

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 17, 2012
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Shore, Steve Cummings, Dave Besselman, Junior Snyder,
Absent: Jim Duffy, Abby Pyle

GUESTS PRESENT: Sandy Masten, Glenn Diehl, Jamie MacCombie, Pete Lau, William Fansler,
Dave Friedman, Davis Howell, Bob Longley

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

There was a moment of silence for the two firefighters from Philadelphia that were killed in the line of duty.

EEMA REPORT

Council reviewed the monthly report. Bill Shore requested that the monthly maintenance expenses be itemized.

ALUM PUMP REPLACEMENT

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve up to \$1,300.00 to buy an Alum Pump, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried. Note: William said there was a 1 year warranty with an approximate lifespan of 3-4 years.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

WILKINSON CARILLON PROJECT – ESCROW RELEASE

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve an escrow release of \$6,886.86 for the Wilkinson Project, 2nd by Junior Snyder, motion carried.

WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT- PHASE 3 – CONSTRUCTION RELEASE

At this time they put in 1200 lineal feet of water line up to 2nd Street in the Park. They are stopping at this point and going back to do the sanitary sewer line. After the sewer lines, lateral and water connections, they are going back and finish the storm sewer. Once this is all finished, we are going to evaluate where we are at dollar wise within the contract to see if there is additional money to extend the water line.

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the construction release of \$86,814.00 to JOAO & Bradley Construction Company, Inc., 2nd by Junior Snyder, motion carried.

WELL PUMP – VIDEO WELLS

Junior Snyder made a motion to approve Kohl Brothers to video both wells for up to \$2,000.00 to figure out how deep the wells are and the condition of the casing, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried

BOROUGH SOLICITORS REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

WILKINSON

The money they were working on was a letter of credit. They did say that it would be a month or two months to get an answer from the bank. Bill Shore said it is Wilkinson's obligation to build the wellhead protection and if it is not resolved before June's meeting, he will not need another extension because he will bring it up for vote, Council agreed. Tired of beating around the bush.

STATE STREET BRIDGE ISSUE

We responded to preliminary objections and have amended the complaint.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ORDINANCE

Will be advertised and ready for adoption at the next meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to March 20, 2012, 2nd by Junior Snyder, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Junior Snyder made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the following transfers: A loan of \$21,000.00 from the General Fund to the Water Fund, Transfer \$35,000.00 from General Fund to Sewer Fund, and transfer \$32,000 from PLGIT to Sewer Account, 2nd by Junior Snyder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from March 20, 2012, 2nd by Junior Snyder, motion carried.

STREETS AND STREETLIGHTS COMMITTEE

SIDEWALK ENFORCEMENT

After discussion it was decided that Bill Shore and Glenn Diehl will meet with Tom Lowry on the sidewalk issue.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Dave Besselman gave the following report: The Committee met on April 10, 2012

WELL PUMP

EEMA reported we are running off the north well and it is now in MacCombie's hands for a resolution.

CUTONE MUSHROOM – INVOICE

Cutones's have been billed for the meter pit installation.

ROSAZZA’S GREENHOUSE – METER PIT

We are still investigating different option for the installation of a new meter and meter pit.

FENCE ESTIMATES FOR MAIN SHUT OFF AT RESERVOIR

William is getting estimates for a 10’ x 10’ fence to protect the main shut off at the reservoir.

RESERVOIR COVER

William reported that they suspect a tear in the reservoir cover and William is looking into have the company that installed it to inspect it.

PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

CONCRETE SAW

Junior Snyder said it was approved at the February Council meeting to approve \$1700.00 for a concrete saw but it wasn’t the right one. The correct one cost \$2,864.00. After discussion, Council requested the number of times a concrete saw was rented and the cost. Will discuss at the next meeting.

RENTAL PROPERTY

Steve Cummings said by the time we install electric, repair the roof and the wall and put in a driveway, we are looking at about \$25,000.00. Council decided to table this matter.

PARK & COMPOSTING COMMITTEE

PARK CLEAN UP

Steve Cummings said the park clean up is on May 12th. He has made up list of the things that need to be done in each park.

NEW BUSINESS

LONGLEY INSURANCE – WORKMEN’S COMPENSATION

Bob Longley said the new law in effect called the Firefighter’s Cancer Presumption Act and he is here to talk about the ramifications to the premiums the Borough will be facing in the future. Avondale pays a very small portion of the workmen’s compensation so it is really for the municipalities that the Avondale Fire Company services that have a larger population will be impacted by this. This Act allows firefighters to put in claims for cancer under the workmen’s compensation policy. There is criteria: They have to be with the fire company for a 4 year period, they had to be exposed to a Type 1 cancer carcinogen. There is an eleven year window to put in a claim. This has changed the workmen’s compensation marketplace. The Borough’s policy went up \$6,000.00. Other insurance companies were quoted \$3,000.00 and if policy was new it would be at least \$10,000 more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Water and Sewer Committee will meet on May 8, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.
- Council Meeting May 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Junior Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary