



Council Meeting
Minutes
July 18, 2023

The Borough of Ben Avon Council met in a regular voting session on Tuesday, July 18, 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, Tavia Washington

Council Members Absent: Jim Thornton

Others Present: Mayor Melanie Holcomb, Ohio Township Police Sargent Beck, Solicitor Weston Pesillo, and Borough Secretary Terrie Patsch

ACORD PARK UPDATE

Ms. Kristin Bennett of ACORD park reported on the most recent audit and updated the Council on improvements and plans for the upcoming year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Don Jackson, Spruce Run Road

Mr. Jackson addressed the Council with his concerns about the hillside following work being done on the Buckeye pipeline.

BOROUGH REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Holcomb reported she approved one handicapped parking permit for a resident on Hilands Avenue.

The Mayor also received a copy of a document entitled, "History of the Formation of the Borough of Ben Avon," from the Reverend Dr. Jean Henderson, a long-time former resident. It had been placed in the cornerstone of the Woodland United Presbyterian Church at its founding in 1911. When that church was taken down in 1987, the document was recovered. A copy has been made to pass on to the Avonworth Historical Society and one to be placed in the Borough

files in the office vault. The Mayor will transcribe the document so that the Borough also has a digital copy for posterity.

The Mayor also reported she had a discussion with Harshman representatives on EV charging stations and feels that the subject needs further discussion. The JPC is currently researching this matter. Ms. Roggenkamp asked Duquesne Light if they had any information to share. She stated there seems to be grant funding available. Ms. Washington stated that it was discussed at the last COG meeting as well.

Ohio Township Police Report – See Attachment A

Sgt. Beck reported there were fifty-seven calls in the Borough this month. They consisted of citations, several medical calls, some traffic issues, but nothing out of the ordinary.

Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company Report – See Attachment B

Northwest EMS – See Attachment C

Mr. Wagner noted that Northwest EMS expanded into the warehouse portion of the building effective July 1.

Joint Planning Commission – See Attachment D

Solicitor's Report

Attorney Pesillo reported that they have been working with Harshman to obtain a search warrant for a property on Park Avenue which was subject of many complaints.

He stated they prepared a high-weeds ordinance for consideration which was more explicit than the IPMC. He noted there was another property in poor condition with grass and weeds overgrown, and they suggested one solution was that Public Works could cut the grass and lien the property for the cost, however, there were some concerns from the Council and the Public Works Foreman as to liability for the Borough.

The solicitor prepared the resolution tonight for the recent sale of the F350 pickup truck on Municibid.

Mr. Pesillo also noted that they received a letter from the Attorney General's office concerning the waste collection contract bidding, however they are still unclear of the details and what prompted the investigation. More information on the process will be required, and they will reach out to the Director of the COG.

They also received an email from the Attorney General's office concerning the property of the decertified Ben Avon Fire Company. Following their response, a counteroffer by the fire

company was proposed. Attorney Pesillo reached out to clarify the details but had not yet had a response.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 20, 2023, Council Meeting

Motion: Ms. Bett; **Second:** Ms. Washington; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023, Council Meeting as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Revenue & Expense Report

Motion: Mr. Opipery; **Second:** Ms. Washington; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the financial statement as presented for the month of June 2023

Accounts Payable Report

Motion: Mr. Opipery; **Second:** Ms. Washington; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$142,455.00. Mr. Opipery noted expenses of the quarterly Alcosan liability, a garage door repair, the purchase of the new Public Works pick-up truck from the Capital Reserve account and the expense of the sewer lining by Snyder Environmental.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Committee

Ms. Bett reported that as previously discussed, the Borough Secretary has decreased her hours to part time. The revised schedule for the Borough Office was published, and the office will be open Monday and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. On Tuesdays, the office will be open 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The Committee will meet in a few weeks to evaluate the new schedule.

Public Affairs & Communications.

Ms. Bett noted the new edition of the Ben Avon Bulletin will be underway soon and she asked for Committee or Department updates.

The new website is currently under development, and a recent meeting was held to outline the timeline leading up to its release in September.

Ms. Bett reported on a recent meeting with EMS Coordinators held last week, and the discussion centered on the ways each municipality can support each other in the event of an emergency.

Public Safety – See Attachment E

Mr. Wagner reported that the attached update from Harshman reflects the ongoing issues and several challenges that are being addressed at the current time. He expressed his appreciation for

the assistance the Solicitor provided in handling one of the ongoing problems. He noted that while there continue to be some challenges as far as Harshman reporting to the Borough, the Borough Office is tracking and following outstanding property issues.

Public Works

Mr. Pipery reported the paving work is complete and there were very few issues with this years' project. He reported that there was some severe curb damage, and the contractor came back and reformed the curb and poured it the next day.

He noted that the sewer lining on the second half of Forest Avenue is scheduled to be completed soon and there were only two contractors that were interested and bid on the project.

Mr. Pipery also stated that the old pick-up truck was advertised on Municibid by Dale Regrut, and a winning bid of \$18,300 was made. He thanked Dale for his work to secure that bid.

Resolution 2023-08 Sale of the 2009 F350 Pickup Truck

Motion: Mr. Kuehner; **Second:** Ms. Washington; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the sale of the 2009 F350 truck with the high bid of \$18,300.00.

Community of Governments - See Attachment F

Ms. Washington reported that the COG received the recycling performance grants for this year and there should be a check sent to the Borough from that fund, the rest will go to the joint recycling fund. She also stated that a committee will be working to negotiate Comcast and Verizon franchise fees for the municipalities.

Ms. Bett asked Ms. Washington to inquire with the COG representatives if there was interest in a COG-wide emergency alert notification system.

Sustainability

Ms. Roggenkamp stated that all Council members should have received a copy of the updated financial analysis for review. The RFP will go out Friday and there are no further updates or changes. She said there were two different scenarios to be considered – a small solar bay that would just off-set the buildings we use, and a larger system that would generate revenue but would require a larger initial capital expense.

Resolution 2023-07 – Pittsburgh CONNECT

MOTION: Ms. Roggenkamp; **SECOND:** Ms. Bett; **MOTION CARRIED** appointing Kara Roggenkamp and Richard Wagner as elected official representatives and Theresa Patsch as the Borough Secretary representative to Pittsburgh CONNECT for a one-year term.

Special Projects

Centennial Building Committee

Mr. Wagner stated that they are waiting for a specific timeline for the window/roof replacement, and hopefully should hear within the next few weeks. The contractors are aware of the Fall festival schedule and will plan accordingly. In addition, the Committee is communicating with a different architect for the elevator project.

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

OLD BUSINESS – *there was no old business this month.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION - *for contractual items*

Motion: Mr. Kuehner; **Second:** Ms. Bett; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. to discuss contracts.

Motion: Ms. Roggenkamp; **Second:** Mr. Opiery; **Motion Carried** by voice vote to return to regular session at 9:26 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Ms. Washington; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Patsch

Borough Secretary

Attachment A

7/14/2023

Call Service Report Grouped by Urcodes

OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE

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6/01/2023 THROUGH 6/30/2023

For Municipality: 05

<u>CODE</u>	<u>JUNE COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
0490 - ASSAULT - REPORTS	0	1
0501 - ALARM - RESIDENCE	0	5
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
1100 - FRAUD	0	1
1150 - FRAUD - CREDIT CARDS, ATM	0	3
1410 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO AUTOMOBILES	0	1
1490 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - REPORTS	0	1
1810 - DRUG VIOLATIONS	0	3
1890 - NARCOTICS - REPORTS	1	1
2000 - OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY & CHILDREN	0	1
2020 - OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY-CHILD ABUSE	0	1
2112 - DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE-ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED	0	4
2300 - PUBLIC DRUNKENESS	0	1
2410 - HARASSMENT BY COMMUNICATION	0	3
2450 - HARASSMENT	0	3
2460 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT-OBSCENE LANGUAGE	0	1
2626 - FALSE FIRE ALARM	0	3
2640 - ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	3	4
2647 - PFA-PROTECTIVE ORDERS	0	7
2656 - THREATS	0	3
2660 - TRESPASSING OF REAL PROPERTY	0	1
2720 - DOG LAW (1ST OFF. & STATE CIT)	1	1
2911 - RUNAWAY - INCORRIGIBLE -MALE (JUVENILE)	0	1
3100 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	0	1
3400 - MENTAL HEALTH	2	9
3500 - SUSPICIOUS PERSONS	1	1
3502 - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	0	6
3600 - DISTURBANCES-DOMESTIC	0	5
3610 - DISTURBANCES-JUVENILE	0	3
3620 - DISTURBANCES-OTHER (FIGHTS,DEPUTES,ETC)	0	1
3820 - DISABLED VEHICLE	3	12
3840 - FIRES (INCLUDING ALARMS-FOUNDED/UNFOUND)	0	1
3850 - HAZARDOUS CONDITION/NOT SNOW RELATED	0	7
3855 - ROAD DEPARTMENT CALL OUT	0	5
3860 - LOCKOUTS (VEHICLE/BLDG)	0	1
3870 - MEDICAL EMERGENCY/ ASSIST AMBULANCE	7	52
3880 - OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS - DISCOVERED	2	8
3885 - POST NO PARKING SIGNS	2	3
3900 - TRAFFIC & PARKING PROBLEMS	3	19
4010 - TRAFFIC OFFENSES	0	1
4012 - GAS LEAKS & EXPLOSIONS	1	3
4020 - SUSPICIOUS AUTO	2	3
4022 - SUSPICIOUS PERSON	0	12
4024 - WATER LEAKS, MAINS, ETC.	0	1
4026 - WIRES AND POLES DOWN	0	4
4027 - TREES DOWN	1	3

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>JUNE COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
4091 - CIVIL DISPUTES	0	2
5002 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ANIMAL	0	1
5004 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ARTICLES	0	1
5008 - LOST & FOUND - LOST ARTICLES	1	2
5012 - LOST & FOUND - MISSING JUVENILE MALE	1	2
5506 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - STRAY ANIMALS	0	5
5510 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - INJURED/SICK	1	2
5590 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - REPORTS	2	6
6004 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING PROPERTY DAMA	0	3
6006 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING INJURY	1	3
6008 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING NONINJURY	0	4
6310 - TRAFFIC POST	0	7
6602 - TRAFFIC RELATED -IMPOUNDED VEHICLE	0	2
6603 - TRAFFIC RELATED - ABANDONED VEHICLE	2	5
6605 - DIRTBIKES/OFF ROAD VEHICLES	1	1
6612 - TRAFFIC RELATED - SIGNALS-SIGNS OUT	0	3
6614 - TRAFFIC RELATED - CARELESS DRIVER	1	8
6690 - TRAFFIC RELATED SERVICES - REPORTS	1	1
7010 - POLICE NOTIFICATIONS/INFO	8	32
7016 - FOLLOW UP INFORMATION	1	1
7092 - ROUTINE PATROL COMPLETED	0	68
7504 - ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - OTHER POLICE	0	2
9008 - ADMINISTRATION - CLERICAL	0	1
911 - 911-HANG UP	0	1
CITT - TRAFFIC CITATION	2	35
CITW - WARNING	4	28
CKWE - WELFARE CHECK	1	8
WARR - WARRANT	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
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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: 06/01/2023 | End Date: 06/30/2023

Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
06/01/2023	2023-191	230044305	5 Western Ave	wires down from a box truck hitting them. Closed the road and called for DQL. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/01/2023	2023-192	230044353	4215 O.R.B.	Accident. Helped with traffic control and clean up. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/02/2023	2023-193	230044621	33 N. Balph ave	Person hit by a car. PD on scene no need for fire just EMS. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/02/2023	2023-194	230044622	530 Teece Ave	Fire alarm due to burnt food. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/04/2023	2023-195	230045045	Crawford RD	Tree blocking the road. cut the tree up and cleaned the road up to re open. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/05/2023	2023-196	230045327	4221 O.R.B.	Two car accident. Helped with traffic control and clean up. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/07/2023	2023-197	230045900	230 Chadwick st	poss. house fire 258 on scene nothing showing found a small fire pit still burning on the back porch. Dispatched and cancelled. Sewickley	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/08/2023	2023-198	230046467	1001 New Brighton RD	women got her arm stuck in a wheelchair. 103 on scene holding to 103/108. Dispatched and cancelled. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/09/2023	2023-199	230046635	225 Lincoln Ave	Accident unknown injuries. 108 on scene no need for fire. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/10/2023	2023-200	230046878	575 Lincoln Ave	poss. Accident with injuries. 108 on scene no need for fire. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/10/2023	2023-201	230047056	560 Roosevelt RD	person was having a fire at the house. 148-C1 on scene told homeowner to put the fire out. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/10/2023	2023-202	230000203	65 North	tree branches on roadway helped clean up the road. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/11/2023	2023-203	230047265	Teece Ave	car accident. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/14/2023	2023-204	230048240	74 O.R.B.	accident nothing found Dispatched and cancelled. Glenfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/15/2023	2023-205	230048307	17 Kingsland Dr	water in the basement of the house due to a water main break. Helped with pumping out the water in the basement. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/15/2023	2023-206	230048592	55 Dunn st	Poss. house fire 275 on scene with burnt food. Holding to 275. Dispatched and cancelled. Stowe	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/21/2023	2023-207	230000210	O.R.B.	2 car accident. Helped with traffic control and clean up. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
06/21/2023	2023-208	230050381	708 New Brighton RD	Women got her arm stuck in a swing. Dispatched and cancelled. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/21/2023	2023-209	230050346	4501 O.R.B.	Vehicle leaking gas. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/22/2023	2023-210	230050715	99 Meade ave	Natural gas smell inside of the house. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/23/2023	2023-211	230050785	4221 O.R.B.	Accident car rollover helped with cutting the person out of the car. and traffic control. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/23/2023	2023-212	230050808	36 S. Harrison Ave	Natural gas smell inside the house. 108 on scene holding to 108. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/23/2023	2023-213	230050965	1003 California Ave	Fire Alarm no fire. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/23/2023	2023-214	230050842	140 Allegheny Ave	Fire Alarm due to a kid pulling the alarm. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/24/2023	2023-215	230051103	140 Allegheny Ave	Fire alarm due to a kid pulling the alarm. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/25/2023	2023-216	230051570	4306 O.R.B.	car accident 108 on scene holding to 108. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/25/2023	2023-217	230051552	4215 O.R.B.	Accident with injuries. Helped with clean up and traffic control. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/25/2023	2023-218	230051571	918 Gray st	Poss. building fire 277 on scene no need for fire. dispatched and cancelled. McKees Rocks	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/26/2023	2023-219	230051845	146 North balph ave	Accident 108 on scene no need for fire. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/26/2023	2023-220	230051716	123 Fisk ave	Natural gas smell inside the house. 103 on scene holding to 103. Dispatched and cancelled. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/26/2023	2023-221	230051734	8235 O.R.B.	pull station activated no fire or smoke. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/26/2023	2023-222	230051899	65 South	Accident. searched for a accident nothing found. Glenfield.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/26/2023	2023-223	23005195	630 Taylor Ave	Tree and wires down across the road. called for DQL and closed the road. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/27/2023	2023-224	230052260	337 Camp home rd	wires down on the road called for DQL and helped with traffic control. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/28/2023	2023-225	230052400	O.R.B.	Car/ motorcycle accident. Helped with traffic control and clean up. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/28/2023	2023-226	230052518	245 Lincoln Ave	Elevator rescue. 108 on scene holding to 108. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/29/2023	2023-227	230052661	300 union Ave	Smoke inside the building. 103 on scene holding to 103/108. Dispatched and cancelled. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/29/2023	2023-228	230052668	I 79 North	Vehicle fire 220 on scene holding to 220. Dispatched and cancelled. OT.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/29/2023	2023-229	230052909	165 Elizabeth Ave	Car accident. PD on scene no need for fire. Dispatched and cancelled. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/30/2023	2023-230	230052971	416 Kilbuck St	Fire alarm. Got disregarded by homeowner having a problem with the fire alarm. Glenfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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06/30/2023	2023-230	230052971	416 Kilbuck St	Fire alarm. Got disregarded by homeowner having a problem with the fire alarm. Glenfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	
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06/30/2023	2023-231	230053191	349 School st	Tree and wires across the road called for DQL and closed the road down. Glenfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/30/2023	2023-232	230053247	349 School st	Got called to pick up are barricades. Glenfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	
06/30/2023	2023-233	230053265	7432 Perrysville ave	CO alarm checked the house no readings. found bad detectors. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	



Attachment C

Ben Avon - EMS Report - Q2 CY2023

Date	Priority	Dispatch Time	On Scene Time	Response Time	Address
4/1/2023	E3	17:51:50	18:05:48	00:13:58	315 WALNUT RD
4/3/2023	E0	17:29:58	17:35:00	00:05:02	6625 VIRGINIA AVE
4/4/2023	E1	11:32:28	11:42:44	00:10:16	230 RIDGE AVE
4/4/2023	E2	12:11:11	12:20:26	00:09:15	7320 TERRACE AVE
4/5/2023	E1	10:26:31	10:30:57	00:04:26	6930 CHURCH AVE
4/6/2023	E1	09:00:40	09:04:09	00:03:29	7600 BRIGHTON RD
4/8/2023	E2	23:13:59	23:17:56	00:03:57	436 DICKSON AVE
4/11/2023	E2	21:33:08	21:42:44	00:09:36	216 HILANDS AVE
4/12/2023	E1	12:34:47	12:41:32	00:06:45	7225 MCCURDY PL
4/14/2023	E3	20:16:31	20:27:38	00:11:07	CHURCH AVE/RIDGE AVE
4/15/2023	E0	11:59:28	12:03:27	00:03:59	400 RIDGE AVE
4/15/2023	E2	21:41:57	21:50:15	00:08:18	7065 FLACCUS RD
4/17/2023	E3	10:35:57	10:47:20	00:11:23	7189 BRIGHTON RD
4/19/2023	E1	02:29:23	02:33:00	00:03:37	127 LAUREL AVE
4/21/2023	E1	09:37:32	09:40:54	00:03:22	400 RIDGE AVE
5/4/2023	E1	17:35:15	17:35:27	00:00:12	144 RIDGE AVE
5/7/2023	E3	03:37:44	03:45:24	00:07:40	1 LAUREL VLG
5/10/2023	E1	03:03:19	03:08:09	00:04:50	215 BERRINGER PL
5/11/2023	E1	19:04:08	19:10:33	00:06:25	144 RIDGE AVE
5/12/2023	E1	01:17:30	01:25:02	00:07:32	300 WALNUT RD
5/12/2023	E0	03:40:14	03:43:41	00:03:27	6829 CHURCH AVE
5/15/2023	E2	22:07:42	22:10:47	00:03:05	BRIGHTON RD/OHIO RIVER BLVD
5/18/2023	E0	19:55:15	20:00:37	00:05:22	243 DALZELL AVE
5/24/2023	E0	01:50:49	01:59:12	00:08:23	7217 CHURCH AVE
5/29/2023	E2	05:15:23	05:17:24	00:02:01	7225 MCCURDY PL
6/5/2023	E1	21:37:38	21:40:46	00:03:08	144 RIDGE AVE
6/8/2023	E0	12:05:07	12:08:02	00:02:55	7129 OHIO RIVER BLVD
6/15/2023	E2	19:59:40	20:08:51	00:09:11	154 IRWIN AVE
6/15/2023	E3	21:52:03	21:54:35	00:02:32	249 FOREST AVE
6/20/2023	E1	22:37:36	22:40:46	00:03:10	7530 PERRYVILLE AVE
6/22/2023	E0	15:25:16	15:36:20	00:11:04	7225 MCCURDY PL
6/24/2023	E0	22:04:27	22:10:51	00:06:24	222 ALDER DR
6/25/2023	E3	04:22:55	04:25:36	00:02:41	200 BLK FOREST AVE
6/28/2023	E0	06:55:57	07:02:54	00:06:57	DICKSON AVE/OHIO RIVER BLVD
6/29/2023	E1	13:29:07	13:34:51	00:05:44	7342 BRIGHTON RD

Priority	Total	Avg Response Time	Combined Avg
E0	9	00:05:57	
E1	13	00:04:50	00:05:24
E2	7	00:06:29	00:05:40
E3	6	00:08:14	00:07:21
E4	0		

NORTHWEST EMS

366 HELEN STREET
MCKEES ROCKS PA 15136
412-331-2600 DISPATCH
412-331-3133 FAX



Ben Avon Borough Report Second Quarter 2023

Total Run Numbers:

- Total Emergency and Non-Emergency 911 Responses: **35**
Average Response Time (E0-E4): **6 min. 22 sec.**
- Total Emergency 911 Response: **35**
Average Response Time (E0-E3): **6 min. 22 sec.**
- Total Highest Priority Response: **22**
Average Response Time (E0-E1): **5 min. 24 sec.**

Response Times by Category:

- E0 Response: **9**
Average Response Time: **5 min. 57 sec.**
- E1 Response: **13**
Average Response Time: **4 min. 50 sec.**
- E0 + E1 Response: **22**
Average Response Time: **5 min. 24 sec.**
- E2 Response: **7**
Average Response Time: **6 min. 29 sec.**
- E3 Response: **6**
Average Response Time: **8 min 14 sec.**
- E4 Response: **0**
Average Response Time: **Not applicable**
- No requests for mutual aid given or received

Submitted by: Assistant Chief Brian O'Connor 412-331-2600 boconnor@northwestems.net

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Joint Planning Commission

JPC REGULAR MEETING

7:00 PM Monday, April 24, 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, Justin Greenawalt
Ben Avon: Catherine Houska, Christen Cieslak (Vice Chair 2023), Mary Smith
Solicitor: Weston Pesillo (absent) – John Hosa (fill-in for Pesillo)
Guest:

Minutes: 7:03pm

1) Roll Call

- a) Representatives
 - i) Present – M. Kurela, E. Kelly, J. Martin, C. Tulley, D. Holmes, C. Houska, C. Cieslak, M. Smith
 - ii) Absent – J. Greenawalt
- b) Solicitor – John Hosa in place of W. Pesillo
- c) Visitors – None

2) Public Questions and Comments – none

3) Approval of Minutes and Agenda

- a) March 2023 Minutes and Agenda: C. Cieslak made a motion to approve, and M. Smith made a motion to second.
- b) C. Houska abstained due to March absence.
- c) All other committee members approved.

4) Officer's Reports

- a) Chairman's Report – M. Kurela made note of his attendance at the most recent Bellevue council meeting. Due to the climate of the meeting, M. Kurela has decided to withhold on the previously discussed letter drafted to provide Bellevue the opportunity to withdraw from the JPC.
 - i) C. Houska provided input, stating the JPC may want to make Bellevue aware of the impacts and requirements for withdrawing from the JPC.
 - (1) C. Tulley recommended the JPC take part in discussion with the county and DCED pertaining to next steps in the event that Bellevue opts to withdraw from the JPC.
 - (a) C. Cieslak expressed concern for premature discussion.
- b) Vice Chairman's Report – C. Cieslak informed the JPC that J. Greenawalt tendered his resignation effective immediately due to constraints of his work, noting the date of resignation occurred on 4/24 which was routed to Cindy & Jody at Bellevue. C. Cieslak indicated the JPC will reach out to Bellevue in next couple weeks to determine a replacement.
- c) Secretary's Report – no report.
- d) Solicitor's Report – no report.
- e) Borough Updates
 - i) Avalon – No report applicable to the JPC.
 - ii) Bellevue – D. Holmes discussed Bellevue Council's desire to update the short-term rental ordinance, noting a desire for potential changes to the current ordinance.
 - (1) M. Kurela made note that in 2019 the JPC drafted and passed a short-term rental ordinance, council members may need to be made aware.

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- (a) M. Kurela suggested JPC members continue to solicit needs from council members and in the event that council members are unaware of previous work completed by the JPC that the respective council members are educated and reminded that JPC is not responsible for enforcement, noting that in the event that there is still a need for change, the JPC will work on updates.
 - (2) D. Holmes provided an update on efforts undertaken by “Bona Fide Bellevue” to enhance the bump outs, proposing an opportunity for JPC members to perform a “walk audit,” in order to identify areas which may need to be addressed.
 - iii) Ben Avon – a non-JPC related update was provided by C. Cieslak who shared the Ben Avon Council joined the PA “Get Solar Cohort” which is a preferred purchasing agreement of solar power for municipalities.
 - (1) C. Cieslak provided an update regarding the temporary fence which had previously been erected around a parking lot on Breeding Ave. and Church Ave. noting the property has been sold and fence removed with additional improvements underway for use by the Avonworth Historical Society.
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Fence ordinance – C. Cieslak informed the committee that the ordinance is in the final round of comments from W. Pesillo, indicating majority of comments were related to format and/or requests for clarity. C. Cieslak indicated that all style changes had been implemented and questions addressed.
 - i) C. Houska asked if there were written agreements from the boroughs yet.
 - (1) C. Cieslak indicated that comments were received from the boroughs several times, including after completing the most recent changes as a result of review from W. Pesillo, stating the process will include circulation to the boroughs for final review and commentary along with public availability for comment.
 - (a) M. Kurela recalled that each revision requires review/comment from each borough, despite substance of revisions.
 - (i) C. Cieslak expressed concern for continual comment which could indefinitely delay finalization of the ordinance.
 - 1. M. Kurela noted JPC members should comply with the process to allow council members to advise on any potential revisions.
 - ii) C. Houska made a motion to approve, and M. Smith made a motion to second the approval of the fence ordinance. All other JPC member approved.
 - 6) New Business
 - a) Ordinances governing EV charging – C. Cieslak and C. Houska discussed emails received from a Ben Avon citizen where were routed Ben Avon’s council and subsequently the JPC pertaining to the purchase of an Electric Vehicle in which the citizen does not have access to off-street parking. The citizen requested guidance pertaining to the to correct process to charge an electric vehicle which may be parked on-street.
 - i) M. Kurela indicated that the JPC may not be empowered to advise due to safety concerns.
 - (1) C. Houska suggested the JPC may have the empowerment to work with boroughs to install public charging areas and/or requirements for businesses to offer electric vehicle charging stations.

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- (a) M. Kurela made note of an email he circulated to C. Cieslak prior to the meeting related to electric vehicle ordinances, noting the topic relevance to the increased use of electric vehicles, indicating electric vehicle charging may be an advantageous topic to get ahead of.
- ii) M. Kurela indicated the JPC may be responsible to pass an ordinance permitting electric vehicle charging but noted it would not be likely for the JPC to be responsible for outlining the specific rules and specs in doing so.
 - (1) C. Tulley noted that design standards would be the responsibility of the enforcement office.
 - (2) C. Cieslak referenced the JPC's role in developing the fence ordinance where there is no guide on how a fence is installed, rather the specs around what may be permitted in terms of fencing is outlined, requesting clarification how electric vehicle charging would not be the responsibility of the JPC in the same way.
 - (a) M. Kurela stated that the JPC would not be responsible for easements, only the permission of activities occurring.
 - (b) C. Tulley indicated there may be confusion pertaining to permitting and enforcement, noting more guidelines could be included to provide clarity.
- iii) C. Cieslak emphasized that Ben Avon is asking the JPC to explore the potential rules and requirements which may be necessary to provide citizens when creating or allowing electric vehicle parking spot in front of residential and/or business structures, noting first steps may be to explore other ordinances related to electric vehicles.
 - (1) M. Kurela noted that in the email distributed to C. Cieslak pertaining to electric vehicle charging, generally charging stations must be permitted, however prohibiting citizens from charging a battery is not realistic.
 - (2) C. Cieslak noted that guidelines pertaining to electric vehicle charging may not require a formal ordinance and instead may require education and information made available to civilians on what current ordinances do allow unless a gap is identified from the lack of having a formal ordinance in place.
 - (a) C. Houska implied there may be an existing gap pertaining to requirements for business parking lots which may require added language pertaining to the inclusion of electric vehicle charging, noting this may result in the modification of existing ordinances as opposed to the development of new ordinance.
 - (i) M. Kurela provided a comment indicating permitting is within the scope of the JPC's responsibilities where boroughs would then be required to implement rules and recommendations around it the permitting.
- b) C. Cieslak restated and confirmed that the JPC would begin to explore the rules and requirements pertaining to the questions raised from the Ben Avon citizen related to electric vehicle charging, informing the committee that she would work with Ben Avon to submit the request form while informing all boroughs of exploration regarding the topic of electric vehicle charging. C. Cieslak outlined next steps which would ensuring the JPC understands the current questions from the citizen and to then solicit JPC volunteers to research.
 - i) M. Kurela requested C. Houska and M. Tulley take on the primary responsibilities and actions pertaining to next steps.

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- c) C. Tulley shared information pertaining to a new funding program from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) related grants in which a community grant allows one or more communities to band together for the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructures. C. Tulley noted that the boroughs would apply for grant(s) together and not separately. C. Tulley's informed the JPC that her employer, Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission/Continuity of Government, may be able to provide assistance in the capacity of an advisory role, noting the organization would not be available to perform as lead applicant. C. Tulley also noted that the western half of Pennsylvania is far behind the eastern half of the state which may provide support from a regional standpoint.
 - i) M. Kurela asked if the topic has yet been discussed with Bellevue and M. Tulley made note that this would be addressed at the meeting scheduled for 4/25.
- d) C. Cieslak made a comment indicating the Kuhn's Market may be an ideal location for an electric vehicle charging station considering its central location to the boroughs with comparison to many seen electric vehicle stations which are located at grocery stores.
 - i) J. Martin informed the JPC that Bellevue is currently installing an electric vehicle charging station at the municipality building.
 - (1) C. Tulley noted that West Mifflin had also recently added a fleet of vehicles and charging stations to their municipality.
 - ii) M. Kurela confirmed with C. Tulley ensuring that Bellevue is informed of the JPC's planned undertaking involving electric vehicle charging stations and M. Kurela shared his plans to explore Avalon's relationship with COG.
 - (1) C. Cieslak informed the JPC that Ben Avon had recently received a large grant from the COG.
 - (2) C. Tulley and D. Holmes confirmed they will inform Bellevue and requested information discovered upon the discussion with Avalon.
- e) C. Houska requested information related to tiny house ordinances.
 - i) M. Kurela recalled that this ordinance was abandon due to building code.
 - ii) C. Houska confirmed that she will review the draft to identify where the JPC landed pertaining to the ordinance.
 - (1) M. Kurela made note of the potential barriers related to square footage and requirements for having a basement on all structures.
 - (2) C. Houska recalled the community's desire to ensure structures are permanent (containing no wheels) and the requirement for all utilities to be sourced for all structures. C. Houska commented on the availability of small lots within the boroughs, noting tiny houses as a solution to utilize small and/or vacant lots so long as mobile homes are not permitted.
 - (a) M. Kurela asked the committee if there was any familiarity pertaining to ordinances which might dictate the construction or size of houses.
 - (i) C. Houska indicated there were written setbacks and boundaries in place which may fall on the responsibility of zoning.
 - 1. M. Kurela asked C. Houska to review what the JPC may have on file and requested the discussion of tiny homes be added to new business for the next scheduled JPC meeting.
 - iii) C. Cieslak referred to the existing ordinance related to "manufactured homes," noting that most tiny home would be categorized as "manufactured," indicating this topic

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may already be covered within existing ordinance.

- (1) C. Houska noted that some lots have setback issues (acknowledging the discussion may be related to zoning as opposed to the JPC), but that those specific details may have not been addressed in the ordinance referenced by C. Cieslak
- iv) M. Kurela noted the need for due diligence in exploring a potential ordinance or determining the responsibility is that of zoning.
 - (1) C. Cieslak noted that the topic may include discussion pertaining to two dwelling units being constructed on one lot, where other ordinances do address two dwellings but may not be sufficient.
 - (a) M. Kurela suggested the discussion may be resolved through issuing formal communication to each borough containing education related to what residents are/are not permitted do in terms of tiny homes based on the language written in existing ordinances.
- 7) **Adjournment** – C. Tulley made a motion to approve and C. Houska made a motion to second approval. The remaining JPC members all approved, and the meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

MEETING CALENDAR:

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

Future dates 2023:

Avalon Borough Hall: May 22, 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



July 11, 2023

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:

7219 Perrysville Ave – Overgrown weeds

Property to be inspected for overgrown grass/weeds/plants.

7403 Brighton Rd – Overgrown weeds

Property to be inspected for overgrown grass/weeds/plants.

307 Forest Ave – Rubbish

Property to be inspected for an accumulation of rubbish.

ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS/CITATIONS:

McCurdy PI (Parcel ID 213-D-118) – Overgrown grass

Property was inspected on 05.16.23 for overgrown grass. A notice of violation was sent on 05.18.23 allowing for 10 days remediation. The notice has not yet been delivered or returned to code enforcement.

07.11.23 Property was posted on 05.24.23. Citations were filed on 07.10.23.

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11 Laurel Village – Overgrown grass

The property was inspected on 05.18.23 for overgrown grass. A notice of violation was sent on 05.18.23 allowing for 10 days remediation. The property was posted on 05.22.23.

07.11.23 Citations were filed on 07.10.23.

225 Park Ave – Prop Maintenance

A notice of violation was written requesting an interior inspection per IPMC section 104.3 of the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code, which the Borough adopted on March 17, 2010. On 02.09.23 apartments 3 and 4 were inspected, as permitted by the tenants.

07.11.23 Code Enforcement was sent an application for an administrative search warrant, which is in process.

221 Alder Dr – Rental Inspection

A Citation was filed for failure to schedule a rental inspection. Code Enforcement attended a magisterial hearing on 04.26.23. The property owner did not appear and was found guilty of failure to submit to a rental inspection. The property failed a rental inspection on 05.17.23 for rubbish and interior surface repair.

07.11.23 Monitoring remediation progress.

MAGISTERIAL HEARINGS

No hearings this month.

RENTAL INSPECTIONS

PASS

1. None this month.

FAIL

1. None this month.

BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS


BUILDING PERMITS

1. 6550 Brighton Rd – Porch
2. 224 Ridge Ave – Swimming Pool

ZONING PERMITS

1. Zoning review for Building Permits.
2. 7309 Brighton Rd - Fence

Please contact our office at any time with questions.


Jarrod D'Amico, BCO
Director of Codes and Zoning

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cc: File 19.159

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Executive Director's Report – July 2023

Act 101 Section 904 Awards – The QVCOG has been informed that it is expected to receive a total award amount of \$26,133.32 for its joint 2021 Act 101 Section 904 Recycling Performance Grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Please note, this is a \$2,441.77 (10.3%) increase year over year. In the coming weeks participating communities will receive payment via check from the QVCOG which will be based on their respective residential recycling tonnage rates in addition to a bonus amount based on population and commercial tonnage collection rates. The remaining amount will be rolled into the QVCOG's joint recycling fund, a separate line item within the organization's capital saving's account. This fund has been utilized to help subsidize the glass drop-off recycling program and will be the basis for future collaborative recycling initiatives.

Joint Franchise Fee Committee – At the behest of multiple requests from member communities, at its June 21st meeting the QVCOG Board of Delegates unanimously approved the re-formation of the joint-franchise fee committee. This committee has been utilized in the past to discuss and review changes to the Verizon and Comcast franchise fee agreements for participating member communities. In cooperation with the Cohen Law Group, the QVCOG has been able to leverage efficiencies which have resulted in lower legal rates for participating communities. On July 6, 2023 Executive Director Connors met with Mr. Dan Cohen and Mr. Phil Fraga of the Cohen Law Group to discuss the history of the partnership as well as a path forward in regards to the renegotiation timelines for the Comcast and Verizon franchise fee agreements. It is expected that a brief survey will be sent out in the coming months to all member communities in an effort to plan a comprehensive franchise fee negotiation strategy. Elected officials and municipal staff interested in serving on the joint franchise fee committee are asked to contact Executive Director Connors.

Police Chiefs Committee Updates – In 2023 the Police Chiefs Committee has convened a total of five times. Throughout the year the group has identified various issues and needs and has worked together to find collaborative solutions to various challenges including staffing and equipment shortages, traffic enforcement, etc. With the assistance of the QVCOG the group has applied for and received a shared digital camera and fuming/drying chamber through the PA Chiefs of Police Association's (PACPA) Latent Evidence Program. Additionally, the group has applied for and has been awarded a shared mobile fingerprint scanner (also through PACPA). Note, the unit has yet to be delivered. Most recently, the group worked together to identify regional traffic intersections that will be considered for Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras which are set to be funded through a PA Keystone Communities Grant in the coming year. Throughout each grant application shared policies were developed and approved by each participating municipality/department. In addition to the open dialogues within each meeting there also educational/informational presentations and trainings.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Emergency Planning Committee Meeting – Tuesday, July 18, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

QVCOG Board of Delegates Meeting – Wednesday, July 19, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

QVCOG Managers and Secretaries Meeting – Wednesday, July 26, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Aleppo Township, Avalon Borough, Bell Acres Borough, Bellevue Borough, Ben Avon Borough, Edgeworth Borough, Emsworth Borough, Glenfield Borough, Glen Osborne Borough, Haysville Borough, Kilbuck Township, Leet Township, Leetsdale Borough, Sewickley Borough, Sewickley Heights Borough