



Borough of Ben Avon

Council Meeting

Minutes

May 17, 2023

The Borough of Ben Avon Council met in a regular voting session on Tuesday, May 17, 2023, virtually and at 7101 Church Avenue for the purpose of transacting General Business. President Pro Tempore Kenneth Opiery presided and opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Russell Kuehner, Ken Opiery, Kara Roggenkamp, Jim Thornton, Tavia Washington

Council Members Absent: Jennifer Bett, Richard Wagner

Others Present: Mayor Melanie Hughes-Holcomb, Ohio Township Police Chief Joe Hanny, Emsworth Fire Chief Jim Kohl, JPC Representative Catherine Houska, Emsworth Fire Marshall Rob Bennett, and Borough Secretary Terrie Patsch

PRESENTATION

Mr. Rob Bennett - Emsworth Fire Marshall

Mr. Bennett met with the Council members and shared the services he currently provides to the Borough of Emsworth. He would like to offer his free services to the Ben Avon residents with an appointment from Council at this meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – *There was no public participation.*

BOROUGH REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Holcomb recently attended a breakfast with Congressman Deluzio. She was pleased to let everyone know she received the corrected fundraising information for the Emsworth VFC. The Mayor also reported that she attended the meeting on railroad emergency planning, in which the Congressman was also involved.

Mayor Holcomb asked about the connection between the property on Hilands that was cited for parking in the front yard and a recent request for a handicapped parking permit.

The Mayor offered to notify the Avon Club that their request to shift the location of the Fall Festival over several streets on Church Avenue, was approved by the Borough.

Ohio Township Police Report – See Attachment A

Chief Hanny reported 112 calls in the Borough including recent theft from vehicles. He reported nothing major was taken, however stressed that residents need to lock their cars and remove valuables.

Mayor Holcomb asked about the recent request by a resident to allow parking for a memorial service right off Route 65 onto Brighton, but it was agreed that it would be too dangerous.

Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company Report – See Attachment B

Chief Kohl stated they responded to 41 calls in April, with six calls in Ben Avon.

Solicitor's Report - there was no solicitor's report this month.

Attorney Hosa reported that the Borough received a copy of the signed lease agreement from Heritage Valley for Northwest EMS. This copy has been reviewed and the Solicitor recommends the Borough give their final approval.

Mr. Hosa also referenced a letter from the Attorney General's office regarding the decertification of the Ben Avon Fire Company and their assets. A draft response has been provided for the Council's review.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 18, 2023, Council Meeting

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

May 2, 2023, Council Work Session Meeting

Motion: Mr. Thornton **Second:** Ms. Washington; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2023, Council Work Session.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Revenue & Expense Report

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

Motion: Mr. Kuehner; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$36,858.25.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Administration Committee

Ms. Washington reported that the Admin Committee was seeking a vote on the pavilion rental fees to be set at \$25 resident/\$35 non-resident. It was decided that no vote was necessary, and no deposit will be required at this time unless problems arise with the condition of the grounds following the rentals.

Public Affairs & Communications.

Mr. Kuehner reported that the signed contract was returned to CivicsPlus for website development and the Committee is awaiting the next steps.

Public Safety – *See Attachment C*

Public Works

Mr. Opiery reported that the salt contract price with Cargill has gone down slightly for this upcoming option year.

MOTION: Ms. Roggenkamp; **SECOND:** Mr. Thornton; **MOTION CARRIED:** by unanimous voice vote to approve accepting the option year pricing.

Mr. Opiery further explained that the Borough is responsible for giving a salt usage estimate in June for the coming winter. The contract states you must purchase 80% of that amount. With the mild winter, the Borough has used a small percentage of the estimated salt. Cargill can charge a storage fee; however, they are willing to extend the date to December 31 on the amended contract.

The paving project is estimated to begin in June, and letters will be sent to the residents both from the Borough and the contractor prior to the start of the project.

Mr. Opiery also stated that the sewer lining on Forest Avenue is complete, however the leak continues. He is awaiting proposals to line another section which should not be as costly as the first.

Community of Governments - *See Attachment D*

Ms. Washington noted that there is an upcoming tour of a recycling center on June 2. Please email Patrick Connors if you would like to attend. There is also a picnic planned for the Managers and Secretaries group on May 26. She said there were two PurpleAir monitors given to

the COG, and one will be placed at the Borough building. In addition, the Borough received its annual RAD invoice in the amount of \$1748 this year.

Sustainability

Ms. Roggenkamp stated that the Borough was accepted into the GET Solar Program through Connect. A copy of an MOU will need to be approved and signed, and in addition the Borough will have to provide some additional information and meet deadlines. She thought the timeline was pretty quick. Mr. Kuehner asked about the cost of the panels, and Ms. Roggenkamp stated that was some of the information that will be provided by this process. The RFP will be out June 2, and the presentation for solar developers will be June 6-9. Mr. Thornton asked if we must specify which properties are available, and Ms. Roggenkamp stated that the Borough suggested two potential buildings. She will provide the aerial photos and remainder of details, which is basic information prior to the site visit. Following the visit, they will respond with proposals, and the bids may be available by July 7. There will be a time period for evaluation with a decision due by September 11.

Special Projects

Centennial Building Committee – *Nothing to report this month.*

NEW BUSINESS – *There was no new business.*

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2023-06

Motion: Mr. Kuehner; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the new lease for the EMS use of 7219 Church Avenue.

Ben Avon Fire Marshal Appointment

Motion: Mr. Thornton; **Second:** Ms. Washington; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve Rob Bennett as the Fire Marshal for Ben Avon Borough.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - *for contract review.*

Motion: Mr. Thornton; **Second:** Mr. Kuehner; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss contracts.

Motion: Mr. Kuehner; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by voice vote to return to regular session at 9:08 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Mr. Thornton; **Second:** Mr. Kuehner; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Patch

Borough Secretary

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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BEN AVON PATROLS FOR April 2023



BA-1 132
BA-2 133
BA-3 163
BA-4 154

TOTAL 582

5/12/2023

Call Service Report Grouped by Urcodes

OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE
4/01/2023 THROUGH 4/30/2023
For Municipality: 05

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>APR COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
0501 - ALARM - RESIDENCE	2	5
0637 - THEFT - UNDER \$50 - FROM BUILDINGS	0	1
1150 - FRAUD - CREDIT CARDS, ATM	1	3
1810 - DRUG VIOLATIONS	1	1
2000 - OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY & CHILDREN	0	1
2020 - OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY-CHILD ABUSE	0	1
2112 - DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE-ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED	1	3
2410 - HARASSMENT BY COMMUNICATION	0	3
2450 - HARASSMENT	0	3
2626 - FALSE FIRE ALARM	0	2
2647 - PFA-PROTECTIVE ORDERS	0	6
2656 - THREATS	1	2
2660 - TRESPASSING OF REAL PROPERTY	1	1
3100 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	0	1
3400 - MENTAL HEALTH	1	7
3502 - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	0	4
3600 - DISTURBANCES-DOMESTIC	2	3
3610 - DISTURBANCES-JUVENILE	0	3
3620 - DISTURBANCES-OTHER (FIGHTS,DEPUTES,ETC)	1	1
3820 - DISABLED VEHICLE	2	7
3840 - FIRES (INCLUDING ALARMS-FOUNDED/UNFOUND)	0	1
3850 - HAZARDOUS CONDITION/NOT SNOW RELATED	1	4
3855 - ROAD DEPARTMENT CALL OUT	0	5
3870 - MEDICAL EMERGENCY/ ASSIST AMBULANCE	14	36
3880 - OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS - DISCOVERED	2	6
3885 - POST NO PARKING SIGNS	1	1
3900 - TRAFFIC & PARKING PROBLEMS	1	13
4010 - TRAFFIC OFFENSES	0	1
4012 - GAS LEAKS & EXPLOSIONS	0	1
4022 - SUSPICIOUS PERSON	3	9
4026 - WIRES AND POLES DOWN	2	3
4027 - TREES DOWN	2	2
4091 - CIVIL DISPUTES	0	1
5004 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ARTICLES	0	1
5008 - LOST & FOUND - LOST ARTICLES	0	1
5506 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - STRAY ANIMALS	0	5
5510 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - INJURED/SICK	0	1
5590 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - REPORTS	1	2
6004 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING PROPERTY DAMA	1	1
6006 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING INJURY	0	1
6008 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING NONINJURY	1	4
6310 - TRAFFIC POST	3	4
6603 - TRAFFIC RELATED - ABANDONED VEHICLE	0	3
6612 - TRAFFIC RELATED - SIGNALS-SIGNS OUT	0	2
6614 - TRAFFIC RELATED - CARELESS DRIVER	1	6
7010 - POLICE NOTIFICATIONS/INFO	6	17
7092 - ROUTINE PATROL COMPLETED	48	55
7504 - ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - OTHER POLICE	1	2
9008 - ADMINISTRATION - CLERICAL	0	1

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>APR COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
911 - 911-HANG UP	1	1
CITT - TRAFFIC CITATION	0	18
CITW - WARNING	10	17
CKWE - WELFARE CHECK	0	6
	<u>112</u>	<u>289</u>

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Attachment B



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Incident Type(s): All Incident Types | Start Date: 04/01/2023 | End Date: 04/30/2023

Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
04/01/2023	2023-106	230026074	189 Superior	tree into the house with wires down Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/01/2023	2023-107	230026171	406 Ridge Ave	tree down on the road cut the tree up and reopened the road. Ben avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/01/2023	2023-108	230026441	511 Roosevelt RD	poss. tree down on the road checked the road nothing found Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/01/2023	2023-109	230026442	6911 Perrysville ave	tree down with wires called for DQL and the closed the road Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/01/2023	2023-110	230026443	Perrysville ave	tree into a garage helped with cutting the tree off the garage. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/01/2023	2023-111	230026253	247 Division st	poss. wire down in the front lawn got on scene just a cable line down. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/01/2023	2023-112	230026311	Brighton RD	tree down on the road. cut the tree up and reopened the road. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/01/2023	2023-113	230026399	77 Courtney st	pole and wires down. closed the road and called foe DQL Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/03/2023	2023-114	230027056	815 Semple ave	accident car over the hill. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/04/2023	2023-115	230027337	925 California Ave	people trapped inside a elevator helped with getting the people out of the elevator. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/05/2023	2023-116	230027584	525 woddward ave	poss. house fire. 275 on scene no need for fire dispatched and cancelled. Stowe	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/07/2023	2023-117	230028080	1002 O.R.B.	fire alarm due to workers testing the alarm. dispatched and cancelled. avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/08/2023	2023-118	230028478	500 Huntington ave	brush fire extinguish the fire Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/09/2023	2023-119	230028648	300 union Ave	fire alarm due to bad smoke head helped with searching the building. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/11/2023	2023-120	230029362	4213 O.R.B.	car into a structure. helped EMS and with traffic control. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/12/2023	2023-121	230029643	901 Harkness LN	poss. house fire. 258 on scene no fire holding to 258 dispatched and cancelled. Sewickley	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/12/2023	2023-122	230029730	815 Russellwood ave	house fire called for RIT. Stowe	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/12/2023	2023-123	230029749	65 North	two car accident EMS took two people to the hospital. Helped with traffic control and clean up. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/13/2023	2023-124	230030018	4528 O.R.B.	Accident with hazards. helped with traffic control and clean up. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/13/2023	2023-125	230030139	4306 O. R. B	accident PD on scene no need for fire. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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04/14/2023	2023-126	230020429	Church AVE	motorcycle accident helped with traffic control and helped EMS. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/14/2023	2023-127	230030339	27 Oxford RD	brush fire helped with putting the fire out. Ben Avon Heights	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/14/2023	2023-128	230030266	480 Roosevelt RD	dispatched to help EMS with a lift assist. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/15/2023	2023-129	230030599	1031 Church ave	poss. house fire 277 on scene holding to 277. dispatched and cancelled. Mckees Rocks	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/15/2023	2023-130	230020706	Taylor Ave	two car accident. 103 on scene holding to 103 Dispatched and cancelled. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/16/2023	2023-131	230030929	8352 O.R.B.	poss. accident search from toms run to Ben avon nothing found. Dispatched and cancelled. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/18/2023	2023-132	230031517	200 Helen street	poss. house fire 277 on scene no fire holding to 277. Dispatched and cancelled mckees rocks	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/18/2023	2023-133	230031425	8325 Ohio river blvd.	pole and wire hanging over the road. helped with traffic control. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/21/2023	2023-134	230032526	159 Dawson ave	poss. building on fire. 148-C1 on scene no need for fire owner burning outside the building. Made owner put out the fire. Dispatched and cancelled. Glenfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/24/2023	2023-135	230033183	660 I79 SB	accident unknown injuries. 101-C1 on scene no need for fire dispatched and cancelled. Aleppo	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/24/2023	2023-136	230033300	505 Grove street	poss. apartment fire 258 on scene no fire or smoke holding to 258. dispatched and cancelled Sewickley	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/25/2023	2023-137	230033374	210 Harrison ave	fire alarm helped search the building nothing found. Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/27/2023	2023-138	230033887	102 Northfield dr	poss. house fire 220 on scene bad smoke head. Dispatched and cancelled. OT	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/27/2023	2023-139	230034130	65 north	accident helped with traffic control and clean up. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/28/2023	2023-140	230034344	Dawson ave	poss. train on fire nothing found by 148-C1 and PD. dispatched and cancelled. Glenfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/28/2023	2023-141	230034386	631 Taylor Ave	oven fire 103 on scene fire is out no need for fire. dispatched and cancelled. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/28/2023	2023-142	230034424	65 North	accident helped with traffic control. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/29/2023	2023-143	230034692	149 Spruce ST	tree fell and took out two power wires closed the street. closed the street and called foe DQL. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/30/2023	2023-144	230034743	905 Valley st	poss. fire 275 on scene no fire or smoke holding to 275. dispatched and cancelled. sto	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/30/2023	2023-145	230034776	7404 Mcknight rd	commercial building fire got called for RIT. Ross. twp.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/30/2023	2023-146		300 union Ave	fire alarm 103 on scene no need for fire set of by cooking. dispatched and cancelled. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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JPC REGULAR MEETING

7:00 PM Monday, March 27, 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
Guest:

Minutes: Called to order 7:01 PM

1) Roll Call

- a) Representatives
 - i) Present – Kurela, Kelly, Martin, Tulley, Holmes (Zoom), Cieslak, Smith
 - ii) Absent – Greenawalt, Houska
- b) Solicitor – Pesillo (present)
- c) Visitors – None

2) Public Questions and Comments – none

3) Approval of Minutes and Agenda

- a) January 2023 Minutes and Agenda: Tulley made a motion to approve agenda and Smith made a motion to second. All approved.
- b) Kurela noted the cancelled meeting in February due to the inaccessible Avalon Borough Building.

4) Officer's Reports

- a) Chairman's Report – Contacted Avalon Borough after the cancelled February meeting to ensure access each month. Martin will pick up the key on the day of each JPC meeting.
- b) Vice Chairman's Report – Cieslak met with Holmes to re-set SharePoint access.
- c) Secretary's Report – none
- d) Solicitor's Report – none
 - i) Kurela asked Pesillo if Bellevue ever responded to the drafted letter. Pesillo provided an update noting that Bellevue's solicitor appeared to be unconcerned with no additional communication since.
- e) Borough Updates
 - i) Avalon – Martin provided an update indicating Avalon council would like review on the short-term rental ordinance, indicating it was mentioned the ordinance was a previous focus of the JPC.
 - (1) Kurela expressed understanding that the short-term rental ordinance had already been passed.
 - (2) Cieslak expressed understanding that Ben Avon passed the ordinance for the borough a year prior.
 - (3) Kurela confirmed the ordinance was passed in 2017.
 - (4) Martin indicated council had expressed interest in an annual registration process as opposed to a one-time registration process.
 - (5) Tulley provided insight to the current version of the ordinance, indicating it was intentionally left generic to provide coverage for each borough. Ben Avon then adopted an amended version.

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- (a) Cieslak confirmed the amended short-term ordinance was updated in 2019 by Ben Avon, referencing ordinance #1837.
- (6) Tulley provided insight into Bellevue's council having previously expressed a desire to restrict short-term rental in R1 zones along with the changing way they are advertised, where it is perceived that the public is not notified properly.
 - (a) Kurela indicated that Bellevue council would need to discuss restricting short-term rentals in R1 and require annual applications as it is the responsibility of the borough to implement.
- (7) J. Martin provided an update indicating both Avalon and Bellevue have concern for the attorney fees accumulated by the JPC. Martin provided an update from the finance committee meeting in Bellevue where displeasure over the attorney fees was expressed.
 - (a) Kurela recalled lawyer fees being a relevant topic in 2019, suggesting invoices become a regular agenda item moving forward.
 - (b) Martin provided an update, sharing his interpretation that Bellevue may have a desire sever their ties to the JPC. Cindy Bahn met with DCED personnel (in charge of planning), and Cindy Bahn indicated DCED implied Bellevue is being disservice by the JPC due to legal fees.
 - (i) Cieslak provided clarification, ensuring it was understood that bills are submitted with the intent to be split 3-ways among the boroughs.
 - 1. Martin indicated all bills are being routed to Bellevue and to cut down on paperwork, Bellevue was submitting payment without financial assistance from Avalon or Ben Avon.
- (8) Kurela re-capped the action items required based on the updates provided by Martin:
 - (a) Follow-up to occur with Avalon and Bellevue regarding the short-term rental ordinance.
 - (b) Follow-up with Avalon and Bellevue regarding attorney fees.
 - (c) Chair and Vice Chair to draft a letter to Bellevue to gauge the borough's interest in pursuing separation from the JPC with the letter to be reviewed by Solicitor Pesillo.
 - (i) Tulley asked what the impact is if a borough separates from the JPC.
 - (ii) Cieslak noted current, active participation from the Bellevue JPC representative.
 - 1. Kurela indicated that in the event that Bellevue has a genuine desire to separate from the JPC, it is worth exploring the ramifications in the event that they do.
 - (iii) Tulley mentioned the comprehensive plan, noting that Ben Avon Heights "piggy backs" off of the JPC, indicating that may be the case for Bellevue as well, in the event of separation.
 - (iv) Cieslak proposed the JPC mentions this solicitation of separation is in anticipation of the 10-year comprehensive plan significant effort is put forth to secure grant money,

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ensuring this proposal of separation does not come off as combative.

1. Kurela agreed that the letter should avoid any intent to appear combative.

(9) Martin provided a final update concerning Avalon council who expressed concerned with the JPC codification.

- (a) Kurela confirmed his understanding that Avalon expresses no interest in codification, indicating funding will not be pursued.

- (i) Cieslak issued a reminder that Ben Avon was already complete in codification and therefore has no interest in the project.

- ii) Bellevue – none.

- iii) Ben Avon – none related to the JPC, however Cieslak provided an update regarding Ben Avon's borough building which will undergo upgrades including a new roof and new windows during the summer of 2023. Cieslak also shared that Ben Avon received two grants totaling to \$600,000 for the installation of an elevator in the borough building to provide accessibility to the second floor, also known as memorial hall.

- (1) Cieslak also indicated that the Avonworth Area historical Association secured the parcel with the unacceptable fence which has since been removed.

5) Old Business

- a) Fence ordinance update –Kurela referenced sections within the original fence ordinance, indicating there may be discrepancies relating to the working version of the updated fence ordinance.
 - i) Cieslak noted that the update was modeled off of the original version being cited by Kurela, asking for clarification on where the issues might exist. Pesillo indicated his review was also modeled off of the original version and that the updates should accurately track from the original version.
 - (1) Kurela agreed to perform one final review to ensure no errors are missed, encouraging all other committee members to do the same prior to voting on the updated ordinance.

6) New Business

- a) Administrative: JPC Representative Attendance at Council Meetings and JPC Monthly Meetings – Kurela reviewed the by-laws since the previous meeting and opened the floor to discussion surrounding attendance for JPC meetings in addition to borough council meetings or other relevant borough meetings
 - i) Tulley provided insight on how Bellevue representatives are coordinating council meeting attendance, indicating their written plan results in ~50% of intended attendance.
 - ii) Cieslak indicated that the Ben Avon representatives make efforts to communicate attendance of council meetings each month, doing their best to ensure each month a representative is present to convey updates from the JPC. Cieslak also shared that leadership (Chair and Vice Chair) have historically been present among meetings outside of their designated borough when a need is present.
 - (1) Tulley provided insight from Bellevue council who have noted appreciation for visibility in the past.
- iii) Kurela suggested a calendar is compiled to ensure the JPC is able to deliver information to the boroughs in a timely manner.

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- iv) Smith indicated she was willing to attend council meetings from time to time to ensure there is JPC presence at each meeting. Smith also clarified her understanding that the absentee requirements specify unexcused absences which may result in termination, noting "excused" is vague and unclear.
 - v) Holmes indicated a desire for better coordination on meeting attendance (outside of monthly JPC meetings).
 - vi) Kelly expressed interest in helping to ensure a JPC representative is present at monthly council and/or committee meetings.
 - b) Kurela began discussion on the representatives' desire to continue offering a virtual option for JPC meeting attendance.
 - i) Pesillo confirmed full and partial virtual meetings are permissible with no requirement for a physical quorum, and answered the question of voting permission virtually, indicating voting is permitted virtually.
 - ii) Cieslak expressed interest in continuing the option to ensure JPC meetings are well attended.
 - (1) Kelly inquired about paid subscriptions to Zoom, expressing concern for meeting length limits offered through the free version.
 - (a) Cieslak offered to create a Zoom link prior to each meeting with her access to the paid version.
 - (i) Kurela asked if there were any boroughs who may be willing to fund a subscription of Zoom for the use of the JPC.
 - 1. Cieslak indicated there may be a paid version currently funded by Ben Avon and confirmed that she would look into obtaining use.
- 7) **Adjournment** – at 7:57pm, Cieslak motioned to adjourn the meeting and Martin made a motion to second. All were in favor.

MEETING CALENDAR:

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

Future dates 2023:

Avalon Borough Hall: April 24, 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



May 8, 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:

237 Park Ave – Rental Inspection

A Citation was filed for failure to schedule a rental inspection.

ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS/CITATIONS:

216 Hilands Ave – Parking Pad

A notice of violation was sent to the property owner on 03.23.23 allowing for 10 days remediation to discontinue parking in the front yard or apply for a zoning permit.

05.08.23 The property owner discontinued parking in the front yard. Monitoring for continued compliance.

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.

05.08.23 Next steps to be discussed with the solicitor.

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237 Park Ave – Rental Inspection

A Citation was filed for failure to schedule a rental inspection.

05.08.23 Inspection scheduled for 05.11.23. Magisterial hearing continued.

221 Alder Dr – Rental Inspection

A Citation was filed for failure to schedule a rental inspection.

05.08.23 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.

MAGISTERIAL HEARINGS

221 Alder Dr – 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.

RENTAL INSPECTIONS

PASS

1. 243 Alder Dr

FAIL

BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS

BUILDING PERMITS

1. No new permits this month.
2. 142 Irwin Ave – Residential Addition

ZONING PERMITS

1. Zoning review for Building Permits.
2. No new permits this month.

Please contact our office at any time with questions.


Jarrod D'Amico, BCO
Director of Codes and Zoning


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Executive Director's Report – May 2023

WM Recycling Center Tour – All interested parties are invited to attend a tour of WM's Greenstar Recycling Facility (4100 Grand Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15225). The tour will take place on Wednesday, June 7th at 10:00 a.m. This site visit will provide an in-person visual demonstration of the recycling separation and consolidation process and will serve to highlight proper recycling techniques specific to the curbside recycling program. Those who are interested in attending the tour are asked to RSVP via email (pconners@qvcog.org).

QVCOG Managers and Secretaries Summer Picnic – On May 26th the QVCOG will be hosting the annual Managers and Secretaries picnic which will take place of the usual monthly meeting. The event will take place at 11:00 a.m. at Avalon Borough's Community Park (Shelter #1, - 708 New Brighton Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15202). The event will be catered by the Bridgeside Market. All interested attendees are asked to email Executive Director Connors to ensure that an appropriate amount of food is ordered.

Purple Air Monitor Host Sites Needed – The QVCOG has been awarded two PurpleAir PA - II Air Quality Sensors by the Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP). Per their website, PurpleAir makes sensors that empower Community Scientists who collect hyper-local air quality data and share it with the public. GASP monitors Allegheny County's air quality using a network of these monitors. The QVCOG is seeking two host communities for the devices. The only requirements for the units are a dedicated outdoor power source and access to WiFi. Interested parties are asked to email Executive Director Connors by May 12th. The real-time air quality map can be viewed at map.purpleair.com.

RAD Invoices – Within the first week of May, the QVCOG will begin distributing the 2022 RAD invoices to its member communities. Per Section 3172-B of Pennsylvania Act 77 of 1993, "Contributions to Councils of Government: Beginning in the second full calendar year in which disbursements are received from the State Treasurer under section 3157-B and in each year thereafter, municipalities other than the county and the city shall contribute an amount equal to at least twenty-five per centum (25%) of the increase in the amount of such disbursements received in excess of the prior calendar year to entities or organizations created pursuant to the act of July 12, 1972 (P.L. 762, No. 180), referred to as the Intergovernmental Cooperation Law, including councils of government. The contributions made pursuant to this section shall not be used to offset or reduce other contributions made to councils of government or other intergovernmental entities or organizations."

2023 PRC Hard to Recycle Event – In recent years the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) has hosted annual Hard to Recycle (HTR) events at the Quaker Valley Area High School. Unfortunately, PRC has reduced the number of HTR events in 2023 (3 events total this year) and the QVCOG region has not been selected as a host site. PRC has cited a lack of funding and reduced volunteers as the primary driver for the reduction of HTR events. In the coming months, the QVCOG will seek to work with PRC and other regional vendors in an effort to offer a sustainable outlet for electronics and other items for its member communities.

Important Dates

May 13, 2023 – May Mart/Tree Pittsburgh Giveaway – Broad Street, Sewickley, PA

May 17, 2023 – QVCOG Board of Delegates Meeting – Big Sewickley Creek VFD

May 24, 2023 – SPC Electric Fleet Expo – UPMC Event Center

May 26, 2023 – QVCOG Managers and Secretaries Committee Picnic – Avalon Community Park

May 29, 2023 – Memorial Day – QVCOG Office Closed

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