

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
April 19, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Dennis O'Neil, Kim Venzie, Rick Davis

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

No public Comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 15, 2016

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve the minutes from March 15, 2016, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

WWTP OPERATIONS REPORT

Fred Walton reviewed his report:

Total flow at the treatment plant was 12.552 million gallons treated with the average flow of .4049 MGD. 32,000 gallons of sludge were removed from the facility. The Chapter 110 Report and the Total Coliform Sample Siting Plan Form were submitted to DEP.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dennis O'Neil gave the following report

NEW WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

The testing of the new well has indicated that the iron and manganese base level are slightly elevated and will require additional treatment methods. We have begun working with DEP to develop an acceptable treatment system. An option discussed is to have the well tested again and we are waiting on a cost proposal which we will have by the end of the week. Dave Besselman made a motion to approve up to \$19,400 for additional testing of the new wells, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Kim Venzie gave the following report:

RESOLUTION #2016-3 SEEKING TAX EXEMPTION FOR TAX PARCEL 4-1-192.1.

Ms. Venzie said the Borough has a parcel that is currently being taxed. We need to submit this resolution to the tax office stating that this parcel is going to be used for public use. Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Resolution #2016-3, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

MUSHROOM EXPRESS–FIRE HYDRANT CONTRACT

Ms. Venzie said Council wanted to make sure the Borough was not going to incur any costs for the fire hydrant, installation, or the annual maintenance fee. A letter was sent to Mushroom Express explaining the situation. Mushroom Express signed the contract and paid the fees. Council needs to sign the contract and get it back to Chester Water Authority to move forward with the installation of the fire hydrant. Council agreed to sign the contract.

STATE STREET BRIDGE UPDATE

We had an Executive Session after the March 15, 2016 Council meeting to discuss potential litigation relating to State Street Bridge. We met on April 13, 2016 with members from London Grove Township, Engineers, and people from the County. This was more of an educational meeting and there were no decisions rendered at the meeting. Agreements are being prepared.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to April 19, 2016, 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.

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL FINACE AUTHORITY - FINAL LOAN PAYMENT

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve the Treasurer to transfer funds from PLIGT to General Fund for the final payment of \$40,000.00 for the Del Val loan, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Howell gave the following report:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Justin Smiley and Susan Elks from the County came to the Work Session to give us information on how to move forward with updating the Comprehensive Plan. The County estimates the cost to do the plan to be around \$48,000.00 with the Boroughs portion of up to 30 percent. There are other entities that can do the plan so Council needs to decide how they want to move forward. Council agreed to send a letter to the County asking for assistance with the Comprehensive Plan.

OLD BUSINESS

WOOD CHIPPER

Wilson Lysle said Pocopson Township has a wood chipper for sale on Municibid. Rick Davis will go look at it to see its value. Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve up to \$10,000.00 to bid on the wood chipper, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #2016-4 FEMA-WINTER STORM / AGENT DESIGNATION

Dave Besselman made a motion to adopt Resolution #2016-4 authorizing Becky Brownback to execute all required forms and documents for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance for the Severe Winter Storm on January 22nd through January 23rd 2016, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Dave Besselman made a motion to appoint Russ Kilmer as the Borough's Code Enforcement Officer at \$25.00 per hour, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE AT WWTP

Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve \$5,000.00 for repair and maintenance on the sewage pumps at the WWTP, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion carried.

GIFT CARDS FOR RESIDENT

Dave Besselman made a motion to approve a \$25.00 Wawa gift card and a \$25.00 Dunkin Donuts gift card for a resident who volunteered to trim trees and clean an area on Indian Run Road as a token of the Borough's appreciation, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

TANTAROS – WATER AND SEWER 420 MORRIS STREET

President Shore said the Tantaros' want to renovate their garage into a living area. It was a radiator repair shop for years. We need to know if they are required to pay tapping fees. The Borough Engineer and Solicitor will review the ordinance and make a decision.

RAISED GARDEN ON BOROUGH PROPERTY REQUEST

President Shore said a resident inquired about putting in a raised garden on Borough property in back of 516 Pennsylvania Avenue. We discussed it in work session and we feel a letter from the resident is needed excluding the Borough from liability. Kim said she will send a general release and the Borough can use it whenever it is needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, May 10, 2016 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, May 17, 2016 @6:00 p.m.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary