



Borough of Ben Avon Heights

Tuesday, June 24th, 2025– Working Meeting

A quorum is in attendance

Present:

Council Members: Berardi (*arrived at 7:12pm*), Dawley (*arrived at 7:04pm*), Morris, Neunder, Stiller

Secretary: DiNuzzo

Residents:

Call to Order: Mr. Stiller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

1. Approval of the May Working Session Meeting Minutes: *A motion was made by Mrs. Neunder to approve the May working session meeting minutes. Mr. Morris seconds the motion. Motion passed.*

2. Public Comment: *There was no public present to comment.*

3. Zoning ordinance discussion and edits: Tom Price, Ben Avon Heights zoning officer provided some feedback on the following: Section 908 B1, and B2, he recommends this should be provided by the building code inspector/permit. In Section 909 A, he also recommends this should be the building code inspector/permit. He agreed that \$500 dollars seemed reasonable for a fee in Section 912 D6. Lastly, he confirmed in section 918 B5 that this would be something the zoning officer would be in charge of as he has done this in the past. Mr. Stiller noted that Council did not receive any notes back from the planning commission.

The zoning hearing officer suggested in Section 1001 to change this to a footnote rather than make it part of the statutory language of the ordinance. Council agreed that they did not want to begin using footnotes. In Section 1002 he suggested to indicate that the term of the zoning hearing board does not preclude a resident's ability to serve a non-current term on the planning commission, and vice versa; and that there are no limits to terms. He also suggested to define Seniority in B2, so this is clear it is seniority is positioned based and not age. In Section 1006 A, he suggested a change in the filing of an appeal with the zoning officer; he suggested the change should be filed with the Borough secretary. In Section 1006 I, he suggested adding language that allows the zoning hearing board officer/member to communicate directly with the applicant regarding procedural issues relating to scheduling of hearings and posting of property.

Council completed reviewing and editing the document. Council will send this to the Zoning Hearing Board, Zoning Officer and Planning Commission to review the full edited document as the next step.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm