



## **Borough of Ben Avon**

### **Council Meeting September 20, 2022**

The Borough of Ben Avon Council met in a regular voting session on Tuesday, September 20, 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

Council Members Absent: Tavia Washington

Others Present: Mayor Melanie Hughes-Holcomb, Solicitor Weston Pesillo, Ohio Township Police Chief Joe Hanny, Emsworth Fire Company Chief Jim Kohl, JPC Chair Catherine Houska, Borough Secretary Terrie Patsch

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – *there was no public participation*

#### **BOROUGH REPORTS**

##### Mayor's Report

Mayor Holcomb reported a successful Avon Club fundraiser was held on Dickson Avenue, and she thanked Ohio Township Police for their assistance. She also noted that she had recently met with several film company representatives, however their projects in the Borough did not move forward.

Mayor Holcomb reported she had been in contact with the Presbyterian Church, and they were allowing the Halloween Parade candy distribution to take place in front of the building following the Borough parade on October 29<sup>th</sup>. She reached out to Avonworth band to see if they had interest in marching this year and if it would fit into their schedule.

##### Ohio Township Police Report – See Attachment “A”

Chief Hanny reported another quiet month with 57 calls in the Borough. He reminded everyone of the upcoming I79 closures and detours, which should be the last for the year.

Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company Report – See Attachment “B”

Chief Kohl reported nine calls which included a house on Prospect Avenue which was struck by lightning. He asked for further details on the upcoming Avon Club Fall Festival and stated that the VFC would like to bring three trucks over to the Borough.

Solicitor’s Report – Executive Session requested to discuss litigation

Solicitor Pesillo reported that a copy of the draft tax exemption ordinance was forwarded to the Council for their review. He stated that the municipality must pass the ordinance prior to January, 2023.

September 6, 2022, Council Meeting

**Motion:** Mr. Thornton; **Second:** Ms. Bett; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the September 6, 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 August.

Mr. Opiery noted that the revenue was on track as expected, and expenses were slightly higher than last year at this time. This is partially due to an increase in the use of part-time Public Works laborers, 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 \$101,053.34.

2023 Minimal Municipal Obligation

Mr. Opiery presented the calculations for the 2023 MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for the general pension plan (Public Works) employees to the council for their review. The police pension plan is considered fully funded.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration Report

Ms. Bett discussed plans for the Council information booth at the Fall Festival, members’ participation and set up on the day of the event.

#### Public Affairs & Communications

Ms. Bett reported she was in contact with a web developer and is awaiting a proposal.

#### Public Safety – See Attachment C

Mr. Wagner noted that the Committee is closely monitoring all aspects of code enforcement and hopes to have a progress report with the Borough Secretary to check property status in the coming week.

#### Public Works

Mr. Opiery discussed the progress of the change orders and the next steps in that process.

He noted there were sewer repairs on Walnut that need done immediately, and that Mele and Mele would be able to perform those repairs. He expressed concern that the road work scheduled for this year may need delayed until next year as time is running out to complete the roads by the end of September.

#### Community of Governments

Mr. Wagner stated that the next delegate meeting is tomorrow night at the Ben Avon Borough Hall. He said the deadline for the next gaming grant is this Thursday.

#### Sustainability – no report given

#### Special Projects

Centennial Building Project – Mr. Wagner spoke with Senator Fontana about a current grant submission and increasing the amount requested from \$200,000 to \$300,000 for the elevator project. He stated that the first phase of the work on the building would be out for bid next month.

**NEW BUSINESS** – *there was no new business*

**OLD BUSINESS** – *there was no old business*

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION -**

**Motion:** Mr. Thornton; **Second:** Ms. Bett; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:28 p.m. to discuss a zoning appeal.

**Motion:** Ms. Bett; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by voice vote to return to regular session at 8:44 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Motion:** Mr. Pipery; **Second:** Mr. Kuehner; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Terrie Patsch*

Borough Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

CHIEF OF POLICE

JOSEPH P. HANNY

Office  
(412) 259-8304



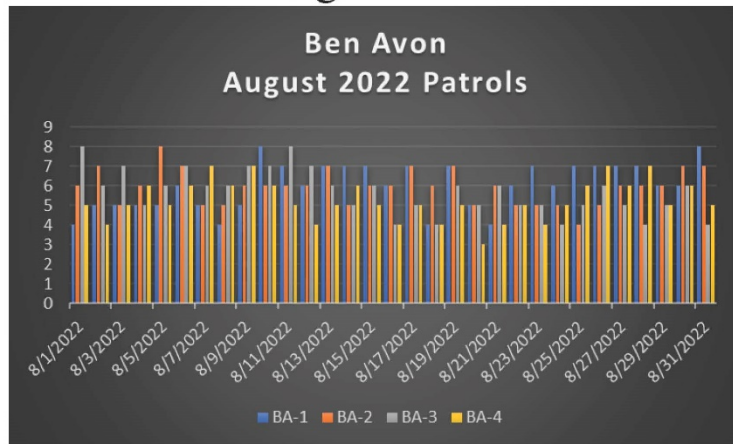
# OHIO TOWNSHIP

POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Established 1803*

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

## BEN AVON PATROLS FOR August 2022



BA-1 186

BA-2 184

BA-3 176

BA-4 163

TOTAL 709

9/15/2022

## Call Service Report Grouped by Urcodes

OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE

8/01/2022 THROUGH 8/31/2022

For Municipality: 05

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>AUG COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
0501 - ALARM - RESIDENCE	1	12
0503 - ALARM - BUSINESS	1	7
0614 - THEFT-\$200 & OVER-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0615)	0	2
0624 - THEFT-\$50 TO \$200-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0625)	0	1
0644 - THEFT-ATTEMPTED-FROM AUTO (EXCEPT 0645)	0	3
1100 - FRAUD	1	6
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	0	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	3
2450 - HARASSMENT	1	3
2626 - FALSE FIRE ALARM	2	6
2633 - DUMPING	0	1
2634 - FIRE CODE (ORDINANCE VIO.)	0	1
2640 - ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	0	8
2647 - PFA-PROTECTIVE ORDERS	1	2
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
2910 - LOST/MISSING PROPERTY	1	1
3100 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	0	1
3400 - MENTAL HEALTH	0	5
3502 - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	1	5
3600 - DISTURBANCES-DOMESTIC	1	9
3800 - SERVICE CALL-MISCELLANEOUS	0	1
3820 - DISABLED VEHICLE	1	11
3840 - FIRES (INCLUDING ALARMS-FOUNDED/UNFOUNDED)	1	6
3850 - HAZARDOUS CONDITION/NOT SNOW RELATED	0	2
3855 - ROAD DEPARTMENT CALL OUT	0	16
3860 - LOCKOUTS (VEHICLE/BLDG)	3	9
3870 - MEDICAL EMERGENCY/ ASSIST AMBULANCE	7	51
3880 - OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS - DISCOVERED	2	18
3885 - POST NO PARKING SIGNS	0	2
3900 - TRAFFIC & PARKING PROBLEMS	4	24
4010 - TRAFFIC OFFENSES	0	1
4012 - GAS LEAKS & EXPLOSIONS	1	6
4016 - PEDESTRIAN CONTACTS	0	1
4020 - SUSPICIOUS AUTO	2	11
4022 - SUSPICIOUS PERSON	0	7
4024 - WATER LEAKS, MAINS, ETC.	1	10
4026 - WIRES AND POLES DOWN	1	8

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**Call Service Report Grouped by Urcodes**  
**OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE**  
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<u>CODE</u>	<u>AUG COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
4027 - TREES DOWN	3	13
4090 - OTHER REPORTS	0	1
4091 - CIVIL DISPUTES	0	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	0	1
5504 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - DOG BITES	0	1
5506 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - STRAY ANIMALS	0	4
5510 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - INJURED/SICK	0	6
5590 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - REPORTS	4	9
6004 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING PROPERTY DAMA	0	1
6006 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING INJURY	1	2
6008 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING NONINJURY	0	12
6310 - TRAFFIC POST	0	1
6312 - TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT - WARNINGS	0	2
6390 - TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT-REPORTS	0	2
6602 - TRAFFIC RELATED-IMPOUNDED VEHICLE	0	2
6603 - TRAFFIC RELATED -ABANDONED VEHICLE	0	4
6610 - TRAFFIC RELATED - MOTORIST AID	1	4
6612 - TRAFFIC RELATED-SIGNALS-SIGNS OUT	0	3
6614 - TRAFFIC RELATED - CARELESS DRIVER	0	13
7010 - POLICE NOTIFICATIONS/INFO	2	10
7016 - FOLLOW UP INFORMATION	0	4
7090 - PUBLIC SERVICES-REPORTS	1	2
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	50
CITW - WARNING	8	32
CKWE - WELFARE CHECK	0	11
WARR - WARRANT	0	1
	<u>57</u>	<u>503</u>

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## Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company


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Bas Incident Type

Incident Type(s): All Incident Types | Start Date: 08/01/2022 | End Date: 08/31/2022

Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
08/02/2022	2022-206	220056085	124 Independence Way	POSS. fire 220 C1 on scene with smell of smoke on the 2nd floor. Helped with searching the floors. found bad ac unit went bad. OT	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/03/2022	2022-207	220056472	125 Dalzell Ave	Fire alarm due to bad smoke head. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/03/2022	2022-208	220056454	125 Dalzell Ave	Fire alarm due to bad smoke head. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/03/2022	2022-209	220056509	4 Burnside Ave	House Fire Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/05/2022	2022-210	220086870	855 Jackman Ave	Person hit by car PD on scene no need for fire just EMS. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/05/2022	2022-211	220056986	Hiland Ave	sink hole in the road. Blocked the road off he the Boro. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/05/2022	2022-212	220057039	115 Monitor ave	Homeowner locked her self out on the 2nd floor porch. Helped her get down from the 2nd floor porch. Ben avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/07/2022	2022-213	220057596	148 Davis Ave	Possible fire inside the house. found a bad outlet that was smoking. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/08/2022	2022-214	220057787	30 Banbury LN.	POSS. fire inside the house. found a pot left on the stove. bad cook BAH	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/09/2022	2022-215	220058277	Forest Ave	Large tree and wires down across the road. blocked the road and waited for DQL. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/09/2022	2022-216	220058180	222 Lincoln Ave	Gas smell inside the house. 108 on scene holding to 108 only. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/09/2022	2022-217	220058031	530 1/2 California Ave	Car got pushed out of the garage by another car. Helped with traffic and clean up. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/10/2022	2022-218	220058316	Brighton RD	Dispatched and cancelled. The tree was way to big for us to cut up told home owner to get a tree company. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/10/2022	2022-219	220058421	10 S Fremont Ave	Smell of paint inside the building. Helped with venting the building. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/13/2022	2022-220	220059271	324 Forest ave	main water line broke inside the house. Had to call the water company to come turn it off at the curb Ben Avon.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/14/2022	2022-221	220059443	324 Plummer ave	Tree down on the road. Helped with cutting the tree up and cleaning the road up. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/16/2022	2022-222	220059746	15 California Ave	Natural gas smell inside the building. helped with venting the building out. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/16/2022	2022-223	220059876	1001 New Brighton RD	Fire alarm due to a bad smoke head. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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08/19/2022	2022-225	220060743	60 Summer Ave	Natural gas inside the building. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/20/2022	2022-226	220061061	567 Roosevelt RD	Tree down on the road. Cut the tree up and opened the road back up. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/21/2022	2022-227	220061182	659 center ave	Branch fell on the roof of a house. 103 on scene no need for fire. Dispatched and cancelled Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/21/2022	2022-228	220061114	8235 O.R.B.	Fire alarm due to bad smoke head Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/21/2022	2022-229	220061304	6830 Prospect ave	House struck by lightning no fire just smoke inside the house. Helped with venting the house Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/22/2022	2022-230	220061391	15 Penhurst rd	fire alarm home owner called in false alarm. Dispatched and cancelled Ben Avon Heights	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/24/2022	2022-231	220062042	8235 O.R.B.	Fire alarm due to a fire drill Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/25/2022	2022-232	220062303	570 Lincoln Ave	Gas odor inside the house helped with searching and venting Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/27/2022	2022-233	220062801	481 Dawson Ave	Possible comm. fire no fire or smoke Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/27/2022	2022-234	220062777	O.R.B.	Accident with inj. one person sent to AGH. helped with closing the road and clean up Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/29/2022	2022-235	220063338	213 Rostrevor Place	Natural gas outside the house. Called the gas company Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
08/31/2022	2022-236	220063843	O.R.B.	Crash with injuries. 148 C-1 on scene no injuries no need for fire. Dispatched and cancelled Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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September 15, 2022

Ben Avon Council  
Ben Avon Borough  
7101 Church Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15202

Subject: Monthly Report  
Code Enforcement, Zoning, and Building Code

Dear Council,

The following are updates on action items since the previous Council meeting.

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT

##### NEW INVESTIGATIONS:

###### **100 Laurel Avenue – Overgrown Tree**

Property was inspected for an overgrown tree violation on 08.25.22. A notice of violation was sent on 08.26.22 allowing for 10 days remediation. Notice was received on 08.29.22.

**09.15.22** The property owner contacted code enforcement on 09.06.22 to discuss remediation. Property to be reinspected for completion.

###### **249 Division Street – Property Maintenance**

Property was inspected for property maintenance violations on 08.30.22. A notice of violation was sent on 08.09.22 allowing for 10 days remediation. Notice was received on 09.07.22.

**09.15.22** Property to be reinspected after 09.17.22 for completion.

##### ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS/CITATIONS:

###### **7119 Church Avenue - Fence**

Property was inspected for fence violation on 08.02.22. A notice of violation was sent on 08.02.22 allowing for 10 days remediation. Notice was received on 08.05.22.

**09.15.22** Repairs completed on fence. Item to be closed.

##### Engineering & Surveying

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##### Codes & Zoning

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Permits@HarshmanLLC.com

**243 Alder Drive – Property Maintenance**

Property was inspected for property maintenance violations on 07.12.22. A notice of violation was sent on 07.18.22 allowing for 30 days remediation.

09.15.22 Property posted on 08.29.22 allowing for 30-days remediation after certified notice returned to code enforcement.

**7219 Perrysville Avenue - Grass**

Property was inspected for overgrown grass. Notice sent on 05.27.22 allowing for 10 days remediation. Property was posted on 06.01.22. Property to be reinspected on 06.15.22.

09.15.22 A property maintenance company completed has the property on a maintenance schedule. Item to be closed.

**11 Laurel Village - Grass**

Property was inspected for overgrown grass. Notice received on 06.07.22 allowing for 10 days remediation. Property to be reinspected after 06.17.22. A Citation was filed on 07.13.22 for the open violations.

09.15.22 Citation remains open with the magistrate.

**MAGISTERIAL HEARINGS**

**No hearings this month.**

**RENTAL INSPECTIONS**

**PASS**

1. 243 Dalzell Avenue
2. 7115 Church Avenue

**FAIL**

1. None

**BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS**

**Building Permits**

1. 6907 Church Ave – Solar Panels


**Zoning Permits**

1. Zoning review for Building Permits.

Please contact our office at any time with questions.



Jarrod D'Amico, BCO  
Director of Codes and Zoning



Randy McCray, CZO  
Lead Code Technician

cc: File 19.159

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