

**AVONDALE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
April 21, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayor Howell, Sandy Masten, Glenn Diehl, Cleve Price, Davis Howell

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

RESIDENT AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

DAN LIGHTNER – 16 INDIAN RUN ROAD

Mr. Lightner has some concerns about Indian Run Road and asked the following questions:

Mr. Lightner asked what was going to be done about the dust on Indian Run Road and why weren't residents notified ahead of time of the road work? Cleve said we could put calcium down or oil the road but it would be an additional cost out of the budget. Cleve to get a cost for oil. Cleve said that signs were put up to notify of the roadwork and they will be put up for the upcoming work. As soon as the bid is awarded the paving will be scheduled.

Mr. Lightner asked why there are survey stakes in his yard along with the other houses on Indian Run Road and why wasn't he notified. The surveyor was asked but he wouldn't answer any questions. President Shore said the road was surveyed so the road work can be done and apologized because he should have notified of what was being done. President Shore apologized for any inconvenience and thanked Mr. Lightner for attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the minutes from March 17, 2015 & March 31, 2015, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A copy of the monthly report is available at the Borough Office.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Glenn Diehl gave the following report:

HUGHES SUBDIVISION PLAN – POMEROY AVENUE

Council has 90 days from the first Council meeting after receiving the plan to act on the subdivision plan. The plan creates a zoning violation on backyard setbacks on the stone building. Mr. Hughes needs to go to the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance. Council can approve the plan contingent on the Zoning Hearing outcome. Cleve will send a letter to Mr. Hughes on the steps he needs to take make application for the zoning hearing.

COURT APPEAL

The Commonwealth Court did not help us out on the New Garden lawsuit appeal. Glenn said he does not recommend any more activity. Council agreed not to take any more action on this matter.

CLEVE PRICE'S CONTRACT - \$2,000 FOR HIS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT

The contract reads Cleve is to receive \$2,000 for his retirement fund at the end of the first year which is July 1, 2013 and then \$500.00 every quarter after that. Cleve said he did not receive the \$2,000 after the first year. Wilson Lysle made a motion to approve \$2,000 to be forwarded to Cleve Price for his retirement, 2nd by Dave Besselman, motion carried. After discussion, Cleve will give the Treasurer his account numbers to his separate retirement fund to be deposited directly into his account so that it is tax deferred.

BUILDING INSPECTOR APPOINTMENT

Wilson Lysle made a motion to appoint Accurate Building Inspections as the Borough's Zoning Officer and Building Inspector, 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

TEMPORARY CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER APPOINTMENT

Steve Cummings made a motion to appoint Cleve Price as the temporary Code Enforcement Officer for residential inspections, 2nd by Abby Pyle, motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Abby Pyle made a motion to approve the bills to be paid up to April 21, 2015, 2nd by Wilson Lysle, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

PARK CLEAN UP

The park cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th. We will be meeting at the Watson Park at 2nd Street. Rich Walkup owner of Avondale Apartments will be supplying lunch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Session – Tuesday, May 12, 2015 @2:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, May 26, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.

Dave Besselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., 2nd by Steve Cummings, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Becky Brownback
Borough Secretary