

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
June 21, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

Council Members Present: Bill Shore, Junior Snyder, Steve Cummings, Jim Francis
Absent: Jim Duffy, Dave Besselman & Toyge Davis

Guests Present: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Herb MacCombie, Glenn Diehl, Pete Lau, Davis Howell, William Fansler, Danny Rosazza, Claude Osgood

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

PUBLIC HEARING – NO PARKING ON SOUTH SIDE 6TH STREET & NO PARKING NORTH SIDE 1ST STREET

The public hearing was opened and President Shore asked if there were any comments or discussion on proposed Ordinances #234 or 235. There were no comments or discussion. The public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE #234 – ADOPTION – NO PARKING ON SOUTH SIDE 6TH STREET

Councilman Snyder made a motion to adopt Ordinance #234, 2nd by Councilman Francis, motion carried.

ORDINANCE #235 – ADOPTION – NO PARKING ON NORTH SIDE 1ST STREET

Councilman Snyder made a motion to adopt Ordinance #235, 2nd by Councilman Cummings, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DAVIS HOWELL

Mr. Howell asked when the pot hole above 6th Street was going to be repaired. It was repaired once and it lasted about six months. When the trucks hit the hole it is very loud and cracks the walls in our houses.

Herb MacCombie said the problem is the type of material that is used today is Superpave. Superpave is very poor in terms of tolerance. You have to do a long stretch to make it work. Contractors are limited to this type of material under PennDot regulations. Mr. MacCombie said this is on his agenda to get it fixed.

EEMA REPORT

William Fansler asked if there were any questions on the report. President Shore asked why so much sludge was hauled away. Mr. Fansler said we are getting rid of everything we had to store over the winter due to the fact that we couldn't shut down the blowers due to the cold weather.

WELL AUTOMATION PROBLEMS

On June 19th, the automated system on the reservoir went down. Mike LaFrance diagnosed that the resistor went bad. Mr. LaFrance is scheduled to repair the system tomorrow. The reservoir has been checked and has plenty of water.

EMERGENCY REHABILITATION OF WELL HOUSES

Pete Lau said due to the postponement of the Wellhead Protection project, there are some items that need to be addressed. President Shore said the Water and Sewer Committee will address the issues.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

143 W. STATE STREET – SEWER CONNECTION

This sewer is connected.

120 W. STATE STREET – GREENHOUSE PROPERTY

Need to discuss this in Executive Session.

DOLLAR GENERAL VARIANCE

The Borough received a Zoning Hearing application from Dollar General to build a store at 39 Gap Newport Pike (Pop's Diner). To pursue the project they would need: Special Exception and Variance to increase the size of the store from the permitted 2,000 square feet to 9,100 square feet; A Variance from the Parking requirements and a variance from the Flood Plain Ordinance. After discussion, Councilman Snyder made a motion to oppose the application, 2nd by Councilman Francis, motion carried.

WILKINSON PROJECT

Need to discuss in Executive Session. We need to get some issues resolved about the fees that need to be posted for the Quarry plan review and the financial restructure consideration requested by Wilkinson. Wilkinson granted Avondale an extension of the decision time for Carillon Phase 2a Project to August 18, 2011, Council agreed.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Herb MacCombie gave the following report:

NEW GARDEN METERS

Have been in contact with Spence Andress and they now have the new meters. They purchased the data logger meters not the telemetry meters as requested by Council. The agreement doesn't specifically say they that New Garden has to purchase telemetry meters just that Avondale is able to read the meters on a daily basis. The data logger meters do hold daily information. President Shore said Council requested New Garden purchase the telemetry meters. Mr. MacCombie will write a letter to New Garden.

STREET SWEEPER & GUIDERAIL

Tinicum Township denied the loan of their Street Sweeper to the Borough because it is co-owned by both Tinicum Township and Prospect Park Borough and Tinicum cannot authorize loaning the machine plus the machine has some major mechanical problems.

The guiderail can be picked up anytime. President Shore said he will call Mr. MacCombie when the Borough is ready to pick it up.

WATERLINE REHABILITATION PROJECT

We should have everything ready for Council's review by the second week in July before pursuing the project. We are looking to get the waterline across the bridge on Pennsylvania Avenue and possibly connecting to the Church Street line.

MAXIMUM FITNESS

A significant amount of groundwater is entering the lateral at Maximum Fitness which is discharging into the sanitary sewer system. The line was televised using dye and found it was the lateral and not in the main. It is estimated to be about 10 gallons a minute. Councilman Francis made a motion to approve Mr. MacCombie to send an official letter advising Maximum Fitness of the problem, 2nd by Councilman Cummings, motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE**APPROVE THE BILLS TO BE PAID**

Councilman Shore made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to June 21, 2011, 2nd by Councilman Cummings, motion carried.

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Shore made a motion to approve the minutes from May 24, 2011, 2nd by Councilman Francis, motion carried.

PARKS AND COMPOSTING FACILITY COMMITTEE

Councilman Cummings gave the following report:

President Shore asked when Dominick is going to chip the stuff at the composting facility. Councilman Snyder said Dominick need a fork for the front end loader so he can easily lift the compost and put it in the chipper. Councilman Cummings made a motion to spend up to \$1,000.00 for a hay fork for the front end loader, 2nd by Councilman Francis, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS**HISTORICAL COMMISSION – BOB CLEVELAND’S BOOK SALE PROFITS**

We have not received a response from the letter that was sent to the Historical Commission. A certified letter will be sent and given a specific date to reply.

NEW BUSINESS**POMEROY AVENUE – DUST**

Claude Osgood said he is here about the dust from Pomeroy Avenue and suggested putting the concrete barriers staggered in the road to slow people down. President Shore said we talked about speed bumps at the last meeting but what would stop the people from driving around on the grass plus it would be a safety issue. We did spend \$1500 last year putting a coating down but it didn't last very long so we have been trying to take care of this problem but it just keeps on resurfacing.

Council decided to have Dominick put some millings down and have the Secretary get some costs on tar and chipping the road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Water and Sewer Committee meeting will meet on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.
- There will be an Executive Session after this meeting to discuss the Wilkinson Project and the property at 120 W. State Street.

Councilman Duffy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., 2nd by Councilman Snyder, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary