

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
July 20, 2010
6:00 P.M.**

Council Members Present: Fred Bryan, Junior Snyder, Toyge Davis, Steve Cummings, Jim Duffy
Absent: Glenn Allen & Bill Shore

Guests Present: Mayor Howell, Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Dave Friedman, Pete Lau, Bill Webb, Russ Kilmer, Michelle Steele, Ralph Rosazza, Jesse Roark

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

RESIDENT AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Ralph Rosazza

Mr. Rosazza said he asked to speak here tonight to find out why Chatham Street is a one-way street. Since the street was changed, the vehicles that were using Chatham Street are now using the alleys and the alleys are not built for the excess traffic. Mr. Rosazza expressed his concern for the safety of the residents backing their vehicles out into the alley, infrastructure, and the condition of the alleys. Mr. Rosazza would like to see Chatham Street changed back to a two way street.

JESSE ROARK

Mr. Roark said he would like to see Chatham Street changed back to a two way street. Traveling on the Alleys is a safety issue because there is more traffic and there is bad visibility at some of the intersections crossing over to the next street.

Council discussed this issue and will review the Chatham Street Traffic Study and make a decision at the next Council meeting.

BILL WEBB

Mr. Webb said Indian Run Road begins with the park area on one side of the road then goes to private property where the houses start on the opposite side of the road. It has been the policy for maybe 15 or more years that when the Borough was mowing the park area they extended onto his property and it is still the situation. The Borough uses relatively large equipment to mow the grass and there is some scarring at the base of the trees. To get rid of the weeds around the base of the trees they are sprayed with weed killer. If you look at the trees, they are scarred and they are dying because of the weed killer. This is also true of his trees the rest of the way down the road (toward London Grove Township). Mr. Webb said his position is this is more of Borough problem than his because the spraying is killing the trees and some of the trees need to be removed immediately. The Parks Committee will look into this issue. President Bryan asked Mr. Webb if Council feels that it is the Borough's responsibility to remove the trees do we have your permission to go on your property. Mr. Webb answered yes.

EEMA'S REPORT

Michelle Steele gave the following report for June 2010:

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Wastewater Treatment Plant Flows:

Total Monthly Flow	7,191,000 gallons
Daily Flows Min.	132,000 gallons
Daily Flows Max.	528,000 gallons
Daily Flows Avg.	240,000 gallons

New Garden Township Weekly Flows (Average Gallons/Day)

WEEK	June 2 – 9	June 9 – 16	June 16 – 23	June 23 - 30
ROUTE 41	39,318	37,751	35,785	37,720
RAILROAD	70,921	58,305	57,478	58,722
Total	110,239	96,056	93,263	96,442

OPERATIONS

- Hauled 41,500 gallons of sludge

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Production Summary

Water System		Well #1	Gallons/Day	Well #2	Gallons/Day
Total Well #1	634,400	Minimum	92,100	Minimum	0
Total Well #2	18,800	Maximum	119,600	Maximum	18,600
Total:	653,200	Average	105,733	Average	3,133
Avg. gpd	108,867				

Facilities Maintenance Report:Wastewater Treatment Plant

- ACS onsite to look at Scada Alarm

Water Treatment Plant

- MV LaFrance out to replace starter motor for Well House #2
- Submitted State 2 Standard Monitoring Plan to DEP

Collection and Distribution System

- Total PA 1 Calls - 6

PERMIT VIOLATIONS:

No permit violations for the month

NOISE AT PLANT

Dave Friedman gave the following report:

Metropolitan Acoustics did the noise study on June 29, 2010. Because Avondale does not have a noise ordinance, the approach they took was to examine noise ordinances from neighboring municipalities to determine an appropriate design goal. They chose a 55 dBA for day and 50 dBA for night time. After running the various pieces of equipment from the treatment plant and measuring the sound levels, it is Metropolitan's professional opinion that the sound produced by the Treatment Plant meets the intent of noise ordinances from other communities in Chester County. (A copy of the noise study is on file at the Borough Office)

RUSS KILMER – Mr. Kilmer said all along he believed that the plant did not exceed any ordinance decibels but it does not mean it does not exceed aggravation of noise that comes across to his house. One of his requests to the Borough was to do the sound analysis after 9:00 p.m. and before 6:00 a.m. because this is when the noise seems to be the loudest. The sound level in his second floor bedroom is louder than the sound at street level and the atmospheric conditions change the noise levels. Mr. Kilmer said he always thought it did not exceed the legal noise limit but the noise is aggravating. Councilman Davis asked how we measure aggravation because Mr. Kilmer's aggravation is not someone else's aggravation and we don't have anyway to measure an aggravation limit. Mr. Kilmer said he believes that you can engineer the noise he is hearing because it is coming from the exhaust fan on the roof of the building. Councilman Davis asked if it will address the atmospheric part. Mr. Kilmer said, no question, if you address the noise coming out of the exhaust pipe, it will take care of the atmospheric problem, and will take care of the noise problem, and there is no question.

After discussion, Council agreed to put something up to baffle the noise. Councilman Davis volunteered to look into the type of material to be used for the noise problem.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

WATER AND SEWER ORDINANCE

The ordinances will be advertised and ready for adoption at the August meeting.

EAST PENN RAILROAD & EDLON ISSUE

The next step is to send the easement to the railroad for their signature. If this does not pan out, we will have to start thinking about Edlon's emergency access. There is an old mill path that people used from Edlon to the creek for access to their garages. It comes to and ends on the Edlon property and connects to Edlon's existing driveway that goes out to State Street. Because of the internal needs of Edlon, they are talking about potentially putting up a fence along there because they are going to use a section of the area to store their material that they are going to be working on. If this happens there will be no more access to that mill path except the end that comes out to the creek side of it.

STATE STREET BRIDGE

After numerous e-mails and phone calls there has been no response from the County. State Representative Chris Ross is being very active trying to get the County to resolve this issue. Chris Ross is proposing a meeting with the Commissioners and Avondale Borough to get the issue resolved. The Borough does not own the bridge and there is no reason for us to take it. As far as PennDOT is concerned, we are showing up in their files as being the owner of the bridge. If the ownership does not get resolved at the meeting with the County the Borough needs to get it resolved through legal action.

Councilman Cummings made a motion to give Glenn Diehl authorization to pursue the issue of the State Street Bridge legally if the County does not resolve the issue up to \$10,000.00, 2nd by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report:

PROJECT FUND RELEASE – WILKINSON – CARILLON

Councilman Davis made a motion to release \$18,474.97 from the projects escrow account, 2nd by Councilman Cummings, motion carried.

I & I PROJECT

The I & I project is ongoing. After the water and sewer regulations are adopted, we will be able to go to DEP sometime in September to see if we can get some additional flow at the treatment plant.

STATE STREET PROJECT – Phase II

The pre-construction meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Borough Hall.

TURN AROUND AT WWTP

Received two prices to put in a turnaround in at the plant:

Technivate: \$12,000

Wagontown Construction: \$6,300

Mr. MacCombie will get one more price for next month's meeting.

WAGONTOWN CONSTRUCTION, INC – INVOICE APPROVAL

Councilman Davis made a motion to approve Wagontown Construction's invoice for \$7,958.00 with the exception that the project has been completed (President Bryan will check for completion), 2nd by Councilman Cummings, motion carried. This is the second invoice for the 8" water main installation from Church Street to Baltimore Pike.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

RENTAL ORDINANCE – WATER METER CHECK

President Bryan said that Mr. Lowry has asked Council to approve checking the water meter connection when doing the yearly rental inspections. Councilman Duffy made a motion to authorize the Zoning Officer to check water meters when doing rental inspections, 2nd by Councilman Davis, motion carried

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVE THE BILLS TO BE PAID

Councilman Snyder made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to June 15, 2010, 2nd by Councilman Duffy, motion carried.

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Councilman Snyder made a motion to approve the financial statements, 2nd by Councilman Duffy, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from June 15, 2010 & June 22, 2010, 2nd by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dottie Howell gave the following report

FALL FESTIVAL

The festival is scheduled for October 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

LED LIGHTS

The final report was sent to DEP.

STREET AND STREET LIGHTS COMMITTEE

WOODEN GUARD RAIL ON POMEROY AVENUE

The Secretary will get three quotes for the installation of a wooden guide rail on Pomeroy.

NEW BUSINESS

SOLICITATION

Councilman Duffy said there is a problem with solicitation in his neighborhood and he believes these solicitors are targeting the neighborhood for theft. The Borough does not have an ordinance for solicitation and he thinks we should get something in place. Glenn Diehl will look into an ordinance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Bryan announced that there will not be a Council meeting on July 27, 2010.

Councilman Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., 2nd by Councilman Duffy, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary