

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 21, 2012  
6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Shore, Steve Cummings, Dave Besselman, Junior Snyder, Jim Duffy, Abby Pyle

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Sandy Masten, Glenn Diehl, Herb MacCombie, Pete Lau, William Fansler, Dave Friedman, Joe Riper, Charles Wilkinson, Bill Romanelli, State Trooper Creighton

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

**AVONDALE STATE POLICE**

State Trooper Creighton reported on the calls handled for the month of January. Five crashes: Four on Pennsylvania Avenue and one on Ellicott Avenue. One DUI arrest. Three minor crimes and Four assaults.

**EEMA REPORT**

Council reviewed the monthly report and had no questions. William Fansler gave the following report:

**OFFICE TRAILER STATUS**

The office trailer has been permanently set and now we are waiting on the floor to be repaired.

**SCADA SYSTEM**

The Scada System has been up and running for the last month.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

**WILKINSON PROJECT – EXTENSION & ESCROW RELEASE**

An extension of time was given until March 31, 2012. Abby Pyle made a motion to authorize the escrow release of \$14,414.03, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried. This leaves a total of \$653,359.22 in the escrow account.

**MAXIMUM FITNESS – SEWER LATERAL REPAIR**

When the sewer lateral was being repaired, they broke the sanitary sewer main. They did put three liners in the main to try and seal it. Right now there is a leak occurring every 10 seconds so it is being determined if it meets the Borough's Code regarding infiltration. Waiting to borrow leak detection equipment from Aqua PA to test for water leaks.

**2012 REVITALIZATION GRANT**

The grant application is due by March 23, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. The amount available will be between \$300,000 to 500,000 and Council needs to pick a project. There are already two projects designed and

ready to be submitted. We have a feeling that there will not be enough money to finish Phase 3 up to Third and Church Streets and this grant could finish the project. We have already designed the line on Pennsylvania Avenue so this could also be another project. These are just some suggestions. The requirement is that it be discussed at the next Council meeting, no Public Hearing is required.

#### WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT- PHASE 3

There is going to be a pre-bid meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. The bids are due on March 6<sup>th</sup> by 1:45 p.m. and will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall. We will make a recommendation to Council at the next meeting.

#### INDIAN RUN ROAD

The clearances and all the issues have been resolved. Within the next two weeks the information will be given to DEP and hopefully we will be getting an answer fairly quickly. We applied for two projects: the Quarry and the area on Indian Run and Miller Drive.

#### BOROUGH SOLICITORS REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

#### GREENHOUSE PROPERTY

Glenn recommended that he go back and look at the bankruptcy records to see if anything is going on. His concern is that we have an appraisal and he does not want it to get stale and we should keep an eye on it. Council approved to spend an hour researching the records.

#### STATE STREET BRIDGE ISSUE

A copy of the complaint was served to the County Solicitor and County Commissioners directly.

#### WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ORDINANCE

There was one issue the last time about a Deputy EMC. What we need to do is get them covered under the fire company.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Junior Snyder, motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Jim Duffy made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Junior Snyder, motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### COUNCIL MEETING

Junior Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes from January 17, 2012, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

#### RESOLUTION #2012-2 - AGREM

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Resolution #2012-2, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Duffy, motion carried.

## **STREET AND STREET LIGHTS COMMITTEE**

### **SIGNAL SERVICE – VIDEO DETECTION CAMERA AT BALTIMORE PIKE**

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve Signal Service to install a video detection camera at the traffic signal on Baltimore Pike at a cost of \$3,995.59. One of the loops is defective and cannot be repaired.

## **PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE**

### **CONCRETE SAW**

Junior Snyder made a motion to approve up to \$1,700.00 to purchase a concrete saw and weed trimmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried. Both will be assets of the Borough.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **OFFICE REMODELING**

Jim Duffy made a motion to approve up to \$3,500.00 to purchase office furniture and window treatments, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Shore, motion carried.

## **WILKINSON PROJECT**

Joe Riper gave the following update:

The biggest problem we are having right now is the economy and the fact that we can't go any place with this project without bank financing. Mr. Wilkinson's projects were financed by Wilmington Trust which went under and were bought out by M & T. We have been working with M & T getting them caught up with Mr. Wilkinson's Carillon Project.

What they are shooting for is the global agreement with the bank and to be able to move forward with Phase 2. We have had conversations with Jamie MacCombie and Glenn Diehl regarding issues relating to getting approval and how we can move forward with the Borough and the things the Borough wants to see done such as the wellhead protection. The wellhead protection is a big ticket item and we talked about some ways to make it work. Mr. Riper said he is going to make a proposal to the bank that will satisfy the Borough. Mr. Diehl has asked him to put in writing what the bank approves. The Phase 2 plans have to be approved and recorded before the bank will release the money.

Bill Shore asked if the flood retention at Carillon is temporary. Mr. Wilkinson said the retention basin is set up now to catch sediment during construction and will be converted when the final pavement goes in and there is no more erosion and construction. The basin will go from a construction sediment trap to a water quality sediment basin and Phase 2 will work the same. Jamie MacCombie and Glenn Diehl both recommended to Council that Phase I is finalized before starting Phase 2.

Jim Duffy made a motion that permits are authorized pursuant to the payment requirements that apply, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

### **DIRT PILE AT AVONDALE FIRE COMPANY**

Charles Wilkinson gave approval to the Fire Company to move the dirt pile.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Water and Sewer Committee will meet on March 13, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting March 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Jim Duffy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Junior Snyder, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary