

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
August 23, 2011  
6:00 P.M.**

**Council Members Present:** Bill Shore, Jim Duffy, Junior Snyder, Dave Besselman, Steve Cummings-arrived at 8:10 p.m. Absent: Jim Francis, Toyge Davis

**Guests Present:** Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Pete Lau, Dave Friedman, Lillian Davis, James Bryan, Matthew Bessicks, Davis Howell

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

**SEWER AUTHORITY MEMBERS**

Councilman Snyder made a motion to appoint the following members to the Avondale Sewer Authority, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Besselman, motion carried. All the members stated they are willing to serve.

Councilman Besselman made a motion to appoint Lillian Davis for one year term, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Duffy, motion carried.

Councilman Besselman made a motion to appoint James Bryan for a two year term, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

Councilman Snyder made a motion to appoint Matthew Bessicks for a three year term, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Duffy, motion carried.

Councilman Besselman made a motion to appoint Davis Howell for a four year term, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

Councilman Snyder made a motion to appoint Faith Shore for a five year term, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

Mayor swore in the members of the Avondale Borough Sewer Authority.

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

**120 W. STATE STREET – GREENHOUSE PROPERTY**

Council approved at the last meeting to move forward with the condemnation process of the property. Reached out to the realtor and the property owner for an offer on what they would take to avoid the condemnation process. No response was received.

**WEBB TREES**

Bill Webb removed one of the trees and PECO removed the top out of the other tree. We now have two tree stumps left. The tree that was removed by Mr. Webb needed a permit which was not acquired. Mr. Diehl will alert Tom Lowry to what has happened and the permit issue will be in Mr. Lowry's hands. There is the issue of billing Mr. Webb for the work done by Rick's Tree Service. Rick's is waiting to see if we want to take out one or both tree stumps. Council took a vote: Councilman Snyder-yea, Councilman Besselman-nay, Councilman Duffy-nay, Councilman Bill Shore-nay. 3-1 the tree stumps will not be removed. After some discussion on the condition of the road and the stream bank, Jamie MacCombie will look into different options to remedy the situation.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Herb MacCombie gave the following report:

**DEP MEETING**

We had a meeting with DEP today. Based on the testing that was done prior to the rehabilitation project and testing done after, we had a net gain of 46,428 gallons per day of reduction of infiltration going into the sewer system. Requested from DEP to give the Borough 85% of the reduction or 39,450 gallons per day. We should be getting a response letter from DEP in about 4-6 weeks. DEP recommended that we do a Connection Management Plan for 5 years that will identify who will be eligible to connect to the sewer system. After we get a flow allocation from DEP we can move forward with the Plan.

**WATER REHABILITATION PROJECT**

We are in the process of redesigning the line and it will be finished in the next two to three weeks. The next step is to go out for bids.

**MAXIMUM FITNESS**

Jamie MacCombie said Herb spoke to Ken Finley, the owner and it looks like he is going to do something about the leak. We believe there is about 2-3,000 gallons per day of infiltration in the sewer lateral. We have a video that shows the leak.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE****APPROVE THE BILLS TO BE PAID**

Councilman Shore made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to August 23, 2011, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

**APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes from July 19, 2011 & July 26, 2011, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Howell gave the following report:

**AVONDALE STATE POLICE**

Received a letter from Lieutenant Brown from the Avondale State Police thanking Avondale for opening the line of communication and for working with them on some projects. Lieutenant Brown is leaving Avondale and a new Lieutenant will be assigned.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATION**

Fred Bryan's Memorial Garden is going to be dedicated October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:****HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

A certified letter was sent to Sali Cosford Parker stating that the Historical Commission has been abolished and to return all assets of the Borough by September 9, 2011.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MASTER CASTING AGREEMENT – RESOLUTION #2011-2**

Councilman Besselman made a motion to approve Resolution #2011-2, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Duffy, motion carried.

**MUNICIPAL COOP AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

Councilman Duffy made a motion to approve the Municipal Coop Agreement Amendment, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

**GIS CONSORTIUM TIER III AGREEMENT**

Councilman Cummings made a motion to approve Tier III membership fee of \$5,000.00 for one year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Water and Sewer Committee will take place on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Councilman Duffy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Besselman, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary