



Borough of Ben Avon

Council Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2022

The Ben Avon Borough Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, virtually and at 7101 Church Avenue for the purpose of transacting General Business. President Richard Wagner presided and opened the meeting at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: President Richard Wagner, Vice President Jennifer Bett, Russell Kuehner, Ken Opiery, Kara Roggenkamp, Jim Thornton, Tavia Washington

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Melanie Hughes-Holcomb, Solicitor Daniel Conlon, Ohio Township Police Sargent Beck, Emsworth Fire Chief Jim Kohl, JPC (Joint Planning Commission) Representative Chris Cieslak, Public Works Foreman Dale Regrut, Borough Secretary Terrie Patsch

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – *there was no public participation*

INTRODUCTION

Jennifer Rapach, Chief of Staff, Representative Arvind Venkat's Office

Ms. Rapach attended the meeting to introduce herself and ask the Council to share any areas of concern they would like to bring to the new Representative's attention. Ms. Rapach reported their office in McCandless will open soon, and Representative Venkat plans to attend the Borough Council meeting in February.

BOROUGH REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Holcomb noted that Representative Venkat recently announced \$20,000 each in grants to both Ohio Township Police and Emsworth Fire Company.

Mayor Holcomb also thanked Emsworth Fire Company for escorting Santa through the Borough. She reported many residents were in attendance.

She is continuing to work with the Communications Committee on exploring new website vendors and has been informed of a property dispute on Flaccus.

Mayor Holcomb reported that a resident visited the Borough office to complain that information is not being shared with residents that do not have access to the internet. With the Citizen discontinuing their print format, it is feared that there will be even more difficult to reach those without that service. The new newsletter does reach all residents and is issued twice a year but cannot serve as the publication of public records as required by the State.

Ohio Township Police – see attachment A

Sargent Beck expressed his appreciation for the grant money recently awarded through Representative Venkat to purchase laptops for the department. He reported 53 calls in Ben Avon last month.

Emsworth VFC – see attachment B

Chief Kohl reported 30 calls last month, with five in Ben Avon. Mr. Wagner thanked the Fire Company for escorting Santa through the Borough.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Daniel Conlon updated the Council on the alternatives for legal advertising with the Citizen ending their print publications at the end of this year. He reported one other alternative in the Pittsburgh Courier, which would fulfill the requirement of at least 30 paid subscribers in the area, however there are only three subscribers in Ben Avon. The requirements are that the paper must be printed daily at least once per week. He noted all of this could be remedied by legislative change.

Joint Planning Commission (JPC)

Ms. Cieslak reported that Avalon had two of their three representatives on the Commission recently resign. One of the two has been replaced, but they are looking for another representative. She stated that all three of the Ben Avon representatives will remain for 2023, and Ms. Houska plans to step down as Chair of the committee.

Ms. Cieslak also stated the three ordinances are in the final review and preparing for public comment. Once one final revision is complete, the last review by the County and municipalities will take place, and public comment will be requested.

MINUTES

Council Meeting November 15, 2022

MOTION: Ms. Roggenkamp; **SECOND:** Mr. Thornton; **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes as presented of November 15, 2022.

Council Work Session December 6, 2022

MOTION: Mr. Thornton; **SECOND:** Ms. Roggenkamp; **MOTION CARRIED** by voice vote to approve the minutes as presented for Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Income & Expenditure Reports

MOTION: Mr. Opiery; **SECOND:** Mr. Kuehner; **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote to approve the income and expenditure report for November for Ben Avon Borough.

Accounts Payable

MOTION: Mr. Opiery; **SECOND:** Mr. Kuehner; **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote to approve the accounts payable report for Ben Avon Borough authorizing payments for November 2022.

Ordinance 793 – 2023 Tax Rate

MOTION: Mr. Opiery; **SECOND:** Mr. Thornton; **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote to approve Ordinance 793 outlining the methodology for calculating the tax rate for 2023 once the final assessed values are available from Allegheny County in January 2023.

2023 Budget

MOTION: Mr. Opiery; **SECOND:** Mr. Kuehner; **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote to approve the 2023 Budget as presented and duly advertised.

Capital Expenditure Plan - See attachment C

Mr. Opiery presented a list of long-range expenses for the Borough in the next five-year period, which would be covered by the established Capital Reserve Fund. This forecast would establish a baseline to change as revenue and expenses fluctuate. Mr. Wagner pointed out that there are no budgetary items for large, long-term projects, and this plan enables the Council budget continuity, not only for the revenue/expense changes, but as Council members that may come

and go. He thanked Mr. Pipery for compiling the document. Mr. Pipery also noted Church Avenue alone will require paving in the next several years at an estimated expense of \$500,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Committee

Ms. Bett thanked Mr. Wagner for hosting the Council members, volunteers, and staff at a holiday get-together. She also thanked Mayor Holcomb and Ms. Roggenkamp for decorating the Borough Building for the upcoming holidays.

Ms. Bett reported that Bob Shelton is willing to serve another term on the Zoning Hearing Board. The Borough Secretary will send out a letter confirming his appointment.

Public Affairs/Communications

Ms. Bett reported she received two quotes for website design and maintenance and would like to have two to three more quotes to compare. She stated the Committee will meet to put together a list of requirements. Mr. Wagner asked if it was possible to have a Local Government Academy intern work on the reconstruction. Mr. Wagner also asked if there was guidance on the storing of emails as many of the Council members have reached near capacity in their storage. Solicitor Conlon referenced the Retention Manual for regulations.

Public Safety – see attachment D

Mr. Wagner noted several issues in the neighborhood that are being followed by the Committee and Code Enforcement.

In addition, Harshman reported several property owners not responding to the request for overdue rental inspections. They suggested a procedure to notify and cite those that are not currently in compliance, with the initial letter sent by the Borough office, and several phone calls to schedule to be followed by a citation if no action is taken by the property owners. Mr. Wagner agreed with their plan and will notify Harshman to proceed.

Public Works

MOTION: Mr. Pipery; **SECOND:** Mr. Thornton; **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote to amend the agenda to include specifications and purchase of a new public works vehicle.

Mr. Pipery reported that Mr. Regrut and the Public Works department are prepared for snow and ice removal.

He also noted the pick-up truck is in bad shape, it is a 2009 and the worst of the three vehicles. He stated that with supply chain issues, ordering a vehicle now may not guarantee arrival until sometime next year. The COSTAR'S quoted price was \$53,360 for a one ton 4 WD, however the cut off to order is today.

MOTION: Mr. Opiery; **SECOND:** Ms. Bett; **MOTION CARRIED** by voice vote to authorize the purchase of the vehicle from COSTARS not to exceed \$54,000.

Mr. Regrut also stated he provided estimates for the purchase of a street sweeper as the crew now hand sweeps all the streets in the Borough. It is important to keep the streets clear and keep debris out of the storm system. It has been difficult to rent the sweeper as most places require a year's advance notice. A sweeper will run between \$230,000 and \$270,000. He did note that some used vehicles may be available to purchase.

QV Council of Governments - see attachment E

Mr. Wagner noted that Waste Management was making a 9% increase to allow for fuel costs.

The COG (Councils of Governments) also published the list of meetings and locations for 2023, and the group will meet at the Ben Avon Borough Hall in June.

Sustainability

Ms. Roggenkamp reported an upcoming meeting with Pittsburgh CONNECT that she will be attending. She forwarded an email to the Council members with the meeting details if they want to attend.

Special Projects

Centennial Building Project

Mr. Wagner reported the committee is waiting to hear about the next round of grants.

NEW BUSINESS

Avon Club Lease Addendum

Mr. Wagner presented the lease for Avon Club to rent the upstairs hall in the coming year. Mr. Kuehner expressed his request that the Avon Club consider assisting with purchasing some new décor and decorating the Borough Hall each year as they use the hall every month and for several events throughout the year.

MOTION: Mr. Thornton; **SECOND:** Ms. Bett; **MOTION CARRIED** to approve and extend the lease addendum for 2023 in the amount of \$1.00, Mr. Kuehner abstained from the vote.

7219-7221 Church Avenue

Mr. Wagner said the current tenants on the back side of the former Fire Company building have expressed interest in renting the larger warehouse area. Northwest EMS (Emergency Medical Service) has been having difficulty finding a location to house their equipment and would like to pursue renting both the current offices and expanding into the unused portion of the building. Mr. Opiery noted the potential income to the Borough and felt their services would provide a value to the community. Mayor Holcomb questioned whether the property would be best sold to remove the Borough's role as property owners, however, Mr. Opiery stated the property sale was not currently on the table.

MOTION: Mr. Opiery; **SECOND:** Mr. Thornton; **MOTION CARRIED** to approve moving forward to negotiate three items – rent, utility reimbursement and terms - pending solicitor review.

OLD BUSINESS

2023 Meeting Schedule

MOTION: Ms. Bett; **SECOND:** Mr. Kuehner; **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote to approve the 2023 meeting schedule and advertise as presented.

2023 Fee Schedule

MOTION: Ms. Bett; **SECOND:** Mr. Kuehner; **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote to adopt the revised fee schedule for 2023 as presented to Council.

Verizon Cell Tower

Mr. Wagner reported he recently received an inquiry from Mr. Dave Farquar as to the Borough's interest in pursuing the agreement with Verizon to place a cell tower on Borough property at 7219 Church Avenue. Mr. Wagner asked the Council to share their comments and concerns. He stated that if the Borough did not agree to work with them, they may approach another property owner and pursue their project through them. The project may still require a variance to complete the agreement, or Verizon may wish to continue by fitting 20+ utility poles with equipment as they are in the right-of-way.

Mr. Opiery asked if the current ordinance would stand up to their request. Mr. Thornton expressed his concern about considering all the residents and their objections. Ms. Roggenkamp stated they are not sure where Verizon will go if denied. Ms. Bett suggested the Council wait until Verizon acts. Mr. Wagner stated that based on resident feedback at the last council meeting,

it is not wanted on Borough property. He will respond to Mr. Farquar that the Council has agreed there is no interest in the Borough pursuing this opportunity.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – *there was no executive session required*

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Bett; **SECOND:** Mr. Thornton; **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Patsch
Borough Secretary

ATTACHMENT A



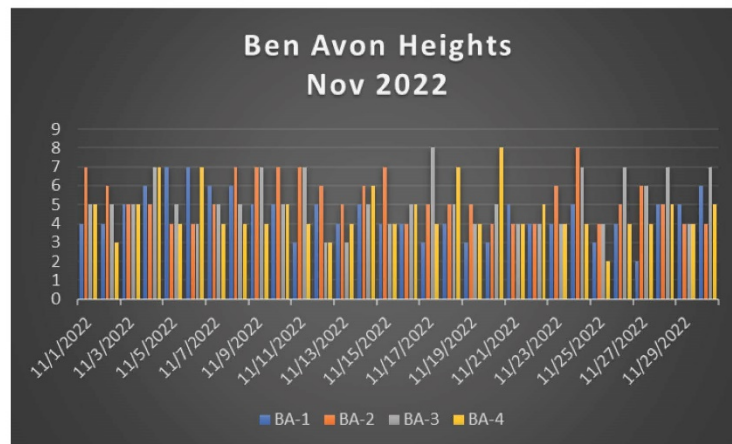
OHIO TOWNSHIP

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Established 1803

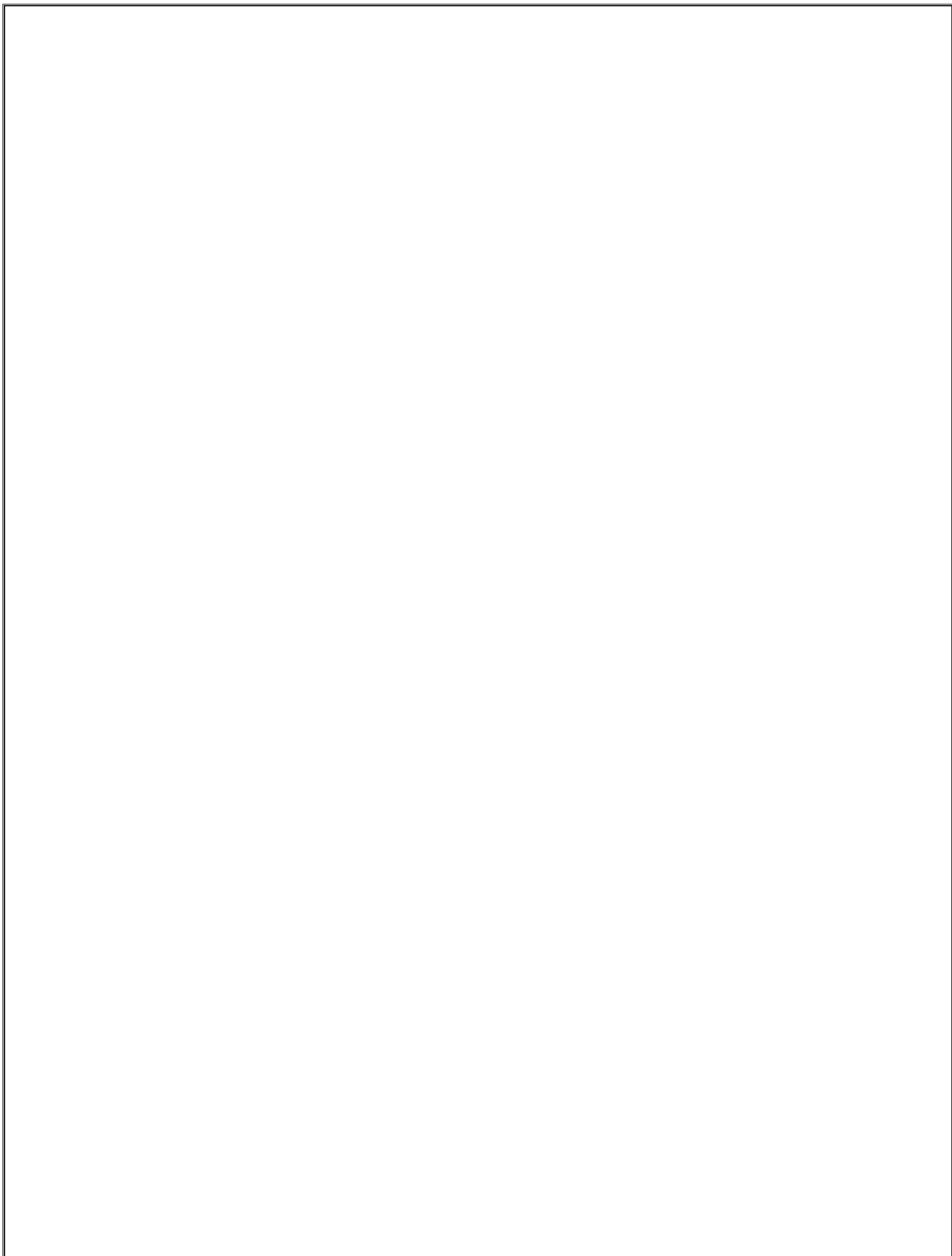
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
126 Lenzner Ct, Sewickley, Pa. 15143

BEN AVON PATROLS FOR November 2022



BA-1 141
BA-2 165
BA-3 162
BA-4 142

TOTAL 610



12/09/2022

Call Service Report Grouped by Urcodes
OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE
11/01/2022 THROUGH 11/30/2022
For Municipality: 05

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>NOV COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
0501 - ALARM - RESIDENCE	0	13
0503 - ALARM - BUSINESS	1	8
0614 - THEFT-\$200 & OVER-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0615)	0	2
0617 - THEFT-\$200 & OVER-FROM BUILDINGS	2	2
0624 - THEFT-\$50 TO \$200-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0625)	1	2
0644 - THEFT-ATTEMPTED-FROM AUTO (EXCEPT 0645)	1	4
1100 - FRAUD	1	9
1150 - FRAUD - CREDIT CARDS, ATM	0	2
1190 - FRAUD-ALL OTHER(FLIM FLAM, CONFIDENCE	0	1
1410 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO AUTOMOBILES	0	1
1430 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - PUBLIC BUILDINGS	0	1
1440 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - ALL OTHER	0	1
1490 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - REPORTS	0	1
1531 - WEAPONS - POSSESSION - FIREARMS	0	1
1810 - DRUG VIOLATIONS	1	2
1841 NARCOTICS-USE-MORPHINE, HEROIN, CODIENEC	0	1
2020 - OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY-CHILD ABUSE	0	2
2112 - DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE-ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED	1	4
2122 - DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE - DRUGS-IMPAIRED	0	1
2300 - PUBLIC DRUNKENESS	0	2
2400 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT	0	3
2410 - HARASSMENT BY COMMUNICATION	2	2
2440 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT-DISTURBING THE PEACE	1	5
2450 - HARASSMENT	0	3
2626 - FALSE FIRE ALARM	1	9
2633 - DUMPING	0	1
2634 - FIRE CODE (ORDINANCE VIO.)	0	1
2640 - ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	0	8
2647 - PFA-PROTECTIVE ORDERS	0	2
2656 - THREATS	0	1
2720 - DOG LAW (1ST OFF. & STATE CIT)	0	2
2810 - TWP ORD-ABANDONED VEH (INCLUDING STATE)	0	1
2811 - CURFEW LAW (JUVENILE) - MALE	0	2
2812 - CURFEW LAW (JUVENILE) - FEMALE	0	1
2910 - LOST/MISSING PROPERTY	0	1
3000 - FOUND/RECOVERED PROPERTY	0	2
3100 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	0	1
3400 - MENTAL HEALTH	0	6
3502 - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	2	7
3600 - DISTURBANCES-DOMESTIC	0	12
3620 - DISTURBANCES-OTHER (FIGHT,DISPUTES,ETC)	0	1
3800 - SERVICE CALL-MISCELLANEOUS	0	1
3820 - DISABLED VEHICLE	1	15
3840 - FIRES (INCLUDING ALARMS-FOUNDED/UNFOUNDED)	1	7
3850 - HAZARDOUS CONDITION/NOT SNOW RELATED	2	5
3855 - ROAD DEPARTMENT CALL OUT	1	17
3860 - LOCKOUTS (VEHICLE/BLDG)	1	11
3870 - MEDICAL EMERGENCY/ ASSIST AMBULANCE	5	71
3880 - OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS - DISCOVERED	0	24

12/09/2022

Call Service Report Grouped by Urcodes
OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE
11/01/2022 THROUGH 11/30/2022
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<u>CODE</u>	<u>NOV COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
3885 - POST NO PARKING SIGNS	0	4
3900 - TRAFFIC & PARKING PROBLEMS	6	33
4010 - TRAFFIC OFFENSES	0	1
4012 - GAS LEAKS & EXPLOSIONS	0	6
4016 - PEDESTRIAN CONTACTS	0	1
4020 - SUSPICIOUS AUTO	0	15
4022 - SUSPICIOUS PERSON	0	10
4024 - WATER LEAKS, MAINS, ETC.	0	10
4026 - WIRES AND POLES DOWN	0	10
4027 - TREES DOWN	0	13
4090 - OTHER REPORTS	0	1
4091 - CIVIL DISPUTES	1	5
5002 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ANIMAL	0	2
5004 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ARTICLES	0	2
5006 - LOST & FOUND - LOST ANIMAL	0	4
5008 - LOST & FOUND - LOST ARTICLES	0	1
5014 - LOST & FOUND - MISSING ADULT FEMALES	0	2
5504 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - DOG BITES	0	1
5506 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - STRAY ANIMALS	0	4
5510 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - INJURED/SICK	0	8
5590 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - REPORTS	1	13
6004 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING PROPERTY DAMA	1	3
6006 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLING INJURY	1	4
6008 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING NONINJURY	1	17
6310 - TRAFFIC POST	1	2
6312 - TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT - WARNINGS	0	2
6390 - TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT-REPORTS	0	2
6602 - TRAFFIC RELATED-IMPOUNDED VEHICLE	0	2
6603 - TRAFFIC RELATED -ABANDONED VEHICLE	2	6
6610 - TRAFFIC RELATED - MOTORIST AID	0	4
6612 - TRAFFIC RELATED-SIGNALS-SIGNS OUT	0	4
6614 - TRAFFIC RELATED - CARELESS DRIVER	2	19
7010 - POLICE NOTIFICATIONS/INFO	4	26
7016 - FOLLOW UP INFORMATION	0	4
7090 - PUBLIC SERVICES-REPORTS	0	4
7094 - FOOT PATROL	0	7
7504 - ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - OTHER POLICE	1	8
9002 - ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES	0	1
9008 - ADMINISTRATIVE - CLERICAL	0	3
911 - 911-HANG UP	0	2
CITT - TRAFFIC CITATION	0	53
CITW - WARNING	6	38
CKWE - WELFARE CHECK	1	13
WARR - WARRANT	0	1
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ATTACHMENT B

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Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company



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Incident Type(s): All Incident Types | Start Date: 11/01/2022 | End Date: 11/30/2022

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Incident Type

Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
11/01/2022	2022-284	220081316	168 Neville St	Garage fire helped with putting out the fire Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/02/2022	2022-285	220081466	47 Center Ave	Co Alarm no symptoms nothing found Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/02/2022	2022-286	220081603	661 Lincoln Ave	Fire alarm dispatched and cancelled Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/02/2022	2022-287	220081633	2 Glenn Street	dispatched to help EMS. Dispatched and Cancelled Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/02/2022	2022-288	220081728	450 Jefferson Ave	odor inside the structure Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/03/2022	2022-289	220081783	440 Jefferson Ave	Dryer on fire inside the building filling the building with smoke. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/04/2022	2022-290	220082145	65 North	Accident 148 C1- on scene no need for fire Dispatched and cancelled Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/05/2022	2022-291	220082596	134 Stoner Rd	Brush fire Dispatched and Cancelled OT	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/07/2022	2022-292	220083277	1005 Norwood Ave	CO Alarm nothing found Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/08/2022	2022-293	220083416	Brighton RD	Containment detail Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/11/2022	2022-294	220084395	Ohio River Blvd	car crashed into the wall helped with traffic control and clean up. Glenfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/11/2022	2022-295	220084633	498 Camp Horne rd	Tree and wires across the road Helped with traffic and closing the road Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/11/2022	2022-296	220084676	Toms Run	tree across the road helped with removing the tree from the road Glenfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/11/2022	2022-297	220084635	Camp Horne RD	POSS. Car fire nothing found Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/11/2022	2022-298	220084725	7501 Church AVE	Fire alarm nothing found rested the alarm. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/12/2022	2022-299	220084783	7501 Church AVE	Fire Alarm due to a bad battery Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/12/2022	2022-300	220084804	631 Taylor Ave	Fire alarm Dispatched and cancelled Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/13/2022	2022-301		171 Center Ave	Dispatched to stand by the station to cover for Bellevue. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/16/2022	2022-302	220085997	841 California Ave	dryer fire in the basement. helped with venting Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/18/2022	2022-303	220086570	228 Belva st	fire in the kitchen helped with venting Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/20/2022	2022-304	220087006	242 Breeding ave	Furnace fire. fire was out just alot of smoke inside the house. Vented the house and turned the power off to the furnace Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
11/21/2022	2022-305	220087506	8327 O.R.B.	Two car accident helped with clean up. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/22/2022	2022-306	220087634	65 North	Accident hepled with traffic and clean up	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/23/2022	2022-307	220088098	920 O.R.B.	Two car accident with injuries helped with traffic and clean up Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/25/2022	2022-308	220088635	958 O.R.B.	Accident helped with traffic Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/26/2022	2022-309	220088937	126 Fisk ave	Fire alarm nothing found. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/28/2022	2022-310	220089368	8324 O.R.B.	Fire due to a pull station being pulled no fire helped with reset. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/28/2022	2022-311	220089509	436 Laurel oak dr.	POSS. house fire 220 C-1 on scene no need for fire dispatched and cancelled. OT	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/29/2022	2022-312	220089843	841 California Ave	two people trapped in a elevator. dispatched for extra manpower Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
11/30/2022	2022-313	220089995	65 south	Tree blocking one lane on 65. Removed the tree and cleaned the lane up. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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ATTACHMENT C

Ben Avon Borough Capital Spend Plan

<u>Cashflow</u>		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Beginning Balance Capital Reserve		539,534.89	213,304.39	72,304.39	106,304.39	160,304.39	299,304.39
Estimated Transfer from General Fund		450,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00
Estimated Available Balance		989,534.89	513,304.39	372,304.39	406,304.39	460,304.39	599,304.39
<u>Projected Expenses</u>							
<u>Equipment</u>							
Street Sweeper		190,000.00					
DPW Pickup Truck (Replace 2009 F350 Pick Up)		80,000.00					
DPW Dump Truck 1 (Replace 2008 Ford F550 Dump incl plow & spreader - 16 Yrs)			130,000.00		-		
DPW Dump Truck 2 (Replace 2015 Ford F 550 Dump Incl. Plow & spreader - 12 Yrs)					-	140,000.00	
<u>Infrastructure</u>							
Sewer Work (incl COVID Grant/Walnut Sewer/Consent Order)		115,583.00	90,000.00	20,000.00	-	-	
Paving (Church Avenue in 2028 - 32 Yrs)		345,647.50	-	225,000.00	225,000.00	-	500,000.00
Retaining Wall (Phase II - Brighton)			200,000.00				
<u>Properties</u>							
Buildings (Borough Hall/Annual Rent Put Back into 7221/7219)		45,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00
Parks/Other							
Total Capital Expenses		776,230.50	441,000.00	266,000.00	246,000.00	161,000.00	521,000.00
Ending Balance (Capital Reserve)		213,304.39	72,304.39	106,304.39	160,304.39	299,304.39	78,304.39



December 5, 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:

7215 Brighton Rd – Satellite Dish

Property was inspected on 11.22.22 for a satellite dish located in the front yard. A notice of violation was received on 11.30.22 allowing for 10 days remediation to apply for a zoning permit.

ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS/CITATIONS:

7072 Woodland Ave - Fence

Property was inspected on 11.09.22 for a fence possible constructed without a permit.

12.05.22 Property owner submitted a zoning permit application and site plan showing the new fence on their property. Application was approved based on the submitted documents.

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. Property posted on 08.29.22 allowing for 30-days remediation after certified notice returned to code enforcement. A Citation was filed on 10.07.22. A Magisterial hearing is scheduled for 11.30.22.

12.05.22 The property owner remediated the violations. Item closed.

Engineering & Surveying

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Codes & Zoning

2455 Park Ave
Washington, PA 15301
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Permits@HarshmanLLC.com

MAGISTERIAL HEARINGS

No hearings this month.

RENTAL INSPECTIONS

PASS

1. 6541-6549 Ohio River Boulevard
2. 241 Dickson Avenue

FAIL

1. None

BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS

BUILDING PERMITS

1. 7412 Perrysville Avenue – Dormer

ZONING PERMITS

1. Zoning review for Building Permits.
2. 7072 Woodland Avenue - Fence

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



QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
 343 Eicher Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
 412-766-7458 | www.qvcog.org



Executive Director's Report – December 2022

Latent Fingerprint Grant Award – The QVCOG is proud to announce that it has received an additional equipment award from the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association in the amount of \$13,379.73 through the "Latent Evidence Improvement Project". This grant award will be used to procure a 48-inch floor model Safefume CA Fuming Chamber and a 36-inch floor model Drysafe Evidence Drying Cabinet which may be utilized by our region's 9 Police Departments.

2023 Fuel Cost Adjustment – After a discussion with the WM team and a re-calculation of the 2023 Fuel Cost Adjustment, the rate has been revised from a \$0.12 increase (per unit, per month) down to \$0.09 (per unit, per month). The new rate will take effect on January 1, 2023. This adjustment will impact the following QVCOG member communities: Aleppo Township, Avalon Borough, Bellevue Borough, Ben Avon Borough, Edgeworth Borough, Emsworth Borough, Glen Osborne Borough, Glenfield Borough, Kilbuck Township, Leet Township, and Sewickley Borough. More information concerning the fuel cost adjustment can be found at qvcog.org.

2023 Board of Directors Meeting Dates and Locations – In keeping with the current procedure, the QVCOG's Board of Delegates will continue hybrid meetings (both in-person and virtual attendance) and will meet within various member communities. Proposed 2023 meeting dates and host communities can be found below (all meetings are set to commence at 7:00 p.m.). Official meeting dates and locations are anticipated to be approved at the December 21st Board of Directors meeting.

January 18th - Sewickley Public Library

March 15th - Avalon Borough

May 17th - Bell Acres Borough

July 19th - Sewickley Borough

September 20th - Kilbuck Township

November 15th - Leet Township

February 15th - Aleppo Township

April 19th - Bellevue Borough

June 21st - Ben Avon Borough

August 16th - Fern Hollow Nature Center

October 18th - Edgeworth Borough

December 20th - Leetsdale Borough

GEDTF Awards - The Quaker Valley Council of Governments is proud to announce that it has been awarded three Gaming Economic Development & Tourism Fund (GEDTF) grants through the Commonwealth Finance Agency. Funding through the GEDTF program is made possible through a state law requiring casinos to pay a daily assessment of 5.5% of their gross terminal revenues.

Sewickley Heights Borough - Borough Public Works Infrastructure Improvement Project: \$190,000

This project includes the installation of 4 new catch basins and 220 linear feet of storm pipe. Additionally, the project will include the reconstruction of 1,235 square yards of driveway and buffer yard. The project seeks to resolve sedimentation from degraded asphalt surface and improve surface to subsurface drainage to mitigate future impacts from heavy precipitation events.

Leet Township - Stormwater Improvement Project: \$100,000

This project will reconstruct a failed stormwater management facility in the Old Sewickley Highlands neighborhood.

Leet Township - Township Park Improvements: \$300,000

This project will include the restoration of the existing basketball court and deck hockey court at the Township facility including replacement of the surfacing, new fencing, new playground equipment, and construction of a War Memorial.