

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
August 17, 2010  
6:00 P.M.**

**Council Members Present:** Fred Bryan, Bill Shore, Junior Snyder, Toyge Davis, Steve Cummings, Jim Duffy    **Absent:** Glenn Allen

**Guests Present:** Mayor Howell, Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Dave Friedman, Pete Lau, Michelle Steele, Vince Barbone, Paul & Grace Bove, Sali Parker

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

President Bryan opened up the Public Hearing

**PUBLIC HEARING – WATER AND SEWER REGULATIONS**

President Bryan asked if there was any discussion on the proposed Water Regulations. There was no discussion.

President Bryan asked if there was any discussion on the proposed Sewer Regulations. There was no discussion.

**ORDINANCE #227 – WATER REGULATIONS**

Councilman Shore made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 227, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Davis, motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #228 – SEWER REGULATIONS**

Councilman Duffy made a motion to adopt Ordinance #228, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Shore, motion carried.

The Public Hearing's were closed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PAUL BOVE**

Mr. Bove said he owns two vacant lots on Chatham Street and his problem is that he can not acquire sewer permits so the two lots have been useless. Mr. Bove said he doesn't understand why Wilkinson gets sewer permits and he can not.

Jamie MacCombie explained this issue:

Mr. MacCombie said there was a sewer moratorium on sewer connections back when the treatment plant was designed for 300,000 gallons per day (gpd) and was receiving more than 300,000 gpd. The Borough has since upgraded the plant to increase the sewer capacity to 500,000 gallons per day. DEP placed a moratorium on the Borough until the Borough did I & I (inflow & infiltration) remediation work to fix groundwater inflow in the sewer lines. Until the remediation is done, DEP is not allowing anymore sewer hookups.

As part of approving the Wilkinson Project, the Borough entered into an agreement with Wilkinson. Wilkinson is to provide up to 2.8 million dollars of I & I remediation work. After looking at the I & I analysis we found some flaws in the documentation and the amount was overstated. We met with DEP three years ago and presented this information to them and about 6 weeks later DEP wrote a letter to the Borough allowing an additional 155,000 gallons per day to be tied into the sewer.

Based on previous agreements, DEP said 60,000 gpd goes to Wilkinson and 65,000 gpd goes to New Garden Township so all the flow was spoken for. Approximately \$500,000 from the Wilkinson Agreement was spent to replace lines along the flood plain of the White Clay Creek that went out to Route 41. The flows have been monitored and there is a net pickup of around 30,000-35,000 gallons a day of flow that have been reduced at the plant. Within a couple of months we will present the water and sewer regulations that were approved tonight along with flow documentation to request additional capacity. After the commitments are met, the additional flows go to the residents that are on the list for capacity.

Mr. Bove asked if a holding tank could be placed on these lots. Mr. MacCombie said it was possible. The Borough would have to adopt a holding tank ordinance then a permit would be acquired through the Chester County Health Department. A holding tank is a temporary solution and the CCHD may allow it knowing the Borough is working on the I & I and then eventually be able to hook up to the Borough sewer.

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Sali Parker gave the following report:

The Historical Commission is working on the history of 16 properties and the histories will be put together by mid December. The cost to have the documents put together by an outside source is 10 to 12 cents a page. We are asking Council to approve \$950.00 out of the Historical Commission budget for 2010 which will allow us to do about 150 booklets. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve \$950.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Cummings, motion carried.

Ms. Parker asked if the pictures on the walls (in the board room) the Historical Commission had done last year for the Fall Festival could be borrowed by the Commission to use for presentations. We hung them up in the board room to make the room look nice and not get damaged in storage. Council approved. Councilman Shore asked if the pictures are assets of the Borough. Ms. Parker said anything the Historical Commission does is an asset of the Borough.

**EEMA'S REPORT**

Michelle Steele gave the following report for July 2010:

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Wastewater Treatment Plant Flows:

Total Monthly Flow	7,178,000 gallons
Daily Flows Min.	179,000 gallons
Daily Flows Max.	372,000 gallons
Daily Flows Avg.	232,000 gallons

**New Garden Township Weekly Flows (Average Gallons/Day)**

<b>WEEK</b>	<b>June 30 – July 7</b>	<b>July 7 – 14</b>	<b>July 14 – 21</b>	<b>July 21 – 28</b>
<b>ROUTE 41</b>	31,068	33,550	34,718	34,832
<b>RAILROAD</b>	82,844	54,907	56,594	62,330
<b>Total</b>	<b>83,912</b>	<b>88,457</b>	<b>91,312</b>	<b>97,162</b>

**OPERATIONS**

- Hauled 13,500 gallons of sludge

**WATER TREATMENT PLANT**  
Production Summary

Water System		Well #1	Gallons/Day	Well #2	Gallons/Day
<b>Total Well #1</b>	2,711,200	Minimum	57,600	Minimum	12,800
<b>Total Well #2</b>	678,900	Maximum	121,700	Maximum	41,400
<b>Total:</b>	3,390,100	Average	87,458	Average	21,900
<b>Avg. gpd</b>	109,358				

### **Facilities Maintenance Report:**

#### Water Actions

- 9 Water Actions

#### Water Treatment Plant

- MV LaFrance reviewed headworks
- Maintenance on sludge holding tank blowers done by Excelsior Blower

#### Collection and Distribution System

- Total PA 1 Calls - 3

#### PERMIT VIOLATIONS:

No permit violations for the month

### **BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

#### SOLICITATION ORDINANCE

One of the things you can not regulate is door to door political solicitation. Mr. Diehl brought copies of sample ordinances for Council's review. This matter will be discussed at next month's meeting.

#### AIRPORT HAZARD ZONING ORDINANCE

Jamie MacCombie said PennDOT is making it mandatory for municipalities to pass an ordinance recognizing that there are airports in close proximity to a municipality and adopt regulations that identify certain areas in the Borough that are in an overlay that would be responsive to that area. Someone from Mr. MacCombie's office will be attending a meeting for more information.

#### STATE STREET BRIDGE

The Commissioners will be meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup> and the State Street Bridge issue will be on the agenda.

### **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

#### I & I PROJECT

We are still monitoring the flows and will run an analysis of the flows at plant and then set up a meeting with DEP to see if we can get additional flows at the plant.

#### STATE STREET PROJECT – Phase II

The Contractor was given a Notice to Proceed. They started on August 16<sup>th</sup> and will be working in the evening. They have 180 days to finish the project.

#### TURN AROUND AT WWTP

Received three prices to put in a turnaround in at the plant:

Technivate: \$12,051.00  
 Wagontown Construction: \$6,300.00  
 BJ's Excavating \$12,975.00

Councilman Davis made a motion to approve Wagontown Construction for \$6,300.00 to put in a turn around at the WWTP, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Cummings, motion carried.

#### TURN AROUND AT WWTP

The repair work on Route 41 and 6<sup>th</sup> Street will coincide with the installation of the turn around at the WWTP. Wagontown Construction was the lowest cost on this project.

#### RESERVOIR FENCE PROPOSALS

Received three prices to install a new fence around the reservoir:

Fence Works - \$ 11,540.00  
 Technivate - \$ 10,614.26  
 Smucker Fencing - \$7,097.50

Mr. MacCombie will check with Technivate regarding submitting a proposal 2% lower than the above lowest bid. This matter is tabled until the September meeting.

#### CHATHAM STREET

The problem with Chatham Street is it is only 16 feet for two lanes of traffic which isn't sufficient for two way traffic under PennDOT standards. The concern was particularly in the block from First to Second Street because there is significant amount of vehicles parked on the street. After you get past Second Street there is not as much on street parking. The problem is once the study was asked to be done and the recommendations are made, you have to act on them. The Borough is obligated to follow Title 67 of the Vehicle Traffic Code under PennDOT regulations which consist of a Traffic Study and whether it does or does not warrant two-way traffic.

Council discussed the parking problems on Chatham Street between First and Second Street and discussed how it may be from overcrowding in some of the homes. Glenn Diehl will get information for Council on Residential Parking Permits and Rooming/Boarding House regulations.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

##### APPROVE THE BILLS TO BE PAID

Councilman Snyder made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to August 17, 2010, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Duffy, motion carried.

##### APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Councilman Shore made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

##### 2009 AUDIT

Councilman Duffy made a motion to approve the 2009 audit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

##### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Cummings made a motion to approve the minutes from July 20, 2010, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Davis, motion carried.

##### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dottie Howell gave the following report

**FALL FESTIVAL**

The festival is scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the Fall Festival Committee to hold a parade on October 9<sup>th</sup> as long as all the proper paperwork is submitted to PennDOT, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE – AVON GROVE HIGH SCHOOL**

Mayor Howell said she met with a faculty member from the Avon Grove High School that works with special needs children regarding a community service project in Avondale. Some of the things they would like to do is plant bulbs around the memorial, install benches in the park and put in rubberized mulch in the playground areas. This project would all be done with donations but the liability is still not clear. Council approved Mayor Howell to pursue this project.

**PARKS AND COMPOSTING COMMITTEE**

Councilman Shore said he is in the process of getting proposals for the removal of various trees in the parks. Mr. Shore said the tree surgeons looked at the trees on Mr. Webb's property and it is not the Borough's responsibility for the deterioration of Mr. Webb's trees. Councilman Duffy made a motion to approve up \$8,000 to get tree work done in the Parks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Davis, motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- President Bryan announced that there will not be a Council meeting on August 24, 2010.
- There will be an executive session after this meeting to discuss a legal matter.

Councilman Duffy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary