

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
April 15, 2014
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Shore, Steve Cummings, Dave Besselman, Abby Pyle
Absent: Wilson Lysle

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Herb MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Cleve Price, Tom Lowry, Pat Harrison

After the Pledge of Allegiance the meeting was called to order by President Shore at 6:00 p.m.

RESIDENT AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

PATRICK HARRISON – AVON GROVE LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE

Mr. Harrison handed out the 2013 Annual Report for the Avon Grove Library. There was a total of 6,768 items checked out by Avondale Borough residents for 2013 with a value of \$175,968.00. Over the past few years the library has not asked for any increase in the Borough's contribution but this year the library would like to ask for a slight increase of .23 per capita which will bring the contribution from \$2.77 to \$3.00 per capita. This increase will be considered at budget time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the minutes from March 18, 2014, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A copy of the monthly report is available at the Borough Office.

FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING

The fire hydrant flushing will take place the end of April and will be done during the late evening to early morning hours.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Herb MacCombie gave the following report

WILKINSON PROJECT – EXTENSION TO JUNE 30, 2014

Wilkinson representatives met with Jamie MacCombie to go over the plans for the next Wilkinson phase 2A.

CLAY CREEK ROAD RECONSTRUCTION STATUS

A Notice to Proceed is pending. The pre-construction meeting will take place as soon as the contractor responds to dates.

EDLON UPDATE

Cleve and President Shore will meet with East Penn Railroad to go over what is necessary for the Emergency access. Cleve will set up the meeting.

NEW WELL

Cleve and Herb met with the well people and we have a location as to where to put a new well. The location is on Pomeroy Avenue. Mr. MacCombie said he would like to survey that area and develop a plan so that when in fact we hear about the grant in June or July we will have a plan in place. The grant only covers hard costs, not the plan or survey. Mr. MacCombie said he would like to move forward with the survey and plan with Council's approval. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve up to \$5,000 to move forward with the plan and survey, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Council approved Mr. Diehl to advertise the proposed ordinance.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE UPDATE – PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Mr. Diehl handed out a copy of the draft ordinance for review and comments. Council gave Mr. Diehl approval to advertise.

ORDINANCE FOR WATER AND SEWER FEES

Council gave approval to Mr. Diehl to move forward with drafting an ordinance to put all the fees in one place.

ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

ZONING HEARING DECISION - WACA CORPORATION- 29 GAP NEWPORT PIKE

The Zoning Hearing Board granted the special exception with two conditions: The first condition is that a drawn parking plan must be submitted and acceptable to the Zoning Officer. Parking spaces must be defined by location and marked. The second condition is that the grassy area in the front lot is to be maintained in a landscaped fashion so that the view of drivers entering and exiting WACA's lot is not obstructed.

RESOLUTION #2014-3 PERMIT FEES

Steve Cummings made a motion to adopt Resolution #2014-3, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to April 18, 2014, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, May 13, 2014 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, May 13, 2014 @6:00 p.m.

Abby Pyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary