



Council Meeting  
Minutes  
August 15, 2023

The Borough of Ben Avon Council met in a regular voting session on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, and at 7101 Church Avenue for the purpose of transacting General Business. Council President Richard Wagner opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Council Members Absent: Tavia Washington

Others Present: Mayor Melanie Holcomb (7:25 p.m.), Ohio Township Police Chief Joe Hanny, Emsworth Fire Chief Jim Kohl, Solicitor Weston Pesillo, Christen Cieslak and Borough Secretary Terrie Patsch

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

**BOROUGH REPORTS**

Ohio Township Police Report – *See Attachment A*

Chief Hanny reported 51 calls this month. There was one DUI, and a vehicle theft from the church parking lot. That investigation continues at this time. He reminded everyone of the increase in vehicle thefts and asked that folks lock their cars and remove their valuables.

Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company Report – *See Attachment B*

Chief Kohl reported 48 calls this month, 7 of which were in Ben Avon.

Joint Planning Commission – *See Attachment C*

Ms. Cieslak reported Bellevue filled their vacancy last month on the commission, and there was no other noteworthy business.

### Solicitor's Report

Mr. Pesillo reported negotiations continue between the former Ben Avon Fire Company and the Attorney General's office. Ben Avon Fire Company submitted a counter offer to the AG's office. He spoke to a representative from the AG office, who was interested in the Borough's perspective. Mr. Pesillo confirmed the Borough would like to keep the funds as discussed but would like the equipment in question to go to Emsworth Fire Company. The Solicitors were made aware of rumors of the Ben Avon Fire Company wanting to remove equipment from Bellevue and they notified both Bellevue Council and the Attorney General's office.

He also requested an Executive Session this evening to discuss a contract.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

July 18, 2023, Council Meeting

**Motion:** Ms. Bett; **Second:** Mr. Kuehner; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2023, Council Meeting as presented.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Revenue & Expense Report

**Motion:** Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the financial statement as presented for the month of July 2023

Accounts Payable Report

**Motion:** Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Ms. Bett; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$6,110.23.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration Committee

Ms. Bett stated there will be an Administration Committee meeting later this month. She asked that the Borough Secretary be kept informed of the upcoming construction plans. In addition, she noted the bookmobile is scheduled the week of the Fall Festival and as in the past, it will move to the side of the Borough Building on Forest for that week only.

Public Affairs & Communications.

Ms. Bett stated the final copy of the newsletter is out to Council for review and edits prior to going to print.

Public Safety

Mr. Wagner reported that Randy McCray on the Harshman team assigned to Ben Avon has resigned. He is working to schedule a meeting with Jarrod concerning open property inspections and code problems and next steps going forward.

### Public Works

Mr. Opiery reported standard maintenance is continuing. Mr. Scigliano reported to him that while he was recently operating the street sweeper several children approached the running machine and were throwing debris into the brushes. He asked that a reminder be posted to all residents that the brushes on the sweeper cannot be quickly stopped and the machine should not be approached when operating.

### Community of Governments - See Attachment D

Mr. Wagner stated he will attend the upcoming meeting tomorrow. He stated the Sewickley Water Authority recently joined as an associate member of the COG. In addition, he noted there were concerns about the renewal of the Waste Management contract and the waste contract may need to be rebid.

### Sustainability

Ms. Roggenkamp reported the Get Solar RFP is out. The next step in the process will be to schedule a site visit when Mr. Regrut is available. She plans on attending the Pittsburgh CONNECT event that is coming up on September 14 which is a legislative session.

### Special Projects

#### Centennial Building Committee

Ms. Cieslak stated the windows arrived in Pittsburgh; however, the roofing material is not yet here. The contractor is waiting for confirmation on the arrival of the scaffolding. They would like to come into the building to prep the window sills now, prior to the other work starting. Rob Dower was retained for construction administration services. After speaking with the contractor, one invoice for the project should be directly submitted to the COG, who is administering the grant.

She reported she made a recommendation for a new architect on the elevator project to review the concept and provide a proposal with more detailed design. She is hoping to have a quote by the end of the week along with the next steps.

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Holcomb spoke with representatives at Northwest EMS about allowing the Halloween parade participants to gather at the end of the parade at the building. There will be treat bags distributed, however, no luncheon provided. The parade will start at noon.

The Mayor also responded to a request for street closure on Prospect Avenue for their annual block party.

**NEW BUSINESS** – *there was no new business this month.*

**OLD BUSINESS** – *there was no old business to discuss.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – *to discuss a contract.*

Mr. Wagner noted there was an update regarding the police services contract.

**Motion:** Mr. Thornton; **Second:** Mr. Kuehner; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss a contract.

**Motion:** Ms. Bett; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by voice vote to return to regular session at 8:40 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Motion:** Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Ms. Bett; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Terrie Patsch*  
Borough Secretary

Attachment A

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## OHIO TOWNSHIP

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

### BEN AVON PATROLS FOR July 2023



BA-1 150  
BA-2 143  
BA-3 149  
BA-4 164

TOTAL 606

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**Call Service Report Grouped by Urcodes**OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE  
7/01/2023 THROUGH 7/31/2023  
For Municipality: 05

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>JULY COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
0490 - ASSAULT - REPORTS	0	1
0501 - ALARM - RESIDENCE	1	6
0617 - THEFT-\$200 & OVER-FROM BUILDINGS	0	1
0624 - THEFT-\$50 TO \$200-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0625)	0	1
0637 - THEFT - UNDER \$50 - FROM BUILDINGS	0	1
0644 - THEFT-ATTEMPTED-FROM AUTO (EXCEPT 0645)	0	1
0810 - SIMPLE PHYSICAL ASSAULT	1	1
1100 - FRAUD	1	2
1150 - FRAUD - CREDIT CARDS, ATM	1	4
1410 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO AUTOMOBILES	0	1
1490 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - REPORTS	0	1
1810 - DRUG VIOLATIONS	0	3
1890 - NARCOTICS - REPORTS	0	1
2000 - OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY & CHILDREN	0	1
2020 - OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY-CHILD ABUSE	0	1
2112 - DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE-ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED	1	5
2300 - PUBLIC DRUNKENESS	0	1
2410 - HARASSMENT BY COMMUNICATION	1	4
2450 - HARASSMENT	2	5
2460 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT-OBSCENE LANGUAGE	0	1
2626 - FALSE FIRE ALARM	0	3
2640 - ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	0	4
2647 - PFA-PROTECTIVE ORDERS	1	8
2656 - THREATS	1	4
2660 - TRESPASSING OF REAL PROPERTY	0	1
2720 - DOG LAW (1ST OFF. & STATE CIT)	1	2
2911 - RUNAWAY - INCORRIGIBLE -MALE (JUVENILE)	0	1
3100 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	0	1
3400 - MENTAL HEALTH	0	9
3500 - SUSPICIOUS PERSONS	0	1
3502 - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	0	6
3600 - DISTURBANCES-DOMESTIC	1	6
3610 - DISTURBANCES-JUVENILE	0	3
3620 - DISTURBANCES-OTHER (FIGHTS,DEPUTES,ETC)	0	1
3820 - DISABLED VEHICLE	2	14
3840 - FIRES (INCLUDING ALARMS-FOUNDED/UNFOUND)	1	2
3850 - HAZARDOUS CONDITION/NOT SNOW RELATED	1	8
3855 - ROAD DEPARTMENT CALL OUT	0	5
3860 - LOCKOUTS (VEHICLE/BLDG)	0	1
3870 - MEDICAL EMERGENCY/ ASSIST AMBULANCE	9	61
3880 - OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS - DISCOVERED	0	8
3885 - POST NO PARKING SIGNS	1	4
3900 - TRAFFIC & PARKING PROBLEMS	2	21
4010 - TRAFFIC OFFENSES	0	1
4012 - GAS LEAKS & EXPLOSIONS	1	4
4020 - SUSPICIOUS AUTO	0	3
4022 - SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1	13
4024 - WATER LEAKS,MAINS, ETC.	2	3
4026 - WIRES AND POLES DOWN	2	6

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## Call Service Report Grouped by Urcodes

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>JULY COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
4027 - TREES DOWN	0	3
4091 - CIVIL DISPUTES	1	3
5002 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ANIMAL	0	1
5004 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ARTICLES	0	1
5008 - LOST & FOUND - LOST ARTICLES	1	3
5012 - LOST & FOUND - MISSING JUVENILE MALE	0	2
5506 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - STRAY ANIMALS	0	5
5510 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - INJURED/SICK	0	2
5590 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - REPORTS	0	6
6004 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING PROPERTY DAMA	1	4
6006 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING INJURY	0	3
6008 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING NONINJURY	2	6
6310 - TRAFFIC POST	0	7
6390 - TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT - REPORTS	1	1
6602 - TRAFFIC RELATED -IMPOUNDED VEHICLE	1	3
6603 - TRAFFIC RELATED - ABANDONED VEHICLE	1	6
6605 - DIRTBIKES/OFF ROAD VEHICLES	0	1
6612 - TRAFFIC RELATED - SIGNALS-SIGNS OUT	0	3
6614 - TRAFFIC RELATED - CARELESS DRIVER	1	9
6690 - TRAFFIC RELATED SERVICES - REPORTS	0	1
7010 - POLICE NOTIFICATIONS/INFO	2	34
7016 - FOLLOW UP INFORMATION	0	1
7092 - ROUTINE PATROL COMPLETED	0	68
7504 - ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - OTHER POLICE	0	2
7506 - ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - ALL OTHERS	1	1
9008 - ADMINISTRATION - CLERICAL	0	1
911 - 911-HANG UP	0	1
CITT - TRAFFIC CITATION	2	38
CITW - WARNING	3	31
CKWE - WELFARE CHECK	0	8
WARR - WARRANT	0	1
	51	502

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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: 07/01/2023 | End Date: 07/31/2023

Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
07/01/2023	2023-234	230053556	7 Centennial ave	POSS. house on fire. 258 on scene nothing showing holding to 258. Dispatched and cancelled. Sewickley	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/02/2023	2023-235		300 BLK Broadway ave	smell of plastic inside the building. 277 C-1 on scene no need for fire. Dispatched and cancelled. McKees Rocks	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/02/2023	2023-236	230053708	Crawford RD	Tree and wires across the road. Called for DQL and closed the road. Kilbuck. Also called 220 because it was in their district.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/02/2023	2023-237	230053886	112 Creek RD	Poss. house fire 258 on scene nothing showing holding to 258. Dispatched and cancelled. Edgeworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/03/2023	2023-238	230054077	521 Woodward ave	poss. stove on fire. 275 on scene nothing showing. holding to 275. Dispatched and cancelled. Stowe	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/03/2023	2023-239	230054013	368 Eicher RD	tree across the road. cut the tree up and reopened the road. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/03/2023	2023-240	230053993	156 Peony ave	fire alarm due to bad smoke head. Ross.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/03/2023	2023-241	230054196	538 California Ave	C.O. inside the house called for gas company. and 103 stayed on scene to wait for the gas company. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/04/2023	2023-242	230054557	O.R.B.	two car accident. Helped with traffic control and clean up. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/04/2023	2023-243	230054564	691 Lincoln Ave	Dumpster fire from fireworks. Helped with putting the fire out. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/05/2023	2023-244	230054875	O.R.B.	3 car accident. Helped with traffic control. Glenfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/05/2023	2023-245	230054809	W. Riverview Ave	Vehicle accident. 108 on scene holding to 108. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/06/2023	2023-246	230055200	301 S. Home Ave	Fire alarm. helped with checking the building nothing found. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/07/2023	2023-247	230055485	River RD	Building fire. Helped with getting water supply and man power. McKees Rocks	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/07/2023	2023-248	230055583	4 Ben Avon Heights RD	tree and wires down across the road. closed the road and called for DQL. Ben Avon Heights	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/07/2023	2023-249	230055588	4306 O.R.B.	Accident car into a light pole in the parking lot of KFC. helped with traffic. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/07/2023	2023-250	230055613	231 Pennsylvania ave	Assist EMS with lifting a person into bed. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/11/2023	2023-251	230056711	506 California Ave	POSS. Vehicle fire 148-C1 on scene no fire. Dispatched and cancelled. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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07/12/2023	2023-252	230056924	8439 O.R.B.	Two car accident no injuries. Helped with traffic control. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/12/2023	2023-253	230056969	210 Dalzell Ave	Poss. fire inside the house. 148-C1 on scene nothing showing. PD reporting a small fire inside the oven. PD closed the oven door to put the fire out. FD helped with ventilation. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/12/2023	2023-254	230057102	909 California Ave	Fire alarm due to smoke inside the building from a pot left on inside the apartment. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/13/2023	2023-255	230057133	204 Copeland St	poss. building fire. 277 on scene no or smoke showing. Holding to 277. Dispatched and cancelled. McKees rocks	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/15/2023	2023-256	230058141	8070 O.R.B.	2 car accident unknown injuries. PD on scene no need for fire. Dispatched & cancelled. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/19/2023	2023-257	230059367	22 Spruce st	gas line hit outside of the address. Called for the gas company. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/21/2023	2023-258	230060043	144 Allegheny Ave	Fire alarm. 148- C2 on scene nothing showing. Fire alarm set off by burnt food Dispatched and cancelled. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/20/2023	2023-259	230059814	214 Dalzell ave	Tree fell onto the house taking the wires down. Called for DQL. Ben avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/20/2023	2023-260	230059750	841 California ave	Fire alarm due to burnt food. Helped with ventilation. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/20/2023	2023-261	230059562	465 Leet RD	poss. house on fire 258 on scene nothing showing holding to 258. Dispatched and cancelled. Edgeworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/23/2023	2023-262	230060517	179 North	car rolled over onto its side. Helped with traffic control. Ohio TWP.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/23/2023	2023-263	230060515	4528 O.R.B.	car into a pole with injuries. Helped EMS and traffic control and also the clean up. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/23/2023	2023-264	230060607	841 California ave	C.O. alarm going off on the 2nd floor. started to check the building got really high numbers. Pulled the fire alarm to evacuate the building. Called for the gas company and started to ventilate the building. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/23/2023	2023-265	230060619	59 Glenn way	Poss. house on fire. 275 on scene nothing showing holding to 275. Dispatched and cancelled Stowe	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/24/2023	2023-266	230060907	527 Friendship Ave	smoke inside the house. 277 on scene holding to 277. Dispatched and cancelled. McKees Rocks	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/24/2023	2023-267	230060787	300 Union Ave	Fire Alarm helped with searching the building. Nothing found. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/24/2023	2023-268	230060933	79 South	Accident unknown injuries. 220 on scene holding to 220. Dispatched and cancelled. OT	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/25/2023	2023-269	230061092	1175 Island ave	POSS. commercial fire. 275 on scene nothing showing holding to 275. Dispatched and cancelled. Stowe	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/26/2023	2023-270	230061609	54 Forest ave	Natural gas smell inside the house. On scene and called for the gas company. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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07/26/2023	2023-271	230061594	215 Center Ave	Dispatched for a resident locked out of the house. Helped with getting the owner back into the house. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/28/2023	2023-272	230062174	728 Broadway ave	poss. fire in the basement of the house. 275 on scene nothing showing holding to 275. Dispatched and cancelled. Stowe	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/29/2023	2023-273	230062566	Camp Horne rd	PD. called for tree down on the road. Helped with removing the tree and cleaning the road off. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/30/2023	2023-274	230062894	135 Allegheny Ave	Small mulch fire in front of the house. Extinguished the fire and called for the gas company due to the meter leaking in front of the house. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/30/2023	2023-275	230062971	350 Union Ave	Brush fire helped with extinguishing the fire. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/30/2023	2023-276	230062989	O.R.B	Motorcycle accident. Helped EMS and helped with traffic and clean up. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/30/2023	2023-277	230063068	349 Eicher rd	POSS. house fire. 148 C-1 on scene nothing showing. Searched the house no smoke or fire. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
07/31/2023	2023-278	230063333	1101 Perry HWY	Car and building on fire called for RIT. Dispatched and cancelled. ROSS.	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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**Joint Planning Commission**

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**JPC REGULAR MEETING**

7:00 PM Monday, May 22, 2023, Avalon Borough Building, Avalon, PA 15202

**Leadership and Representatives**

Avalon: Michael Kurela (Chair 2023), Elizabeth Kelly (Secretary 2023), Justin Martin  
Bellevue: Catherine Tulley, Dameon Holmes, TBD  
Ben Avon: Catherine Houska, Christen Cieslak (Vice Chair 2023), Mary Smith  
Solicitor: Weston Pesillo  
Guest:

Minutes: 7:06pm

**1) Roll Call**

- a) Representatives
  - i) Present – M. Kurela, E. Kelly, J. Martin, C. Cieslak, C. Houska; J. Martin, D. Holmes, C. Tulley (Zoom), M. Smith (Zoom)
  - ii) Absent –
- b) Solicitor – W. Pesillo
- c) Visitors – Leanne McLaughlin (Avalon Borough), Dionisia Dingler (Bellevue Citizen)

**2) Public Questions and Comments** – D. Dingler provided comment expressing interest in joining the Joint Planning Commission.

**3) Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

- a) April 2023 Minutes and Agenda:
  - i) L. McLaughlin requested circulation of agendas and minutes in addition to borough council members.
  - ii) C. Cieslak made a motion for approval of April 2023 minutes and Houska 2<sup>nd</sup>. All other members voted in favor, no opposed, no abstentions.

**4) Officer's Reports**

- a) Chairman's Report – No report.
- b) Vice Chairman's Report – No report.
- c) Secretary's Report – No report.
- d) Solicitor's Report – No report.
- e) Borough Updates
  - i) Avalon – No updates.
  - ii) Bellevue –
    - (1) C. Tulley informed the committee that Bellevue council has requested circulation of drafted minutes.
    - (2) C. Tulley informed the committee that Bellevue JPC members will attend finance committee meetings to participate in pre-council meetings.
    - (3) C. Tulley provided an update concerning complaint issued to the Liquor Control Board regarding Lincoln Avenue Brewery pertaining to possible violation of the noise ordinance and overnight parking of commercial vehicles.
    - (4) C. Tulley provided update concerning the Granicus program regarding review of short term rentals.
    - (5) C. Tulley shared information obtained via the Allegheny County Conservation District with respect to the chicken and bee keeping ordinance, indicating an update to the ordinance to address manure runoff.

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- (6) D. Holmes informed the committee that the Borough of Bellevue has connected with Duquesne Light Company regarding Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.
- iii) Ben Avon –
- (1) C. Cieslak recapped the current process undergone/next steps regarding the fence ordinance.
  - (2) During the Ben Avon Update, L. McLaughlin indicated Avalon Borough would be able to host the public hearing required for approval of the fence ordinance, citing concern from Avalon council's concern for front yard, mixed use fences allowing 6ft in height with committee members confirming this was adopted from the current written fence ordinance.
  - (3) Committee members confirmed the mixed use Cieslak – no, just was unchanged.
- 5) Old Business
- a) Electric vehicle charging –
    - i) Discussion reiterated that C. Tulley and C. Houska would research existing ordinances.
  - b) C. Tulley reminded members that Bellevue council has concerns relating to Legal Fees incurred by the JPC with indication that the COG may offer solicitor services to avoid fees.
  - c) Discussion occurred pertaining to requirement for lawyer access for the JPC with the expectation that W. Pesillo obtain definitive guidance on the matter.
- 6) New Business
- a) Ordinances Relating to Tiny Homes –
  - b) C. Houska noted Avalon Council's request for discussion related to tiny homes and L. McLaughlin indicated discussion with Avalon Council would take place.
- 7) **Adjournment** C. Houska made a motion for adjournment and E. Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup>. All other members voted in favor, no opposed, no abstentions and the meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

### MEETING CALENDAR:

7pm at Avalon or Ben Avon Municipal Building as noted below.

Future dates 2023:

Avalon Borough Hall: June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25, October 23

Ben Avon Borough Hall: November 13, December 11

Note: Underlined dates are exceptions to the "fourth Monday" schedule



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**Executive Director's Report – August 2023**

**CD Year 50 Pre-Applications** - Beginning August 7, 2023, through September 15, 2023, Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) will be soliciting pre-applications for construction related projects for its 2024-25 (Year 50 cycle) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Per ACED guidelines, if your municipality is a member of a Council of Governments (COG), all applications should be submitted through said COG. 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. Additionally, member communities may submit pre-applications for general recreation, road reconstruction, and sewer and water projects with the completion of a concentrated household income survey. 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 Monday, September 11th.

**Local Share Account (LSA) Application Details Announced** - The statewide Local Share Account (LSA) Program application window will be open from September 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023, for grants up to \$1 million. Please note, there is no local match required. Interested parties may access the updated guidelines by visiting [qvcog.org](http://qvcog.org). Eligible applicants include Counties, Municipalities, Municipal Authorities, Economic Development Agencies, Redevelopment Authorities, Land Banks, and **Councils of Governments (COGs)**. Eligible projects must be owned and maintained by an eligible applicant or a nonprofit organization and include a Project in the Public Interest (i.e. a projects that improve the quality of life in the impacted community). Eligible uses of funds may be used for:

- Acquisition, Construction, & Demolition;
- Infrastructure;
- Purchase of vehicles, machinery and/or equipment;
- Planning, consulting and design costs related to planning projects; and
- Engineering, design and inspection, to include permitting fees, for construction projects not to exceed 10% of the total grant award.

Please note, member communities can utilize the QVCOG for the submission of an application and the overall facilitation of the grant, etc. This may be a particularly effective route for multi-municipal applications or projects.

**Sewickley Water Authority Admitted as an Associate Member** – At its July 19, 2023 meeting the QVCOG Board of Delegates unanimously approved the Sewickley Water Authority’s application to the organization as an Associate Member. Per the QVCOG’s Bylaws, any institution is eligible to apply for Associate Membership including without limitation: firms; corporations; non-profit organizations; and political subdivisions, including authorities; school districts; police departments; and fire departments. As an Associate Member the Sewickley Water Authority may participate in the following QVCOG activities through a single individual representative: Board of Delegates meetings (as a non-voting member); committees (i.e. Managers and Secretaries); and Community forums. Any organization interested in joining the QVCOG as an Associate Member is encouraged to contact Executive Director Connors via email ([pconnors@qvcog.org](mailto:pconnors@qvcog.org)).