

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
February 19, 2013
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Shore, Steve Cummings, Dave Besselman, Wilson Lysle, Abby Pyle Jim Duffy arrived at 7:30 p.m.

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Pete Lau, William Fansler, Ron Bush, Bill Romanelli, Lieutenant Rich D’Ambrosio, Kelly McGuffin, Chance Murter, Henry & Rebecca Schlimme, Janet Kruger, Adam Collen, Fred Lynn, Tom Gaebel

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

LIEUTENANT RICH D’AMBROSIO – AVONDALE STATE POLICE

There have been a total of 69 incidents that the troopers have responded to in the past 90 days. Lieutenant D’Ambrosio reminded everyone to lock your car doors and if you see anything suspicious call 911 because most arrests are made by a neighbor calling by seeing something that doesn’t look right in their neighborhood.

LOU GRIFFONETTI – WAIVER FROM LAND DEVELOPMENT

Jamie MacCombie said if you expand any non-residential use it is technically land development but specific provisions can be waived by Council and would still be have to comply with zoning. Mr. Griffonetti wants to remove the existing shed and replace it with a shed six feet bigger. Abby Pyle made a motion to waive the Land Development requirement, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried. The Zoning Officer will check the requirements of zoning.

MARISSA PAOLICELLI – 410 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

Ms. Paolicelli said her concern is the vibration that is coming from the two patches on Pennsylvania Avenue. It started about 8 weeks ago when Losito’s had a water leak and the street was dug up to repair it. There is another patch in the same area from a previous repair. The second patch is what is causing the vibration and on a scale of 1 to 10, it is a 10. Bill Shore said the contractor was out a few days ago to repair the patch. Ms. Paolicelli said it did help some but her house still shakes. Jamie MacCombie said the contractor will be back in the spring to repair the patch, the temperature needs to be at least 40 degrees or higher. PennDOT has been contacted by Mr. MacCombie’s office and both agreed there is not much they can do until Spring when the asphalt plants open and the weather is warmer.

CARILLON RESIDENTS

Adam Collen – There is a lot of concern about how Wilkinson has gone about their business. Mr. Collen said he paid a lot premium to be near the pool and club house that has yet to be built. Mr. Collen said an attorney told him that if a builder has collected money on an improvement, they are 100% obligated to build it. We have all called Wilkinson and the whole company does not have a single answer as to what is going on. There is not a single complaint about the structure of the actual home but the amenities is disappointing.

Janet Kruger – We haven't had any construction in many months. There is one section which is a vacant lot which has material on it that could be harmful to children. We don't have street lights which can be a security concern or a final coating of pavement. Several e-mails have been sent to Chrissy Wilkinson with the same response each time - there is no news at this time. We have been told as a community that it is the Borough's fault.

Bill Romanelli said there was an amount of money due to the Borough for water improvements and their bank may be willing to put up \$100,000 when the permits are released by the Borough. If Council agrees to this, we would have to sell the units in order to get the money from the bank. Selling the units will determine the timeframe for finishing the roads, installing the pool, pool house. If Council agrees, we should have the community finished by Summer. Council agreed not to make any decision tonight.

RON BUSH – HD SUPPLY – AUTOMATED WATER METER SYSTEM

The Borough can go with the automated water meter system without replacing anything. All the meters existing in the houses can stay, all you would need to add is the actual radio which can be done without entering the homes. There are two different options. The radio would actually snap on to the outside remote, no tools, no rewiring. You can actually read from a handheld with a GPS which is called a walkby. You would ride up and down the streets with the equipment reading each meter as you go by. The other option is a vehicle gateway base station which is a more powerful unit. You could probably turn it on outside the Borough building and do most of the readings. Mr. Bush will send a proposal for both options.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from January 15, 2013, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

EEMA REPORT

There were no questions on the monthly report.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

WILKINSON PROJECT

An extension was given until March 31, 2013. There is a letter of credit for \$646,162.52 to finish the project for Phase 1 if Wilkinson defaults. It has been 10 months since the last construction release.

PHASE 3 WATERLINE PROJECT & CONSTRUCTION RELEASES

The project is complete

HYDRANT FLUSHING REPORT

Scheduled to be done when the weather is warmer.

2013 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The deadline to submit applications is March 29th. Council needs to consider what project they would like to consider. We need to hold a public hearing at the next Council meeting on March 19th.

NPDES PERMIT RENEWAL

The permit expires on February 28, 2013. The application was submitted and acknowledged by DEP and it is administratively complete. Mr. MacCombie will call DEP to find out where the permit is. In the meantime, we operate the plant according to the existing permit.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to February 19, 2013, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Jim Duffy made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

AUDIT 2012

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve Haggerty & Haggerty to do the 2012 audit at a cost of \$18,400.00, 2nd by Jim Duffy, motion carried.

STREETS AND STREET LIGHT COMMITTEE

Wilson Lysle gave the following report:

POMEROY AVENUE – GRADE AND ROLL STOCKPILE

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the proposal from Madison Avenue Holding LLC to grade and roll Pomeroy Drive from Third Street to 2nd bridge with existing stockpiled material for \$9,975.00, 2nd by Jim Duffy, motion carried.

RESERVOIR ROAD

Tabled until better weather.

PARKS & COMPOSTING COMMITTEE

COMPOSTING BAGS – RESOLUTION 2013-1

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve Resolution #2013-1 requiring paper yard waste bags and the pick-up schedule, 2nd by Jim Duffy, motion carried.

PARK SIGNS

Wilson Lysle said he spoke to Compu Sign and they are going to re-do the park signs the way they were for \$900.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Water and Sewer Committee will meet on March 12, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.
- Council Meeting March 19th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Steve Cummings made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary