

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Bryan, Bob Cleveland, Russ Kilmer, Glenn Allen, Howard Thompson, Patrick Harrison. **Absent:** Pat Longen

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Bill Romanelli, Michelle Steele, William Fansler, Jesse Roark, Dave Friedman, Jamie MacCombie, Pete Lau, Mike Shiring, Walter Barcz, Glenn Diehl.

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

EEMA REPORT

William Fansler gave the following report:

OPERATIONS REPORT

Wastewater Treatment Plant Flows:

Total Monthly Flow	6,604,000 gallons
Daily Flows Min.	132,000 gallons
Daily Flows Max.	421,000 gallons
Daily Flows Avg.	213,000 gallons

NEW GARDEN WEEKLY FLOWS (gpd)

WEEK	10/3 – 10/10	10/10 - 10/17	10/17 – 10/24	10/24 – 10/31	10/31 – 11/7
ROUTE 41	45,245	41,215	41,034	44,204	42,692
RAIL ROAD	45,364	42,283	46,484	57,555	41,575

- Removed 18,000 gallons of sludge from Wastewater Treatment Plant
- On October 15, manhole 59 A, B, 97, 98, A, B, & 100 were jetted and cleaned by McGovern.
- Heating work at plant completed.
- Flushed all hydrants on Oct. 15 & 16.
- Completed manhole inspections for Zone C.
- Excelsior installed rebuilt blower.
- Becky and Robin McGruder from Selective Insurance on site Oct. 30 for a tour of facility.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

- There were three (3) PA One Calls.
 - Baltimore Pike (Oct 3)
 - 3 Miller Drive (Oct 17)
 - 10, 12, 14 Miller Drive (Oct 31)
- There were fifteen (15) Action Request forms received resulting in the following;
 - Nine (9) water shut off
 - 202 E. Third Street (Oct 1)
 - 311 E. Third Street (Oct 1)
 - 409 E. Third Street (Oct 1)
 - 320 Chatham Street (Oct 1)

- 225 New Street (Oct 1)
 - 515 Henson Street (Oct 1)
 - 235 Church Street (Oct 1)
 - 9 Cook Court (Oct 9)
 - 409 E. Third Street (Oct 22)
- Installed Six (6) new meters or remotes
 - 107 Chatham Street – installed new meter and remote (Oct 9)
 - 223 Chatham Street – installed new meter and remote (Oct 9)
 - 200 West State Street – installed new meter and remote (Oct 10)
 - 519 Henson Street – installed new meter and remote (Oct 10)
 - 235 Church Street – installed new meter and remote (Oct 16)
 - 602 Poplar Street – installed new meter and remote (Oct 17)

PROJECTED OPERATION & MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR JULY:

- Begin manhole inspections for Zone D.

WATER QUALITY REPORT:

Water System Flows

Total Well #1	2,867,400 gallons		
Total Well #2	735,900 gallons		
Total Monthly Flow	3,603,300 gallons		
Daily Flows Min. Well #1	49,900 gallons	Min. Well #2	16,300 gallons
Avg. Well #1	89,740 gallons	Avg. Well #2	24,530 gallons
Max. Well #1	95,580 gallons	Max Well #2	33,200 gallons

OPERATIONS REPORT

- Water quality met all regulatory and contractual requirements during the month.
- Water leak at 15 W. Third Street

MONTHLY GRIEVANCES:

There were no grievances for the month.

PERMIT VIOLATIONS: None

WILKINSON PROJECT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

We had a Conditional Use Decision, the Preliminary Plan Decision and now this is a Conditional Final Plan Resolution. This resolution embraces all of the terms of the Preliminary and Conditional Use. 80% of this document is the putting together of the terms that we already have and essentially the same language as is in the Conditional Use Resolution and Preliminary version. This document does not grant any additional waivers. This document embraces and recites the waivers that were already granted in three different time slots by Council before. What this resolution is trying to do is put us in position where the Thompson/Brown section of the plan can go forward on the basis of the plans that exist. Because we don't have good plans on the rest of the project, this document sets forth how we proceed and how much of an approval the plans get. We are trying to get to the point so that the Thompson/Brown tract can go forward.

The rest of project obviously can't go forward because the plans don't exist, the elevations of the ground don't exist, and work out issues that we know exist. There are no changes in the terms of the Conditional Use approval or the Preliminary approval except as specifically called out in the resolution. The other thing that this document does is it sets up the financial obligations and how we go forward.

Jamie MacCombie said he has not read the entire document but so far he has the following concerns:

The applicant has the right to keep adding parcels of ground and trading off parcels of ground for townhouses. My concern is if it is a final plan, when does it end? Bill Romanelli said that no future parcels would be added once the final plan submission has been made.

The preliminary plans showed that Wilkinson needed easements for discharge of stormwater management and water quality basins across the Borough's property and the Borough reserved their right to provide those easements. What the resolution states is the Borough is granting these easements and he wanted Council to be aware of this.

Council should be aware that this document gives 5 business days from the date of Council's adoption of the resolution, to issue a letter to CWA which will request CWA services that will provide a Safe and Adequate Water Supply for the applicants project by a connection (to CWA's system) which is integrated to the Borough's Water System. Glenn Diehl said he has no problem with writing the letter within the 5 business days.

The financial accelerator percentage is 3 ½ percent, but he thinks we should use the Construction Cost Index which is around 6 percent. CCI is the exact indicator of construction costs and this is something Council should be aware of.

Fred Bryan said Jamie MacCombie and Council need more time to review the resolution. Bob Cleveland asked for a list of Jamie MacCombie's objections. Mr. MacCombie said he would provide them before Tuesday's meeting. Russ Kilmer said he would like to see a final document by Monday, November 26th at 5:00 p.m. Council agreed to continue this meeting to Tuesday, November 27th.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

PYLE PROPERTY SETTLEMENT

The settlement will take place on December 13, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Fred Bryan gave the following report:

2008 BUDGET

The budget has been advertised for the 10 day public review and will be presented to Council for adoption at the December meeting.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Bob Cleveland made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, 2nd by Glenn Allen, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Fred Bryan made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

UTILITY BILLING SYSTEM

The new water and sewer billing system will be installed the third week in January.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Russ Kilmer made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on September 18, 2007 as written, 2nd by Bob Cleveland, motion carried.

Russ Kilmer made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Council Meeting on October 10, 2007 as written, 2nd by Patrick Harrison, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Howell gave the following report

XMAS TREE LIGHTING

The Christmas tree lighting is scheduled for December 1st at 6:30 p.m. Patrick Harrison has agreed to help and decorate the tree. Christ Church of the Grove is going to be singing and Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will be there. All are invited to attend.

NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP – REGIONAL POLICE

The Kennett Area Regional Planning Commission (KARPC) wants to study the possibility of Regional Policing. The KARPC has spoken to the Department of Community and Economic Development and were told that one municipality must be the lead or contact municipality and all the municipalities that chose to participate are to approve a Letter of Intent to the DCED. New Garden Township has taken the lead in this study and has attached a Letter of Intent and a Resolution that they would like Council to consider at the December meeting.

BOROUGH BUSINESS SIGN

Sent a letter last month to ask Senator Pileggi for grant money to re-do the Borough business sign. The Senator's office called and said that they do not have any grant money to give at this time.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Chairperson Sali Cosford Parker was absent from the meeting. Patrick Harrison read her report

PROJECT STATUS

1. Church Street Photography
 - a. Bill Parker & Ben Buskell have photographed about two thirds of the Church St. area.

2. African American History
 - a. Lenee Bryan reaching out to local African American churches for invitations to present the Commission and its agenda at church/church group meetings.
3. Resident Interviews
 - a. Commission tabled this project until after the holidays.
4. Historical Records Digitization
 - a. No activity.
5. Third Street Bridge
 - a. Stephanie Young has determined the bridge is not eligible for Federal Historic Protection because 1) there are many bridges of similar design/era in Chester County and 2) it is not heavily traveled. The bridge has "Watch" status, which means the 3rd St. Bridge could be reclassified should its circumstances change. Given the development activity in the Church St. area, potential traffic increases on the bridge may merit a change in status.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Fall Festival: Commission members were not available to man a table at the Festival. As an alternative, 50 AHC brochures made up and left at the Festival administration table. All but 10 were taken by Festival attendees.
2. The Commission is considering development of visible symbols to increase awareness of Avondale's historic past, and as a byproduct, potentially serve as fund raisers. Items on the table are porch and lawn flags, miniature reproductions of buildings, needlework patterns, etc.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 5.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Bob Cleveland gave the following report:

COUNCIL VACANCY

There will be a Council vacancy beginning in January 2008. The Secretary placed an ad in the Avon Grove Sun on November 8, 2007. We asked for Letters of Application for anyone that is interested in the Council position to be submitted by November 30, 2007. Letters were sent to everyone that received votes in the last election.

STREETS AND STREET LIGHTS COMMITTEE

Howard Thompson gave the following report:

1. Sent out post cards to residents stating that Chatham Street will be a one-way with traffic flowing south from Fifth to First Street.
2. The Pedestrian signs seem to slow traffic. Received positive comments from residents about the signs. Dominick will bring in signs before the first snow.

Council received a letter from Chief Sheller and he said the following:

Dear Council,

"Thank you for keeping the "Yield to Pedestrian" signs along sections of SR41 through the Borough. The Police are getting good feedback on the signage and we've seen a decrease in the

speeds along those sections of roadway. They're helping! Officer Anderson has reported the signs are working in traffic calming applications and should be considered successful. We appreciate your pro-active approach to both motoring and pedestrian safety initiatives."

3. Dominick is still working on the storm drain at 2nd & Chatham Streets. Inclement weather has held up work over the past two weeks.
4. Dominick is working on the maintenance items on the State Street Bridge. Received three estimates for the bridge.

Tri-State Paving	\$ 6,380.00
Richard's Paving	\$18,950.00
Hick's Paving	\$ 7,500.00

Howard Thompson made a motion to approve Tri-State Paving to do the resurfacing on the State Street Bridge for \$6,380.00, 2nd by Patrick Harrison, motion carried.

5. PennDOT uncovered the manhole that they paved over during the resurfacing of Third Street.
6. We hope to get the crosswalk strips down before the weather gets too cold.
7. Dominick will put up the signs for Chatham Street as soon as weather permits.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Howard Thompson said the Water and Sewer Committee would like to recommend to Council to approve a sewer adjustment for 9 Cook Court. The customer had a water leak that did not go into the sewer system. Council agreed.

Russ Kilmer said the Committee is reviewing a resident that had a high water bill. The customer believes the meter is bad so we took the meter out and replaced it with a new one. The old meter was sent to check for accuracy. Once we get this information back, we will be able to address this issue.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Russ Kilmer gave the following report

POLICE ACTIVITIES

Have not heard back from Chief Sheller on the agreement or the cost of the police for 2008. The police are on their winter hours and they are still covering the majority of their cost.

RESOLUTION #2007-11 – PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING FACILITY

The County of Chester is proposing to construct a Public Safety Training Facility in East Fallowfield Township. The County is getting funding from Federal, State and County government agencies. The County is asking that municipalities show their support and adopt a resolution. This resolution does not cost the Borough any money; we are just supporting the project. Russ Kilmer made a motion to adopt Resolution #2007-11, 2nd by Howard Thompson, motion carried.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Russ Kilmer gave the following report:

STATUS OF QUARRY PROPERTY ON INDIAN RUN ROAD

The property has been cleaned so it can come off the agenda.

NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP LIAISON

Mayor Howell said a meeting with New Garden was scheduled for tomorrow afternoon, but Bob Perotti called and cancelled. New Garden does not have any problem with their invoice or any other issues. The next meeting is scheduled for the third Wednesday in January.

ANNOUNCEMENT

President Bryan made the following announcements:

- Christmas holiday trash pick up will be on Saturday, December 22nd instead of December 25th.
- New Year's holiday trash pick up will be on Saturday, December 29th instead of January 1st.
- There will be an executive session after this meeting to discuss legal matters.

Russ Kilmer made a motion to continue the meeting to Tuesday, November 27th at 6:00 p.m., 2nd by Patrick Harrison, motion carried.

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GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Glenn Diehl, Tom Lowry, Mike Shiring, Bill Romanelli, Bill Shore, Jenny Stinger, Kevin Vitelli, Michelle Steele, Pete Lau, Steve Babylon, William Fansler, Steve Frye, William and Melanie Hicks, Ben Rhodencorte.

The meeting was brought back to order by President Bryan at 6:15 p.m.

WILKINSON PROJECT – RESOLUTION #2007-12

Fred Bryan asked Jamie MacCombie if the Resolution is ready to adopt. Mr. MacCombie said that it appears to be ready. Mr. Bryan asked Glenn Diehl if the resolution is okay. Mr. Diehl said I do.

Russ Kilmer made a motion to adopt Resolution #2007-12 for the Wilkinson Project, 2nd by Patrick Harrison, Bob Cleveland-nay, Fred Bryan, yea, motion carried with a 3-1 vote. Howard Thompson recused himself from voting due to a conflict of interest.

COUNCIL MEETINGS IN JANUARY

Fred Bryan said there is a reorganization meeting on January 7, 2007. The Council meeting is scheduled for January 15th but would like to cancel that meeting and hold the Council meeting on January 22nd after the Water and Sewer Committee meeting instead of having three meetings in January. Council agreed.

Patrick Harrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m., 2nd by Russ Kilmer, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary