CALL-MISCELLANEOUS	0	1
3820 - DISABLED VEHICLE	3	10
3840 - FIRES (INCLUDING ALARMS-FOUNDED/UNFOUNDED)	1	5
3850 - HAZARDOUS CONDITION/NOT SNOW RELATED	0	2
3855 - ROAD DEPARTMENT CALL OUT	0	16
3860 - LOCKOUTS (VEHICLE/BLDG)	0	6
3870 - MEDICAL EMERGENCY/ ASSIST AMBULANCE	9	44
3880 - OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS - DISCOVERED	1	16
3885 - POST NO PARKING SIGNS	0	2
3900 - TRAFFIC & PARKING PROBLEMS	1	20
4010 - TRAFFIC OFFENSES	0	1
4012 - GAS LEAKS & EXPLOSIONS	0	5
4016 - PEDESTRIAN CONTACTS	0	1
4020 - SUSPICIOUS AUTO	1	9
4022 - SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2	7
4024 - WATER LEAKS, MAINS, ETC.	1	9
4026 - WIRES AND POLES DOWN	2	7
4027 - TREES DOWN	3	10

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>JULY COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
4090 - OTHER REPORTS	0	1
4091 - CIVIL DISPUTES	1	4
5002 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ANIMAL	0	1
5004 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ARTICLES	0	2
5006 - LOST & FOUND - LOST ANIMAL	0	3
5008 - LOST & FOUND - LOST ARTICLES	0	1
5014 - LOST & FOUND - MISSING ADULT FEMALES	1	1
5504 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - DOG BITES	0	1
5506 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - STRAY ANIMALS	4	4
5510 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - INJURED/SICK	1	6
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	2	12
6310 - TRAFFIC POST	0	1
6312 - TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT - WARNINGS	0	2
6390 - TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT-REPORTS	1	2
6602 - TRAFFIC RELATED-IMPOUNDED VEHICLE	0	2
6603 - TRAFFIC RELATED -ABANDONED VEHICLE	0	4
6610 - TRAFFIC RELATED - MOTORIST AID	0	3
6612 - TRAFFIC RELATED-SIGNALS-SIGNS OUT	3	3
6614 - TRAFFIC RELATED - CARELESS DRIVER	1	13
7010 - POLICE NOTIFICATIONS/INFO	0	8
7016 - FOLLOW UP INFORMATION	1	4
7090 - PUBLIC SERVICES-REPORTS	0	1
7094 - FOOT PATROL	0	7
7504 - ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - OTHER POLICE	0	7
9002 - ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES	0	1
9008 - ADMINISTRATIVE - CLERICAL	0	3
911 - 911-HANG UP	0	2
CITT - TRAFFIC CITATION	3	45
CITW - WARNING	5	24
CKWE - WELFARE CHECK	1	11
WARR - WARRANT	0	1
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Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company

Emsworth, PA

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Basic Incident Info for Incident Type

Incident Type(s): All Incident Types | Start Date: 07/01/2022 | End Date: 07/31/2022

Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
07/02/2022	2022-180	220047345	315 McKinley Ave	Tree on to a house with structure collapse Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/03/2022	2022-181	220047513	233 Hilands Ave	Fire Alarm. Spoke with the homeowner no need for fire false alarm Dispatched and cancelled Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/04/2022	2022-182	220047927	50 Greenough ave	Grill on fire in the backyard. 108 on scene fire is out no need for fire. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/04/2022	2022-183	220047941	100 North Ave	Fire alarm going off inside the building. Bad smoke head Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/04/2022	2022-184	220048022	615 Orchard Ave	Natural gas leak inside the house. Helped with venting the house out. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/07/2022	2022-185	220048683	179 SB	Accident with rollover. Helped with traffic control and clean up. Glenfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/12/2022	2022-186	220049963	423 California ave	Fire Alarm. Home owner called back saying burnt food. Dispatched and cancelled Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/13/2022	2022-187	220050272	481 Dawson Ave	Fire Alarm. Found a bad battery in a smoke head Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/13/2022	2022-188	220050428	8136 O.R.B.	Dispatched for a Possible fire inside the store of BP. 148 chief of scene nothing showing from the outside, C1 found smoke on the inside of the store. Crews checked the inside of the building nothing found. Sent a crew to the roof and the roof crew found the AC units smoking causing the smoke to go inside the building through the duck work. With the power outage in the area caused the AC units to short out. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/13/2022	2022-189	220050408	65	Service call for hooking up the generators to the traffic lights Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/14/2022	2022-190	220050458	Brighton rd	power wires down on the road way. Blocked the road until DUQ Light got on scene. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/15/2022	2022-191	220050822	499 Camphome Rd	Flooding inside the buildings by the pool. Helped with pumping them out. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/15/2022	2022-192	220050928	925 California ave	Poss. Fire inside the building. Found burnt food in APT. 511 helped with venting the 5th floor. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/17/2022	2022-193	220051431	304 Thomas Ave	Dispatched and cancelled for a possible fire on the porch. 108 C1 on scene no need for fire units just someone cooking. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/18/2022	2022-194	220051714	Crawford RD	2 car accident dispatched for containment. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/18/2022	2022-195	220051717	65 North	3 car accident with injuries. Helped with clean up and traffic control. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/20/2022	2022-196	220052376	6910 Church Ave	CO Alarm / Fire Alarm going off inside the house. checked the house no fire or CO. Bad smoke head in the front bedroom. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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07/23/2022	2022-197	220053134	570 Roosevelt RD	Tree and wires down across the road. Blocked both ends of the road and called for DQL. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/23/2022	2022-198	220053087	6 Marie Ave	Tree into a house, Helped with making sure everyone was out of the house. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/23/2022	2022-199	220053415	Ridge RD	Tree down across the road. Helped with cutting the tree up and cleaning the road up. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/25/2022	2022-200	220053824	15 Penhurst DR	Tree down hitting main power wire. 148 C2 on scene with wires down and Arcing on the ground. Then found that the homeowner's garage was on fire due to the wire hitting the Electric fence in the ground. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/25/2022	2022-201	220053852	734 ORB	3 car accident with entrapment helped with cutting the car and traffic. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/25/2022	2022-202	220053904	125 Ridge RD	Transformer fire. blocked the roads and waited for DQL. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/26/2022	2022-203	220054228	171 Center Ave	Stand By the station for 108. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/28/2022	2022-204	220054955	134 Monitor ave	Fire alarm homeowner called back no need for fire going off from cooking. Dispatched and cancelled Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/30/2022	2022-205	220055375	211 Locust Ave	Fire alarm PD on scene no need for fire. 148 C3 on scene no need for fire. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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Executive Director's Report – August 2022

CD Year 49 Pre-Applications - Beginning August 8, 2022, through September 16, 2022, Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) will be soliciting pre-applications for Public Improvement Projects for its 2023 (Year 49) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Every QVCOG member community is eligible to apply for CDBG funding for “non-income based” projects exceeding \$20,000 in cost such as ADA accessibility improvement projects and blight remediation. All are encouraged to consider potential projects with their municipal engineers & staff. The QVCOG is happy to facilitate meetings with municipalities to discuss the pre-application process. Pre-applications will be due to the QVCOG by end of business on Friday, September 9th.

Municipal Intern Program Conclusion - Anna Richard (W & J College) will be concluding her time with the QVCOG on August 17th. Anna will be providing a summary of her research which will include an analysis of the QVCOG's services and programs. Additionally, the findings will include a comparison with the other Councils of Governments within Allegheny County.

2022 Annual Dinner – The 2022 “Annual Dinner” will take place at the Edgeworth Club on Wednesday, October 5th. Additional details including the Keynote Speaker(s) and registration information will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Police Mutual Aid Agreement – The QVCOG's Board of Delegates will be considering an updated Police Mutual Aid Agreement at its August 17th meeting. Upon formal approval, each participating municipality will be asked to review and approve the pact. Highlights of the agreement include updated language, the addition of Leet Township and the Quaker Valley Area School District.

2022 Street Paving Map – In an effort to provide a comprehensive scope of paving operations in member communities, the QVCOG is gathering information and building a GIS map outlining impacted streets and as well as the timeline for paving operations. Utility work within member communities will also be included within the map. It is anticipated this preliminary project will assist during the planning process for future bids.