

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
June 19, 2012
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Herb MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Pete Lau, William Fansler, Dave Friedman, Davis Howell

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

EEMA REPORT

Council reviewed the monthly report. There were no questions.

FENCE AT RESERVOIR

William Fansler said the fence has been installed.

NORTH CLARIFER

Fansler said the bottom seal on the north clarifier is completely torn in half and a new seal with installation will cost \$1500.00. Steve Cummings made a motion to approve Municipal Maintenance to put in a new seal at \$1500.00, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

WILKINSON PROJECT – Extension to September 30, 2012

After discussion, Council agreed to approve the extension to September 30, 2012.

WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT- PHASE 3

Herb MacCombie said there was a conflict with a Verizon line and the contractor couldn't continue until it was resolved. The matter was resolved and completed last night. There was another conflict with the storm sewer because there was a manhole buried on Pennsylvania Avenue that PennDOT didn't have on their plans. We took out that manhole and added another manhole to the drainage system. We should be across Pennsylvania Avenue tonight with two more nights of work.

WATER LEAK REPAIR - PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE AND 2ND STREET

MacCombie said the contractor working on the Phase 3 Project submitted a proposal for \$5,750 to repair the water service line. The work is to be completed at night because it is on a State Highway. Since they are out there working at night on the Phase 3 Project we won't have to pay them twice for the flagmen, lights, etc. They will saw cut, excavate, replace existing ¾" water service, curb stop and box, backfill, patch paving with traffic control for a price not to exceed, \$5,750.00. Jim Duffy made a motion to approve JOAO & Bradley to do the water service repair not to exceed \$5,750.00, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GRANT – PHASE 3B

Herb MacCombie said Council needs to decide where to take the line either straight through the park or follow the property lines on the alley way. Herb will do a cost differential on both options. The County has approved to add this grant to the existing Phase 3A and expedite the contract.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

26 GAP NEWPORT PIKE – EDWARD STOUT/OWNER

This is a 2.2 acre piece of ground that had four dwelling units. Later the owner put an addition on the dwelling without getting the proper permits. To resolve this issue in the FD District, multiple family units are required a Special Exception to get it square with the zoning. The owner also has to establish code compliance, pay costs, pay tapping fee and pay a fine.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to June 19, 2012, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from May 15, 2012, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT

AVONDALE FIRE COMPANY’S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

The fire company will be having their anniversary celebration on September 22, 2012 and they would like all Council Members to attend so please save the date.

PARK GRANT

Mayor Howell said she would like to apply for a grant to put in a new play area for the Watson Park. Steve Cummings made a motion to approve Mayor Howell to pursue the grant, 2nd by Dave Besselman, Jim Duffy opposed.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Bill Shore gave the following report:

Attended a Mass Shelter Drill held at the Avon Grove School by the Chester County Emergency Services along with the American Red Cross. Everything went well. The Mayor, Davis Howell, and he will be attending training sessions in July and August.

STREETS AND STREETLIGHTS COMMITTEE

SIDEWALK ENFORCEMENT

Bill Shore said he met with Tom Lowry and told him that Council would like sidewalks to be inspected as part of transfers.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Dave Besselman gave the following report: The Committee met on June 12, 2012.

CUTONE MUSHROOM METER PIT INSTALLATION INVOICE

Mike Cutone was supposed to attend the meeting to dispute the charges but he didn't show up. He turned the matter over to his attorney who was supposed to be in touch with Glenn Diehl. Mr. Diehl said he forwarded copies of ordinances and regulations to Mr. Cutone's lawyer.

125 W. STATE STREET – TIM MCCRORY

Mr. McCrory owns one half of a twin. There are a couple issues there: The water meter for the other side is in McCrory's basement and both share a sewer lateral. McCrory wants to install a new lateral because the sewer keeps getting backed up. His plumber told him that the sewer line runs out the back and across the rear of his property but there is no verification on this. The plumber is going to get in touch with Herb MacCombie. McCrory will probably come back and ask for permission to run a separate lateral out the front of his property.

TEST RESULTS FROM METERS SENT TO SENSUS

The meters that were tested all came back as having no problems.

MAXIMUM FITNESS INVOICE

Ken Finley is requesting a payment plan of \$2,000 per month until the bill is paid in full. The total owed is \$7,892.25. Steve Cummings made a motion to approve the payment plan, 2nd by Jim Duffy, motion carried.

WATER AND SEWER BILLING SHORTFALLS

Dave Friedman gave the following report:

Has going through about 170 accounts and has identified over 4 million gallons. Started going through all the change out reports at the Borough Office just to make sure everything is covered. There were some instances where we thought a new meter was in a house but there wasn't a new meter; it was still the old meter because the new meter was somewhere else. Those accounts eventually got straightened out but there is a question as to what happened to the amount of water that was still being reported by the old meter and may not have been billed. There was numbers for all the quarters but they may not have captured the whole amount.

Dave Besselman asked what the primary problem was for all these under billings for the record. Dave Friedman said not putting the right sticker on the right piece of paper. Besselman said so when the meters were installed the paperwork matching it was inaccurate; and it has nothing to do with the software or the reader so far. Friedman said the software seems to be operating correctly. Besselman said so the majority of the problems go back to the installation. Friedman said he hopes to be finished in the next 2-3 weeks.

Besselman asked Glenn Diehl what will be the end result when Friedman gets done figuring out the accounts; is there anything special we need to do? Diehl said we need to figure out what you are going to communicate to the customers. Abby Pyle asked who improperly did the paperwork. Friedman said we had a fellow that worked for us (EEMA) and is no longer working for us. Pyle said so it is your responsibility. Friedman said it was one of our employees. Pyle said so then it should be your responsibility to make up the difference that was lost due to the negligence. Friedman said you haven't lost anything because what I am identifying is the differences between what was billed and what was used. Besselman said what concerns him is that some may not be collectable.

PARK & COMPOSTING COMMITTEE

PARK SIGNS

Steve Cummings said he is working getting prices on putting plexiglass over the park signs to protect them from graffiti.

OLD BUSINESS

TREE MAINTENANCE

Steve Cummings made a motion to approve \$5,000.00 for tree maintenance, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Water and Sewer Committee will meet on July 10, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.
- Council Meeting July 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
- There was an executive session to discuss legal issues.

Council went into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. Council came back from Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

Abby Pyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m., 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary