

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
December 18, 2012
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Pete Lau, William Fansler, Davis Howell, Linda Ingenthron, Robert Salas, Tom Krall

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

LINDA INGENTHRON - SCCOOT & TMACC

Ms. Ingenthron said she represents the SCCOOT bus that goes from Oxford to West Chester that connects to all forms of transportation. The SCCOOT route comes from Federal monies that come from grant applications every two years. The last three grants have been cut off by a million dollars each time. For the first time, the Commissioner's supported transportation the last round and put forth about \$86,000.00. The SCCOOT service cost \$450,000.00 a year. Ms. Ingenthron asked Council to consider them in the Borough's budget.

ROBERT SALAS

Tom Lowry said Mr. Salas purchased a property on Hoopes Alley and he had met with Mr. Salas in 2010 to discuss his property and told him he needed to submit plans. At the present time, there is an old mobile home on the property. Mr. Lowry said there have been no plans submitted and he met Mr. Salas approximately four more times and discussed with him that he needed to comply with the flood plain and zoning regulations. Mr. Lowry said while he was on his routine inspection, he noticed Mr. Salas filled in a portion of his property and built a retaining wall. Mr. Salas was sent a courtesy letter for the violation of grading ordinance. Council agreed that Mr. Salas can do what he wants at the property but he has to comply with the regulations. Mr. Salas said he will submit plans to Mr. Lowry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the minutes from November 20, 2012 with the change, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

2013 BUDGET ADOPTION

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt the 2013 Budget, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED 2013 TAX ORDINANCE

President Shore opened the Public Hearing. There were no public comments on the proposed tax ordinance. The Public Hearing was closed.

2013 TAX ORDINANCE #238

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve Ordinance #238, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

EEMA REPORT

There were no questions on the monthly report.

MANHOLE LINERS

Glenn Diehl said that we really need to get manhole inserts if there are areas that are subject to flooding. President Shore said this will be put on the water and sewer committee agenda.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

WILKINSON PROJECT

An extension was given until March 31, 2012.

PHASE 3 WATERLINE PROJECT & CONSTRUCTION RELEASES

Everything has been completed except for the waterline on Indian Run Road which was authorized for \$12,500.00. There is \$41,109.63 left from the grant for phases 3A & 3B. The County approved the Borough to add some other projects but they would have to go out to bid.

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the construction release for Phase 3A in the amount of \$29,779.43, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the construction release for Phase 3B in the amount of \$51,479.02, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

POTABLE WATER TO CONTROL BUILDING

Received two prices to run potable water to the control building:

\$16,000 for a 2" copper line

\$ 9,500 for a 2" plastic line

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve \$9,500.00 to install the potable water to the control building, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR REPORT

Glen Diehl gave the following report:

STATE STREET BRIDGE

We are finishing the discovery stage and ready for trial in January or February.

ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

Tom Lowry said he provided a list of all the vacant properties within the Borough and a list of the non-conforming lots by square footage. Glenn Diehl said there are only six lots that are non-conforming in terms of actual total area that could be issues. President Shore said he will schedule a committee meeting for next month.

RESIDENTIAL WATER SHUT OFFS

Will check the statute on shutting off water to residential tenants.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

NON-CRIMININAL CITATIONS

Tom Lowry said that the President Judge in West Chester changed the District Justice policy when a citation goes to an arrest warrant. In the past, the local constable would serve the warrants. The new policy prohibits this process. Municipalities have two options: Have the local police serve the warrants or enter into a contract with the local Constable. The cost for the constable's services would be under \$100.00 depending on the time utilized. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve having the local police serve the warrants, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to December 18, 2012, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

2011 AUDIT

Vince Barbone gave a brief review of the audit. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the 2011 Audit 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Howell reported on the following;

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & BEST DECORATED HOUSE

The Christmas Tree Lighting was a success, there were approximately 150 people. Purchased two \$50.00 gift certificates from Applebee's to give to the winners.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Bill Shore gave the following report:

AM RADIO STATION

There is going to be an AGREM meeting this Thursday and we are going to talk about starting an AM broadcast radio station where you can get your emergency information.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

PARKESBURG POLICE

Mayor Howell said she and Bill Shore met with Parkesburg Council to discuss the police and they have agreed to go down from \$85.00 per hour to \$75.00 with Parkesburg paying half of the travel time. After discussion, Steve Cummings approved \$75.00 per hour for the Parkesburg Police and Parkesburg is to pay for half of the travel time, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

STREETS AND STREET LIGHT COMMITTEE

Wilson Lysle gave the following report:

RESERVOIR RIGHT OF WAY

At the present time, we are going straight up to the reservoir from Miller Drive and it is beginning to wash down the hill. Years ago, London Grove Township gave the Borough an easement from Miller

Drive to get to the reservoir. We have the plan from London Grove Township showing the easement. The easement goes from the end of Miller Drive turning right into London Grove Township making a slow sweep to the road off of Clay Creek Road. Mr. Lysle said he will meet with Dominick and go over the plan to see how the road should be laid out and get costs.

NEW BUSINESS

GIFT CARDS

Council approved \$400.00 for four \$100.00 gift cards for Dominick and Andy Difilippo, the Secretary and Treasurer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Water and Sewer Committee will meet on January 8, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.
- Council Meeting January 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
- There will be an Executive Session after this meeting to discuss a legal issue.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary