

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
January 15, 2013
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Jeremiah MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Pete Lau, William Fansler, Bob Longley

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

BOB LONGLEY-LONGLEY INSURANCE

Bob Longley explained the Pennsylvania Firefighters Cancer Presumption Law. This has impact on the Borough's Worker's Compensation Insurance. The Worker's Compensation market is rapidly drying up and changing for municipalities because of the law. The Law is rebuttable and if the firefighters meet certain criteria which are relatively easy to meet it is presumed that they got their cancer from fighting fires. Following is the criteria: The firefighter must be actively involved with the fire company for four years continually; the last medical checkup they showed no condition of cancer and; they have to be exposed to a type one carcinogen which has to be within 300 weeks of the last exposure. Municipalities can rebut it with substantial competent evidence. All the claims so far have been challenged and only time will tell where this will all go. Because of the Law, the workmen's compensation premium will drastically increase.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from December 18, 2012, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

EEMA REPORT

There were no questions on the monthly report.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jeremiah MacCombie gave the following report

WILKINSON PROJECT

An extension was given until March 31, 2012.

PHASE 3 WATERLINE PROJECT & CONSTRUCTION RELEASES

The project is complete. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the construction releases for Phase 3A in the amount of \$48,533.70 & Phase 3B in the amount of \$12,812.50, 2nd by Jim Duffy, motion carried. Will finalize the contract with JOAO Bradley.

HYDRANT FLUSHING REPORT

In the spring we will have Aqua Pennsylvania do testing to see how we can better the hydrant pressure.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR REPORT

Glen Diehl gave the following report:

STATE STREET BRIDGE

Council approved to send a response letter to Mr. Stephen Fromnick at Chester County Department of Facilities & Parks in regards to the State Street Bridge.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to January 15, 2013, 2nd by Jim Duffy, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

STREETS AND STREET LIGHT COMMITTEE

Wilson Lysle gave the following report:

POMEROY AVENUE – GRADE AND ROLL STOCKPILE

Tabled until next month. Jeremiah MacCombie to get prices on tar and chipping.

RESERVOIR ROAD

Tabled until better weather.

COMPOSTING BAGS

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Tom Gaebel – Water & Sewer Accounts

Mr. Gaebel has paid over \$7,000.00 on his accounts and has promised to pay the remaining balance by April 2013.

Botkin – 412 Pennsylvania Avenue

Mr. Botkin wrote a letter asking for additional time to bring his account current. Council approved to give Mr. Botkin until March 31, 2013 to pay his account in full or the lien will be pursued.

Water Meter Readings

About 150 meters were not read. EEMA in the process of finishing reading the meters.

NEW BUSINESS

ZONING HEARING BOARD APPOINTMENT

Steve Cummings made a motion to appoint Carolyn DiCecco to the Zoning Hearing Board for three years, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

GIS CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve \$3,600.00 for the GIS Consortium, 2nd by Jim Duffy, motion carried.

MAY COUNCIL MEETING

Due to Election Day, Council approved to change the May Council meeting to May 14, 2013.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Water and Sewer Committee will meet on February 12, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.
- Council Meeting February 19th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
- There will be an Executive Session after this meeting to discuss a legal issue.

Jim Duffy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary