

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 18, 2013
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Sandy Masten, Jamie MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Tom Lowry, Pete Lau, William Fansler, Ken Crossan, Lydia Johnson, Irene Johnson, Matt Fettick, Ron Bush, Cleve Price

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

RON BUSH – HD SUPPLY – RADIO READ SYSTEM FOR WATER METERS

President Shore said Mr. Bush has spoken with the water and sewer committee in depth about the radio read system for the water meters and he is here to see if the rest of Council has any questions. After discussion, Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the Handheld Option at \$41,400.00, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

MATT FETTICK – 61 GAP NEWPORT PIKE – REQUEST FOR SEWER CONNECTION

Mr. Fetick said he is the realtor for Mr. Arnold who owns the property at 61 Gap Newport Pike located in London Grove Township. Mr. Arnold moved out of state due to his job and his house has been on the market for about a year and a half and has had three agreements of sale but they all fell through because the cesspool was tested and failed. The only option at this time is to abandon the cesspool and put in a septic system but one may not fit because it is a very tight lot. Mr. Arnold would like to request the Borough to give him some consideration and allow him to connect to the Borough's sewer system.

Jamie MacCombie said the Borough should not spend any money on this; if the Arnold's want to tie into the Borough's sewer then they need to contact London Grove Township Supervisor's to see if they are even interested and if they are they would need to contact the Borough to move forward. Glenn Diehl said we will need to go with an authority or an intermunicipal agreement in order to connect anyone in London Grove Township. Council agreed they would be open to working with London Grove. Mr. Fettick said he will move forward with London Grove.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from May 28, 2013, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

EEMA REPORT

SCADA SYSTEM

William Fansler said he contacted ACS on how to change EEMA's contact information in the SCADA system. ACS said they would need to come onsite to change the information and the cost would be \$500.00 for about four hours which includes training on the System. Steve Cummings made a motion to approve \$500.00, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

C12 ACTUATOR AT WWTP

The actuator that measures the chlorine feed is defunct. LRM evaluated it and gave two prices: To replace the system we have now is \$2,240.00. To replace it with an easy adjust manual system would be \$1,095.00. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve \$1,095.00 for the manual system, 2nd by Jim Duffy, motion carried. Jamie MacCombie said it will take 6-9 months to change the permit to a sodium hypochlorite system.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jamie MacCombie gave the following report

WILKINSON PROJECT

Received an extension to December 31, 2013.

MS4 ANNUAL REPORT

The MS4 annual report has been submitted

LETTER FROM DELAWARE RIVER BASIN – PERMIT APPLICATION

The permit application has been completed. The president needs to sign the application and have it notarized along with a check for \$2,500.00 made out to the Delaware River Basin.

JOHNSON SUBDIVISION

Jamie said he has no problem with Council giving conditional final approval to the plan subject to addressing the conditions. Ken Crossan said he is here on behalf of the Estate of Lydia Johnson for her daughters Irene and Victoria who are present tonight. The property is located at the corner of Minor and Church Street and as part of settlement of the Estate he has been asked to subdivide the property. What we are proposing is one lot with the existing residence and the second lot with no immediate plans. Mr. Crossan said he believes he has addressed everything in the Engineers letter except for rear yard setback of 22'.

Tom Lowry said there are four options for Council to consider: Option 1 - Approve the plan subject to addressing the conditions; Option 2: Approve "as is" Option 3: Deny; Option 4: Ask for an extension. Jamie MacCombie said the biggest concern is based on the Borough's regulations. Is the building envelope big enough to build a reasonable house for the neighborhood? Glenn Diehl said he recommends going to the Zoning Hearing Board requesting relief from the setbacks. Right now we have a Council that will support the application to the ZHB and it would give more value to the lot. Ken Crossan said the Estate does not have the resources to seek a variance for the setback issue. After some discussion, Council asked for an extension to give the applicant time to consider seeking a variance.

Council went into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. President Shore called the meeting back to order at 7:25 p.m.

Glenn Diehl said what we would like to recommend is that a 60 day extension be given and the Johnson's agree to go to the Zoning Hearing Board. Council will support the application for 8 to 10 feet coming from one yard setback or both and we will waive half of the application fee.

Ken Crossan said he spoke to the Johnson's and right now they are at a crossroads, they are not sure whether they are going to continue with the subdivision or sell the property "as is" or do nothing with the property. Glen Diehl said the alternative if you really don't want to go to the zoning hearing board is to put a condition on the plan that it requires zoning relief for the 8-10 feet and let the next guy do it. Mr. Crossan said he will grant the 60 day extension letter. The extension was given to September 20, 2013.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

PECO EASEMENT

PECO will be recording the plans. The Borough does not have to do any reporting. The area that is contaminated is the only area that has the restrictions. Council needs to authorize the appropriate officer's to sign the documents. Abby Pyle made a motion to authorize the President to sign, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Tom Lowry gave the following report

ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

Ordinances sent to the Solicitor for his review.

FIRE ESCROW ORDINANCE

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve Glenn Diehl to advertise the proposed Fire Escrow Ordinance, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried. Mr. Diehl said he needs to make a few corrections, advertise and send Council a corrected copy.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to June 18, 2013, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

LAPTOP FOR PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Jim Duffy made a motion to approve up to \$1,000 for a laptop for the Public Works Director, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

PLANS FOR BOROUGH BUILDING

Dave Besselman said he exchanged e-mails with Jamie's office, spoke to Tom Lowry, and a contractor about making the garage into a meeting room. The contractor estimated that it would cost between \$100,000 and \$125,000. Jamie's office gave an estimate of \$6,000-\$8,000 to draw up the plans. Mr. Besselman said he is asking Council to move forward and have Jamie's office draw up the plans. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve up to \$8,000 to draw up the plans, 2nd by Jim Duffy, motion carried.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE REPORT

Dave Besselman gave the following report:

236 MULLEN DRIVE REQUEST

236 Mullen Drive requested relief from the late fee. The Committee waived the late fee of \$13.77.

WATER AND SEWER AUDIT REPORT

Dave said he was not happy with the results of the audit but the fact remains there is still \$125,000 of unaccounted flow not billed and he would like to know where it went. Some of the Committee members feel that we need to shut down the audit because the money is uncollectable. President Shore asked to discuss

this further in Executive Session. There was no decision on whether to continue to move forward with the audit.

STREET AND STREET LIGHTS COMMITTEE

Wilson Lysle gave the following report:

CLAY CREEK ROAD

Mr. Lysle said Clay Creek Road is in bad shape. About 150 yards is in the Borough and years ago we ran a 12" water line from the reservoir down Clay Creek Road. In doing that we re-paved that area and put in a catch basin. Over the years that side of the road has fallen 6-12 inches. People traveling down Clay Creek Road go to the other side of the road to miss the catch basin. Something needs to be done with this road and he proposes to do both Clay Creek and State Road from the Borough line to the bridge. Council asked Jamie MacCombie to get an estimate to repair and repave the road.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

RESERVOIR ACCESS ROAD

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve \$3,000.00 for Ricks Tree Service to clear the brush for the access road to the reservoir, 2nd by Jim Duffy, motion carried.

Jim Duffy made a motion to approve \$9,850.00 for Clanton to put in an access road of 725' long x 12' wide 8" deep with 2A Modified, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Water and Sewer Committee will meet on July 9, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.
- Council Meeting July 16th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
- There will be an Executive Session to discuss a legal issue.

Council went into executive session at 8:30 p.m. President Shore called the meeting to back to order at 9:45 p.m.

Wilson Lysle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m., 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary